

BCMS Bison E-News

A Note from Principal Lubben:

GREETINGS ALL BCMS FAMILIES!

With only about two weeks left, we are wrapping up another great year here at Buffalo Community Middle School. Along with an amazing staff, who genuinely care about your child and the supportive community that we serve, we continue to strive for greatness at BCMS. We have completed all of our MCA testing and truly appreciate your support at home and the efforts of your students in making this another successful testing season.

Our leadership team met on May 15 to review this past year and plan for the 2019-2020 school year. During part of our meeting time, we took on the task of creating a common instructional framework for the classrooms in our school, as well as, building-wide culture non-negotiables. We will continue to keep student cell phones out of the classrooms to help students stay focused on the material in front of them. We will also continue to have a zipper "Case-it" binder for all students, with common supplies inside. Once again, all student supplies will be packaged together for you to purchase in August. After having many issues with this year's new physical binder, we will be going back to the style that we had two years ago.

The transition from elementary to middle school is an important one, so we are excited to continue with our second year of staggered start dates for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, only sixth graders will attend BCMS. That will give sixth grade students an opportunity to get comfortable with middle school, without hundreds of other students being in the mix. Last year, this change replaced "Middle School 101" and the "WEB Day" that had been summer programs offered to incoming sixth grade students. In 2018-2019, this was a great opportunity for all incoming sixth graders to become acclimated to the middle school!

Once again, thanks for all of your support this past school year. When we have parental and community support, our committed staff members are able to create the best possible learning environment for your children.

Thanks for sharing your child with us!

Matt



WEB - Where Everyone Belongs

Coming to the middle school for the first time can be an overwhelming experience. For sixth graders at Buffalo Community Middle School, Where Everybody Belongs, or the WEB program, has been instrumental in removing the intimidation factor.

On the first day of school, the entire incoming sixth grade class participates in a WEB orientation program. This orientation includes trained eighth grade WEB leaders facilitating highly structured, fun, small group activities aimed at making sixth graders feel more comfortable and connected to BCMS. The overall goal of the program is to make the transition to middle school the most welcoming and positive experience possible.

This summer 92 eighth grade students will participate in an intensive training where they will learn to lead sixth grade students in building relationships, creating a school culture of learning, as well as how to belong and positively impact our BCMS family. Additionally, these leaders will continue training throughout the school year and have monthly opportunities to interact with their assigned group of sixth grade students. Our eighth grade leaders make it their mission to be positive role models for not only the sixth graders, but for all students in the building.

Last year was the first year that BCMS experienced WEB Orientation on the first day of the school year! Our staff was able to welcome, teach, support and guide the sixth graders during their transition to the Buffalo Community Middle School. In addition, this day provided each sixth grade student an opportunity to settle in with his/her WEB leaders prior to joining the large community of learners at BCMS.



BCMS New Academic Thursday

BCMS students have been using flexible learning opportunities during Academic Thursdays to receive more time on essential standards. This time was previously set aside as Academic Time from 8:50-9:10 on Thursdays during Prime Time. With the new setup, students are able to get what they need, with the teachers they need, all during the school day, without being pulled from other academic classes. Students are given the opportunity to sign up, or be assigned by a teacher, to receive additional time and support in current curriculum. Examples of Academic Thursday Session classes have included: test retaking opportunities, AVID binder organization, reteaching from being absent, and silent reading time. BCMS will continue to offer flexible learning opportunities in the 2019-2020 school year to extend and enrich learning opportunities.

Responsive Schedule

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Response Period: **PT Acad R, Thu 05/16/2019**

A Teacher or Administrator made a selection on your behalf.

Select	Course	Name	Description	Teacher	Room	Seats
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0912-1002	Wolver Math	Finish last work and make quizzes and tests.	Wolter, Angela	605	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-937	Algebra	English Review: Only Min's new Review, Reading Book Club Books, Get to the Next Journal (Due May 16th)	Adrian, Brandon T.	607	21
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-853	Health - Anderson	Opportunity to work on health assignments or making health assignments	Anderson, David D.	410A	25
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-934	Algebra	Enriched Science 9 into Algebra	Adkins, Kimberly	410	44
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-943	Business/Health Bus Group	Field trip day	Bazzouchian, Rubyn	723	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-941	9th Grade Tech Ed	This class will be used to work on projects	Bolke, Mike	412	25
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-942	6,7,8 Math	Academic support	Bloch, Karen	716	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-943	Academic support	Reading Project	Bloch, Karen	716	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-944	Math - Resources		Blak, Stephen J.	608	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-945	Biography	Visual History	Borgstrom, Teresa C.	118	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	0912-946	8 Broyer FACS	Current Studenta why please	Broyer, Megan L.	609	25

BCMS History Day Students at State!

This year, Buffalo Community Middle School had 45 students participate in the Minnesota National History Day Competition held at the University of Minnesota on Saturday, May 4. Students created websites, documentaries, performances and exhibits to showcase their research about a topic and connect it to the theme: *Triumph and Tragedy in History*. Students did extensive research, analyzed primary sources, learned different skills related to both research, collaboration and project creation! This year we had 16 students go onto state! We are so proud of the students and their hard work!

Congratulations to our State Qualifiers: Ryan Popken & Kallen Prell for their performance on the Wright Brothers, Ava Peterson & Harper Lostetter for their exhibit on Marie Curie, Aurora Sabetti, Ella Kragerud & Greta Winger for their exhibit on the Pink Triangle, Aver McCallum for his exhibit on Logotherapy, Grayson Chorost & Weston Bermel for their website on Dachau, Lucas Lawrence & Eric Bajema for their documentary on Rasputin, and Leah Raisanen for her performance on strikes on MN Iron Range.

A special congratulations to our State Finalists: Lucy Lefebvre for her website on the White Night Riots and Kumail Akram & Daniel Jungwirth for their performance on the Partition of India (this group also took home the topical prize award for Immigration History!). We are so proud of our students!

Photo below of the three finalists: Lucy Lefebvre, Kumail Akram and Daniel Jungwirth (left to right)



BCMS Summer Weightlifting Program

The summer off-season is the perfect time to work on strength and conditioning to prevent injury for next season's sports and phy-ed. Use this off-season as an opportunity to get stronger, faster and BETTER - both physically and mentally. Join Mr. Anderson and Ms. Gorham for lots of summer fun with games, weight lifting and cardio all geared to help you perform at your best. Sign up with Mrs. Putnam in the activities office. See you there!

Program Highlights

- Work out with free weights and *Bodymotion* Weight Training Machines
- Practice teamwork, sportsmanship and have fun playing indoor and outdoor games (Game Day is Thursday)
- Train to get better at your sport or activity



Goals of the Program

- Keep middle school students active and in shape during the summer months
- Teach middle school students to safely and effectively use weight training to increase their muscular strength, speed, endurance and agility
- Provide a fun, positive environment for students to work out with their peers

Program Dates and Times

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Session 1: 8:15-9:30a - (BOYS ONLY)
Session 2: 9:45-11:00a - (GIRLS ONLY)

- o Week 1: June 18, 19, 20
- o Week 2: June 25, 26, 27
- o Week 3: (Off the week of July 4th)
- o Week 4: July 9, 10, 11
- o Week 5: July 16, 17, 18
- o Week 6: July 23, 24, 25
- o Last day of the program will be July 25

Cost of the Program

\$85 per student*

*BCMS Summer Fitness T-shirt included

***SIGN UP:** Fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs. Putnam (Activities Office) with a check payable to Buffalo Community Middle School (BCMS) by **June 3, 2019** or mail to:
Buffalo Community Middle School
Attn: Summer Fitness
1300 Hwy 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

Who Should Join?

Any Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose student entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2019 that is seriously interested in improving their athletic abilities.

Where do we meet?

Buffalo Community Middle School Weight Room. We will also use gym and outdoor space on a daily basis.

About the Staff

Chad Anderson:

- BCMS Health Teacher
- Middle School Weight Lifting Instructor
- BCMS Football Coach
- Email: canderson@bhmschools.org

Kiz Gorham:

- BCMS Math Teacher
- Certified Yoga Instructor
- Certified Group Fitness Instructor
- Email: kgorham@bhmschools.org

So What Do I Do?

1. Fill out attached form.
2. Turn it in with a check and copy of current physical to Mrs. Putnam by June 3.
3. Get ready to work!!

6th Grade Student Visit the Capitol

All three teams had wonderful weather for the Fort Snelling and State Capitol field trips on May 13, 14, and 16. The kids learned about and experienced how people lived in the past in the various interactive stations at Fort Snelling. The MN State Capitol was very busy with it being the final week of the session.



Avalanche Students



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8th Grade Valleyfair Field Trip

On Friday, May 31, 2019 BCMS is celebrating the completion of middle school for our eighth grade students with a trip to Valleyfair in Shakopee, MN. This is the 29th annual 8th grade Valleyfair event.

Plans are to leave the school at 9:00am and return to BCMS at 4:00pm. All buses will return students to Buffalo Community Middle School.

Students are asked to pay \$26.00 to offset the cost of bus, admission and most rides. Food, merchandise, Challenge Park and some games require extra money. Lunches and snacks will be at student's expense. The remainder of the fee and transportation costs will be paid for from the money raised in this year's fundraiser. For students on free lunches, the fee will be waived; those on reduced lunches can pay \$13.00 or students with a season pass will need to pay \$6 for the bus.

Student conduct, expected both at Valleyfair and at school prior to the trip, has been discussed with students. Student eligibility to attend Valleyfair is determined by administration through academic and behavior criteria. Students are expected to have their school work in order, with a minimum of tardies, absences and discipline referrals to be able to participate. Students will be notified if they are not allowed to attend. Our hope is that all students are able to enjoy a class day at Valleyfair.

We look forward to this special day of celebration.

Sincerely,
John Hayden
Assistant Principal



Band News

Congratulations to Oliver Holt and Sophia Grimm who were selected to participate in the Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band held at Monticello Middle School on Saturday, May 4. (Pictured above)

Congratulations to Gaia DeYoung, Mazie DeYoung and Sufi DeYoung who were selected to participate in the Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band held at Monticello Middle School on Saturday, May 4. (Pictured below)



BCMS Parent Advisory Council

We want to thank our 2018–2019 Parent Advisory Council members for the time they have put in throughout this school year and for their service to the BCMS community. Members of the council this school year were:

- 6th Grade Parent Representatives: Tim Jungwirth, Bobbi Kramer, Natalie Lee, Kevin & Katie Schmidt
- 7th Grade Parent Representatives: Jenny Maenke, Meaghan Hibbard, Sheila Feldman and Angela Therrien
- 8th Grade Parent Representatives: Amber Crosland, Rachel Kugler, Steve Lee, and Sarah Hartman

This group of dedicated parents play a key role as we make decisions about the future direction for the school. Whether it's conference and open house formats to school safety, to classroom-to-home communication, we gather information from this committee to improve our middle school culture and climate. Four parents from each grade level serve a term while their child is a middle school student at BCMS. This means each year we replace the four eighth grade representatives with four parents of incoming sixth graders. This is a great opportunity to get involved and learn about what is going on at BCMS. It is an advisory role, not a task committee. Parents are asked to share opinions and ideas on topics that are pertinent to decisions that will be made, after reviewing and learning a little about the options. The group typically meets from 8:00–9:00 am on Friday mornings on a quarterly basis. We will need to fill four - sixth grade class vacancies for the upcoming 2019–2020 academic school year. Information for fifth grade parents who wish to participate, will be available at our 6th Grade Parent Night in August. If you have any further questions about the BCMS PAC, please call Matt Lubben @ 763-682-8203.



Project Pencils

Hi, everyone.

We hope all of you are having a wonderful spring. We wanted to let you know about our organization, Project Pencils, which collects and donates school supplies for children in need in Wright County. Last year, we were able to provide 323 students with new backpacks and their full school supply needs. We expect to help more than 400 this year.

Families that have financial difficulty purchasing school supplies for their K-12 students can complete the form on our website at <http://www.ProjectPencils.com/request.html> and we will post a request in our closed Facebook group for volunteers to "adopt" the student. The only information we share with our volunteers to help them purchase the correct supplies and a backpack for each student: is the student's school, teacher (if necessary for specific lists), grade, sex, and favorite colors (optional).

They can pick up the backpacks up at Hollee's home in St. Michael (we send the address to anyone who completes the form) on the following dates:

Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. -Noon

Tuesday, August 20 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Our website is www.ProjectPencils.com. We post information in our Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProjectPencils>, about those who need to be "adopted."

Thanks and enjoy the rest of the school year!

2019-2020 Opt Out

2019-2020 Release of Student Data for Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools

**NEW information included. Please read carefully!

According to the Minnesota Data Practices Act and the Federal Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA), student directory information is public unless a parent requests that the information not be released. Parents who do not want any portion of their child's data released for the 2019-2020 school year must use this form to notify their child's school, before the start of the school year. Annually, parents can choose to opt out of any or all three categories listed below. If you have questions, you may contact the school your child attends.

1. Student Directory Information

Parents may choose to opt out of the release of all student directory information, or they may select specific areas to not have the data released. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow

BHM to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Playbills showing your student's role in a drama production
- Graduation programs
- Yearbook
- Sports/activity programs
- Honor roll or other recognition lists

Special NOTE: By opting out of the student name portion of the student information (seen below), you will be opting out of such examples as those listed above (yearbook, programs, honor roll, etc.).

Student Information • Enrollment Status (i.e. Full-Time or Part-time)

- Name
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Address
- Dates of attendance (e.g. Student attended Parkside from Sept 2000-05)
- Telephone number (home)
- Degrees and awards received
- Email address
- Most recent previous educational agency or institution attended
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study Parent(s) Information
- Participation in officially
 - Name
 - Recognized activities and sports
 - Address
 - Grade level completed
 - Telephone number

**2. Photos/Video Transmissions

Throughout the year, photographs and video are taken in classrooms and at school activities that happen during the school day. Photos or videos may be used in some of the following examples, but are not limited to:

- District publications (Insider, calendar, etc.)
- Other educational organizations
- Yearbooks
- Cable access channel(s)
- School newsletters/newspapers
- Website/Facebook/Twitter
- Local/area newspapers
- Photo classroom composite page (included in "picture day" packets)

**Photos can be published on the district website with the student's name. Unless you have opted out of your child's name being released as a part of the student directory information section above, it can be used online.

Special NOTE: By opting out of photos/video transmissions you will be opting out of ALL items listed above. Also note that the district is not responsible for (has no control of) photos/video, taken by the public, at school public events (such as basketball games or homecoming coronation), which are published in newspapers or aired for viewing on cable or the web.

3. Military and Post Secondary Educational Institution Recruitment

(Applies to students in grades 11-12 ONLY.)

Each year the military and post secondary institutions ask high schools to provide names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of students in grades 11-12 for recruitment purposes. They provide information to students about education and career opportunities.

(Complete the form on the other side ONLY if you are opting out of one or more of the categories listed above.)

Release of Student Data Opt Out for the 2019-20 School Year

*Only complete and return if you are opting out of one or more of the categories.

You have not opted out of any information if you only sign and return the form.

A parent/guardian must complete and return this form ONLY if you choose to opt out of any of the categories outlined on the other side of this page. This form must be completed for each child you wish to opt out of any section and returned to the school he/she will attend for that school year. If you need additional forms, you can make a copy or contact your child's school. It is understood that if the form is not completed, you are accepting the district's policy of the dissemination of student information.



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Buffalo Community Middle School

Upcoming Events:

- 5/23 - 8th grade Orchestra Concert held at the PAC - 7:30pm
- 5/29 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 5/30 - 7th grade Band Concert held at the PAC - 7:30pm
- 5/31 - 8th grade Valleyfair Trip
- 6/3 - 6th grade Orchestra Concert held at the PAC - 6:30 pm
- 6/3 - 6th grade Band Concert held at the PAC - 7:45 pm
- 6/4 - 7th grade Choir Concert held at the PAC - 7:30 pm
- 6/6 - Last Day of School

1300 Highway 25 North, Buffalo... (763)682-8200

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