

# Weekly News

February 4, 2022

## Calendar Items

Monday, February 7 - Boys basketball games 3:15

- Pastine/Cook @ Home
- Stewart/Pulcini @ Blue Valley Middle
- Schmidt/Moss Away @ Overland Trail

## Announcements

### World Language High School Credit

As you plan your course selections for next year, please bear in mind the following information regarding the option to transfer 2 middle school world language credits to the high school transcript. All details are located on page 20 of the [Middle School Programming Guide 22-23](#).

- In order to transfer two (2) MS world language credits to the HS transcript, students must complete levels 1a, 1b and 2 for one language.
- Both semester grades from the 7th and 8th grade years will be transcribed and be factored into the student's high school GPA.

You will receive more detailed information about the optional transfer in April of the student's 8th grade year. If you have questions, feel free to contact Rachel Benson (World Language Coordinator) and [rbenson@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:rbenson@bluevalleyk12.org).

### Resource Fair is Back

The BV School District and BV Special Education Advisory Council is pleased to announce that after a year away, the Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair is returning (with safety precautions) on Thursday, February 10, 2022 between 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Hilltop Conference Center. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**SPECIAL NEEDS  
RESOURCE  
FAIR**

**2022 BLUE VALLEY**

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**BLUE VALLEY  
SCHOOLS**  
Education Beyond Expectations

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022  
5:00-8:00PM**

If you are a parent, teacher or caregiver of an individual with special needs, or a self advocate, PLEASE JOIN US!

**EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Hilltop Conference Center  
7700 W 143rd St. Overland Park, KS 66223  
(Entrance is on the WEST side of the campus)**

Visit **IN-PERSON** with service providers in the Kansas City area representing various disabilities, information on camps and other recreational opportunities, therapies, equipment, adult/transition services, financial/legal, health & wellness, and much more!

There will be **NO CHILD CARE** this year due to COVID-19 precautions.

Sponsored by the Blue Valley School District and the Blue Valley Special Education Advisory Council (BVSEAC)

## Course Fees

Middle school course fee payment for the 2021-22 school year is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

- Course fees are assigned based on your student's enrollment. Some seventh and eighth grade exploratory/elective classes include course fees.
- Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to Sharon Jirak, ABMS Bookkeeper, [sjirak@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:sjirak@bluevalleyk12.org).

## Play Information

PLEASE VISIT THE PLAY WEBSITE AT <https://tinyurl.com/abmsspringplay>.

## Spring Play Rehearsal Schedule:

\*Only Wunzapon Cast is required at rehearsal from the 7th-11th!

- Monday 7th: Wunzapon Cast Read Through & Blocking (No Crew Needed) 3:00-4:00PM
- Tuesday 8th: Wunzapon Cast Blocking + set construction 3:00-4:00PM
- Wednesday 9th: Wunzapon Cast Read Blocking + set construction 3:00-4:00PM
- Thursday 10th: Wunzapon Cast Off Book + set construction + set moving 3:00-4:00PM
- Friday 11th: Wunzapon Cast Full Scene + set construction + set moving 3:00-4:00PM

To see the full play rehearsal calendar, please follow this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRLEu8VfU\\_yz0GECuSqKerrV8De2DriONmXqR8hSh6bDuJAla6s7bti3IK5U6tbr\\_YzNpAdA\\_vcdI7z/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRLEu8VfU_yz0GECuSqKerrV8De2DriONmXqR8hSh6bDuJAla6s7bti3IK5U6tbr_YzNpAdA_vcdI7z/pub)

To see the full crew calendar, please follow this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTNtHwDxg8P401\\_TMcbdiH1489iMb8egkSlg8vSXfLKTkWjw4zbHuEJ1z-JgvGdfA/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTNtHwDxg8P401_TMcbdiH1489iMb8egkSlg8vSXfLKTkWjw4zbHuEJ1z-JgvGdfA/pub)

## Club Information

### Diversity Club:

DATE CHANGE!! Due to covid and the snow days, we have moved this club twice! Diversity Club will have its first meeting of the year on **MONDAY, February 7** from 3-3:30pm in Mrs. Vail's room (310). All are welcome! Please join us if you are interested!

### Community Service Club:

Community Service Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 9 from 3-3:30pm in Mrs. Vail's room (310). All are welcome! We will be planning our service projects for the next few months.

## PTO News

### CONCESSIONS

Boys basketball is in full swing! We are partnering with Student Council and just need 1 or 2 adults to handle the money. The Student Council students will do the leg work. If you have some time, sign up on the link. You can sign up for both games or just one! Grab a friend and join the fun! Thanks in advance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4A62EA3FE3-abms3>



Aubrey Bend Middle School PTO

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are right around the corner February 15-17th. Please help us spoil our teachers by signing up to donate snacks on the 16th or 17th. Thanks you in advance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44ABAC23AAFC1-teacher2>

### **PTO POSITIONS FOR 2022-2023**

Wanting to get involved, but not sure how? Check out our sign up or reach out to [abmspto@gmail.com](mailto:abmspto@gmail.com) with any questions you might have and we will be happy to help! Thank you for your consideration. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44abac23aafc1-20222023>

### **INVEST IN ABMS DONATIONS**

If you donated to ABMS, your receipt for taxes can be found on Parentvue under "fees." We will not be sending out a copy in the mail this year. If you have any questions, or cannot find the receipt please email our PTO at [abmspto@gmail.com](mailto:abmspto@gmail.com) and we will be happy to help. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **Blue Valley Education Foundation Presents: BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Please join our very own "BVIP" Season Lentz for this fun, adults-only night out! This event raises money for music and arts in Blue Valley schools.

You don't have to have kids in the district to attend and if you're a BVSD employee, you get a half-price ticket (\$15)!

Click [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2022 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net) and buy a ticket for \$30. Input BVIPSeason as a promo code so we know you're coming.

There are also sponsorship opportunities if you'd like to get a reserved table and help promote your business.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 26

**WHERE:** RC's Back Door in Martin City

**WHO:** 5 past Champion bands will be performing.

(These are not student bands, these are adults with ties to Blue Valley.)

### **A Special Partnership Between Student Council and PTO:**

Student Council in conjunction with the PTO will be selling sensory boxes. A sensory box is a container filled with interesting sensory toys that appeal to and stimulate the senses. Typically, they are used for sensory breaks, play, learning, relaxation, stimulation, and exploration. These boxes would make great Valentine's gifts or a just a fun I love you gift.

Student Council would like to use the proceeds from the sale to provide support and gifts for Ellie and Thomas Torres. For those who might not be aware Katy Torres, our art teacher, has a 16 year old daughter with a very rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Recently Ellie received a bone marrow transplant from her brother Thomas. Both are recovering. Please help us in our efforts to support the Torres family.

If you would like to pre-order a sensory box, please fill out this [form](#) and put the number of boxes you wish underneath the category you would like.



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## 6th Grade News

### **Math:**

6th grade math will be continuing to work on our Statistics Project.

### **Science:**

Students will be learning about Sea Floor Spreading and the sea floor features that are created by the plates moving. Then, we will begin learning about tectonic plate boundaries.

### **ELA:**

Students visited the library this week and learned how to create a "Works Cited" page in Noodle Tools for the Cell Phone Argumentative Essay. Students also proofed, edited, and revised their final version of the essay for turn in on Friday.

**Social Studies:**

This week we learned about Athens and Sparta coming together to fight the Persians in the Greco-Persian War. Next week we will be talking about Alexander the Great and his influence on the ancient world. We will also be having some class time to work on our Greek projects.

## 7th Grade News

**Math:**

Whale whale whale...what do we have here? Fish you say? Why yes! Well, first we started with forest animals, but then we explored how draw a variety of fish to "scale" (see what we did there?). Students had a great time exploring scale factor and proportions through this hands on approach! Next week, we will provide more opportunities to practice with these concepts. Get ready for Scale Ella, the coolest mathematics superhero you didn't know existed!

Photos: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10h13CUirWQWLUJv2Bl4u3KmHPXXyfnY7Pl-uTXsmcV8/edit?usp=sharing>

**Social Studies:**

We finished our road trips through Kansas this week and shared with peers! Then we learned about types of conflict, as this guides much of our next unit: Whose Land is it Anyway? Next week we'll look into the story of the Kennewick Man, a story students tend to find fascinating. This story is especially cool since we're learning about genetics and heredity in science and the kids are seeing it applied in Social Studies!

**Science:**

This week, we had limited time...but sure made it count! On Monday, we completed our Alien Offspring lab. You should see the adorable family portraits our students created! Just in time for Valentines Day. I mean, it really was a love story that's "Out of this World", or a real "match made in space". Truly, some hearts were "invaded". Okay...we'll stop. On Tuesday, students extracted DNA from strawberries! This lab required us to recall information on cells from earlier in the year too! Following our snow days (\*fun\*) we ended the week by introducing pedigrees in the wizarding world of Harry Potter. Wizard or muggle? That is the question!

Photos: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eUXboHVpJ6Ug6FeKDy1g0vRZOI3h-9n0J79cDr\\_7yPA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eUXboHVpJ6Ug6FeKDy1g0vRZOI3h-9n0J79cDr_7yPA/edit?usp=sharing)

Dr. Bergerhofer's class:

Students completed the Alien Offspring lab and explored the life of Gregor Mendel (the Godfather of Genetics). Next week, stay tuned for more fun tasks! We will extract DNA from strawberries and learn how to create pedigrees!

## 8th Grade News

### Moss Science:

Distance time graphs and motion cars lab.

### Farris and Amihere Science:

Potential and Kinetic Energy. Setting up the Roller Coaster Project. ABMS will provide all the supplies.

### Math 8:

Angles formed when parallel lines are intersected by a transversal. Interior and exterior angles of a triangle.

### Algebra:

Systems of equations unit test Wednesday.

### Social Studies:

Civil War histograms

### ELA:

Finish "Night" by Elie by Wiesel and begin our Holocaust research project.

## From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

Remember last week when I told you I was tired of being cold? Well, the joke's on me. Thanks, Mother Nature! That's the last time I complain about the cold...in print. I hope everyone had safe, warm snow days this week. We always love them when they're called, and then worry about missing time with kids when we return to school.

I realize that lesson plans, due dates, and project days will have to be rescheduled and moved around as we return to school after two unexpected days off. Our teachers will work with our kids to help them navigate the change in schedule and dates. Here are some helpful hints for working with students during this transition time:

- **Acknowledge** that the changes are impacting everyone
- **Go visual** – when a student feels overwhelmed by changes happening, sometimes creating a written list can help them see that it's only three or four things being changed, not "everything."
- **Prioritize** those things that are most important or due the soonest.
- **Break down large projects or assignments** into manageable parts.
- **Assign "times" to tasks** – "How long do you think this will take to complete?" Asking a student to predict the time is a great way to gauge how complex the task may be.

· **Set a timer!** Oftentimes, the student over-estimates how long it will take to complete a task. When he/she finishes before the timer goes off, there's a sense of "winning!" If the timer goes off and they're not done, no problem! Take a quick break and set it for half the time. If at the end of that time, the task isn't done. Move on. There's no sense in creating frustration. You can always come back to it on a different day.

· **Communicate with our team!** Our teachers are flexible and understanding. They want kids to succeed, so if a student needs more time or more explanation on a project or assignment, just ask! Students can email or ask in person!

We are here for our families! Please let us help if the change in schedules has caused any stress. Our faculty, staff, counselors and administrators are available for parents and students. Give us a call!

Stay warm this weekend...it's supposed to warm up next week!

Sincerely,  
Diana Tate, Principal



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