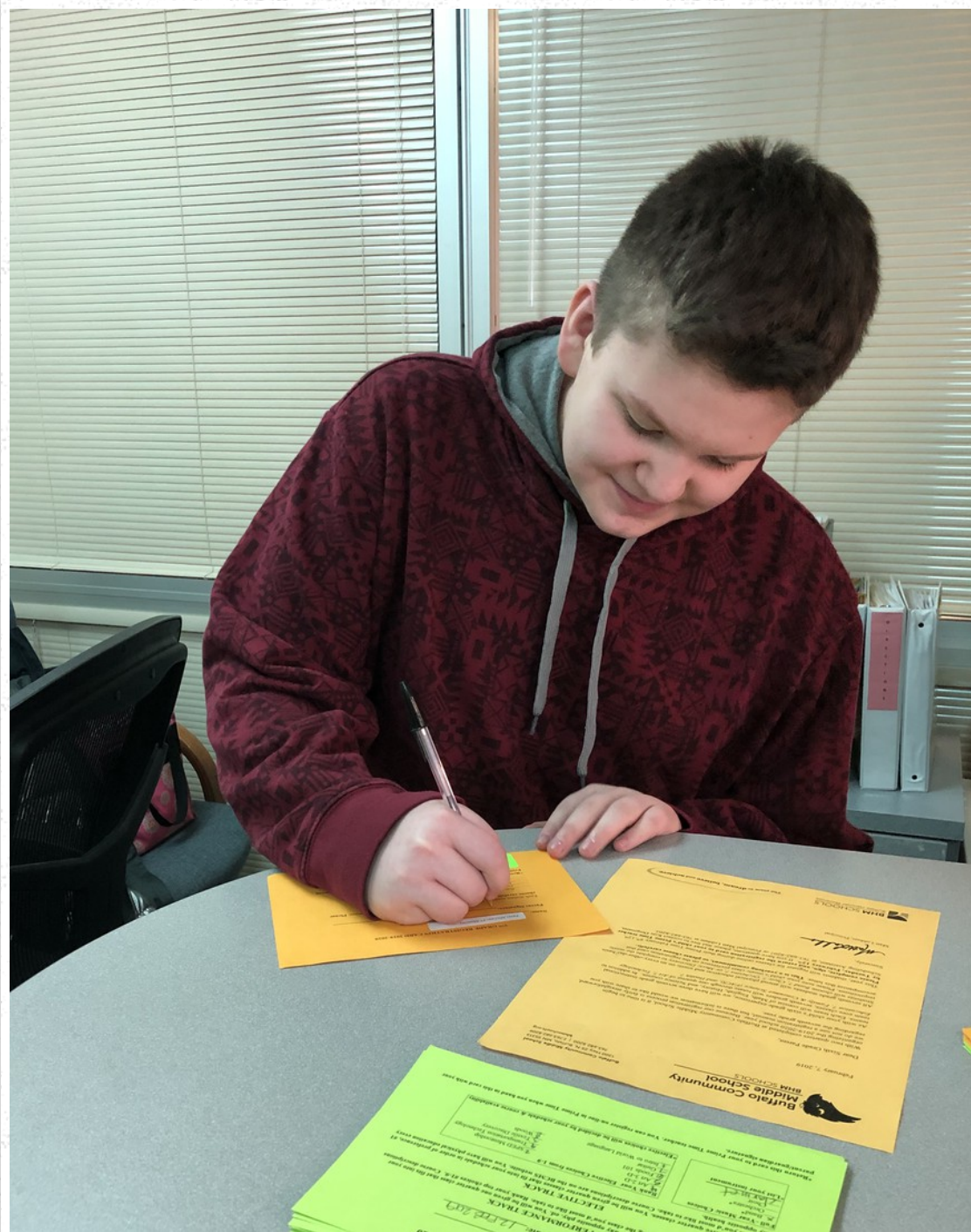


# BISON E-NEWS

## A NOTE FROM MR. LUBBEN:

We have finished our fourth week of the third quarter and the students are doing some amazing things! Thank you for all of your patience through this crazy weather and the decisions that have been made to keep your child's safety at the center of everything. Students received a new planner for third and fourth quarter for their Bison Binders. As a staff, we are working towards helping every student write in their planner every period, every day. There is a place in the planner for students to write hourly homework and learning targets. We want all students to be using this organizational tool in order to help them be college and career ready. If you have a moment, please check your child's planner and help us to reiterate the importance at home too!



Students have begun the registration process for next year. Our 8th graders have signed up for classes for BHS next year, and our 6th and 7th graders are finishing up with their registrations this week. Please talk to your child about their choices for next year. We are really working on creating an environment where your child owns their education with a growth mindset. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishments. This mindset is our goal for not only the students of BCMS, but the adults as well. As we look toward continual improvement, please know we are always interested in your feedback on how things are going.

Thanks for sharing your child with us!  
Matt Lubben

**BCMS SPRING CONFERENCES**



Hello BCMS Families,

BCMS Spring Conferences will be held on Thursday March 7th, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

Conferences are optional, as you can also use the [Parent Portal](#), teacher websites, and Google Classroom to keep updated on your child's progress.

We ask parents to select a start time in order to spread out our building traffic throughout the night. During the time you select, you will have the opportunity to meet with each of your child's teachers. Please note the entire process will take approximately 45 minutes. Find your child's section which is listed alphabetically by team or last name, unless your child is in the Quest Program, then please sign them up under Quest.

Questions? Contact Tonia Poncius at 763.682.8249

[6th Grade Student Sign Up](#)

[7th Grade Student Sign Up](#)

[8th Grade Student Sign Up](#)

## MCA TESTING DATES



### BCMS - MCA TESTING DATES

READING:

6TH GRADE - APRIL 9-11

7TH & 8TH GRADE - APRIL 15-17

MATH:

7TH & 8TH GRADE - APRIL 22-24

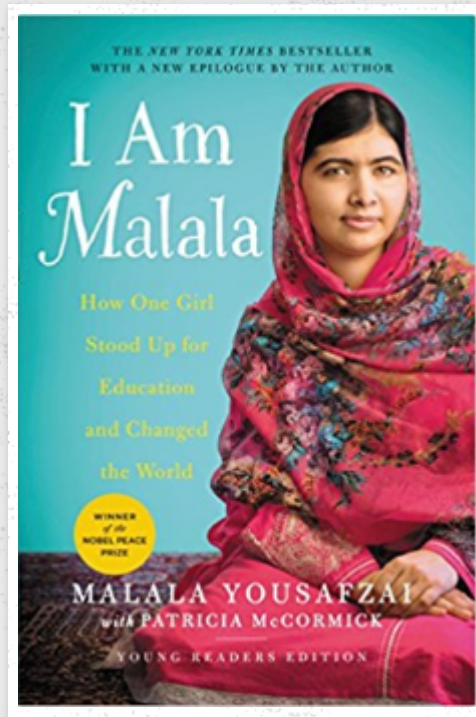
6TH GRADE - APRIL 29-MAY 1

SCIENCE:

8TH GRADE - MAY 6-7

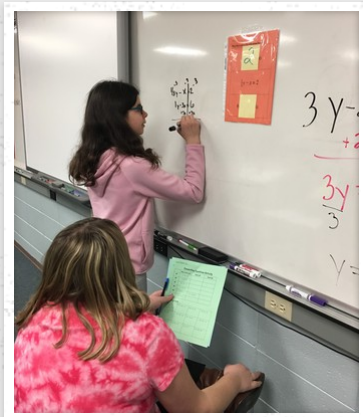
## PRIME TIME NEWS

The Prime Time theme for the year is Courage and Integrity. With that in mind, the book that was chosen for our all-school book read is [I Am Malala, How One Girl Stood Up For Education and Changed the World](#). Here is a [video](#) that introduces the book. We will be reading the book together in Prime Time and discussing the values of courage and integrity that Malala showed in the book and how it can relate to the challenges we all face in our lives. We encourage you to discuss this with your son or daughter and perhaps even read it too!

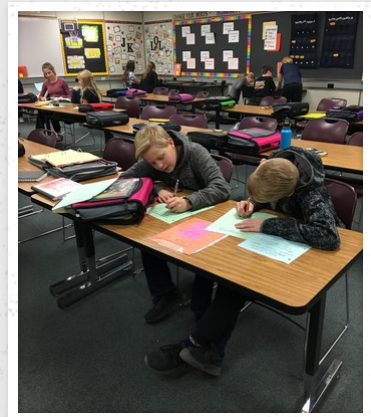


## MATH 8 STUDENTS

8th grade math students in Mrs. Johnson's class were working on converting equations into slope-intercept form. Students worked in groups and rotated to stations that were designed to help them understand the three forms for linear relationships.



## 8TH GRADE MATH STUDENTS



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## BCMS SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

It's time to register for spring sports!! It's hard to believe spring sports will ever start with all the snow we have and seem to continue to get!! Registration is done through FeePay. Click on the link below to go directly to FeePay: <https://bhmschools.feePAY.com>



The following sports are offered at BCMS: Softball, Baseball, Golf, Boys Tennis, and Track & Field. Practices for all sports are scheduled to begin on Monday, March 25 and will conclude by May 23rd. If any of these start dates change, another email will be sent. Students should watch the monitors at school for where they need to meet the first day of practice and what they need to bring.

Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to go outside for practices. The first few weeks the weather can be unpredictable and kids need to be dressed warmly to practice outside.

All sport practices at BCMS run Monday through Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00pm. Game schedules for all sports at BCMS can be found at [Mississippi8.org](http://Mississippi8.org)

An information PDF is below to hopefully answer any questions you may have about spring sports at BCMS. If you have any questions, please contact the Activities Office at 763.682.8201



Sports Hand out Spring.pdf  
Additional Spring Sports Information

[Download](#)  
314.2 KB



**SPEECH TEAM**



Congratulations to all of the students who participated on the speech team this year. It was a wonderful season filled with funny and informative speeches. Some were even written by the students themselves! Students prepared a speech and competed at our home meet, and at ROCORI, Howard Lake, and Monticello! It was a great season and they represented BCMS well!

Students in photo:

Back Row: Mrs. Polaschek, Caroline Bobick, Marcus Boeckers, Britt Drennan, Haley Frei, Daniel Jungwirth, and Mrs. Ringler

Front Row: Elizabeth Kartak, Ashley Koehn, Sam Kugler, Ava Peterson, Carolyn Rokke, Abigail Urick, and Greta Winger

Students not in photo: Stanley Stevens, Allyson Benzer and Alex Gibbs

## MURAL CLUB

Mural Club has been working hard on our paintings! 6th and 7th grade members recently finished up the "Growth Mindset" mural on a set of stairs. 8th grade members are painting a Dr. Seuss mural in the "Care Closet" and should be finishing up sometime this spring. Soon to come will be a quote painted in our student services hallway!



**MURAL CLUB  
STUDENTS**



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## BCMS DRAMA CLUB

This year at BCMS, we will be doing a Theatre Club for one hour after school, two afternoons a week, instead of a spring play. (Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30). Because of the high interest over the last two years with the spring play, we will be operating the club as a scene workshop, class, and introduction to theater for all experience levels- whether you are a seasoned actor that has been in many plays, someone who wants to try theatre for your first time, and everything in-between. This gives the opportunity to get many kids involved in all different levels and experiences. This will not be a one production club, but multiple scenes and experiences over the course of seven weeks.

It is possible that students who are more interested in technical theater (sets, lights) can benefit from being a part of the club, however my expertise is mostly in the direction of acting and stage blocking, so I don't want to do a disservice to any students interested in tech. If they want to be a part of the club, by all means, join!

The club will start on Tuesday February 26th in Mr. Aldrich's room (602) where students will gain experience in blocking, stage direction, acting skills, words and phrases unique to theatre, scene work, and thoughtful critique of productions. Attendance is not mandatory for each afternoon, but more work and learning can be done if actors are at each club meeting. They will work on a variety of short scenes and one acts while watching their peers performances and recorded performances of quality theatre. Performances of scenes are TBD, because of the nature of the club, and we may only do performances with an audience of their peers. More info to come about a performance.





## INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR AVID COMING SOON!

What is AVID?

AVID is an acronym that stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It's a schoolwide system that promotes college and career readiness for all students. It's infused into everything we do at BCMS, from instruction to systems to leadership and culture. AVID emphasizes and promotes best teaching practices in 5 areas of education: Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading (WICOR).

What is the AVID Elective?

The AVID Elective is a College Readiness course. The elective class supports the students' academic growth in all areas of WICOR. AVID students participate in Tutorials (a form of study group) twice a week, are held accountable for the organization of their binders, go on at least 1 college visit per year, and are immersed in a college readiness culture. AVID is a class just like any other—it's an elective course they take during the school day.

AVID is for students that have a drive to go to a 4 year college and want to dive deep into their education. It helps support organization, increases college awareness, and assists students in the navigation of the college entrance process. AVID also guides students that may fall in the academic "middle" to rise to the top through modeling as well as teaching of researched based study skills and supporting their Individual Determination.

There are 25 spots available for next year's 7th graders and 50 spots for next years 8th graders. The timeline for recruitment is below. If you have any questions please contact our AVID Coordinator, Megan Scherer at [mscherer@bhmschools.org](mailto:mscherer@bhmschools.org) or 763.682.8274.

Application process:

- February 28 - Informational meeting for students during Prime Time



- March 7 - Informational meeting for parents/students during conferences (beginning at 6 pm & 7pm in the media center)
- March 14 - Applications, family information, and short answer form due to Ms. Scherer
- March 21 & 22 - Student interviews
- Week of April 15-19 - Letter of status sent out

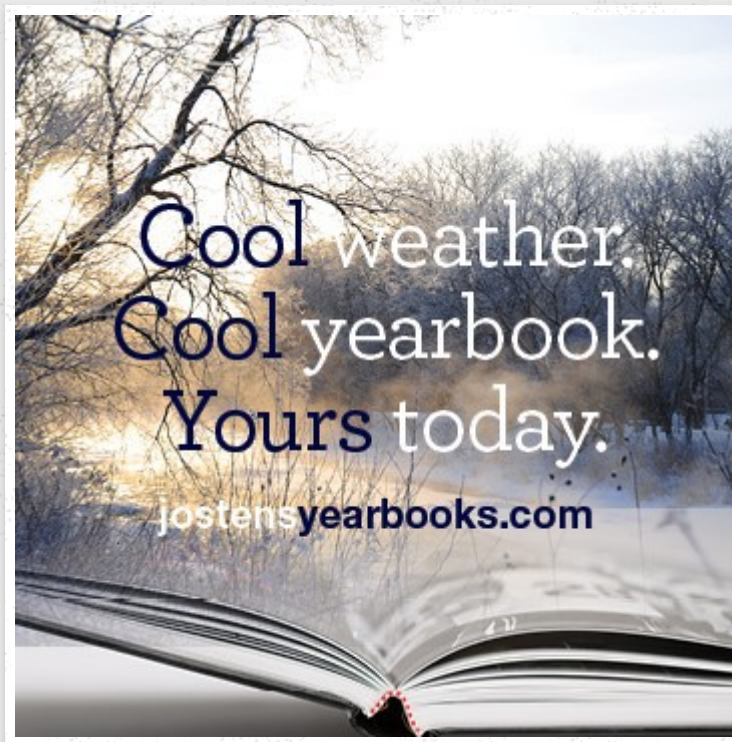
## BCMS YEARBOOK

*TIME IS ALMOST UP...*

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