

Newsletter

SPORT SEASONS HIT THE MIDWAY POINT

The BCSD athletic sports seasons are in full swing and heading toward the second half of their seasons.

The Build A Warrior program has been highlighted at many events and continues to focus on teamwork, positive attitudes and sportsmanship.

EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Education Acronyms

AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress AYP is each school's progress on state assessments.

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act FERPA is a federal law that protects access to student records.

KWL Chart: A Know, Wonder, Learn graphic organizer that helps kids brainstorm.

RTI: Response to Intervention RTI is a problem solving process a school team uses to assess student's individual needs and provide interventions.

SEL: Social and Emotional Learning Programs that help students learn life skills including managing emotions, developing positive relationships and making good decisions.

Thanks to all parents, students and community members whom have supported our athletes and coaches.

We encourage all fans to continue to enthusiastically support our teams, recognize their hard work and effort and show good sportsmanship at all events!!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

February is caring month, and all of us here at Martin Grade School will be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program during February. This program is designed to help raise awareness and funds in honor of thousands of children and adults fighting against blood cancers

We are asking that everyone, including students, parents, and staff at Martin Grade School join in this effort of raising awareness and collecting funds to benefit the mission of LLS, which is to find cures for blood cancers and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

Martin Grade School will be collecting money beginning Monday, February 3rd and continue until Thursday, February 27th. Those are the dates that everyone is asked to bring in any amount of change they can spare. Information will also be sent home with each of our students explaining more about LLS, and how to make a donation online if you wish.

Blood cancers in Martin have affected our own school and community, and with your generosity the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society can help change cancer. Mrs. Goetzing, MGS Counselor

The Book Fair starts on February 6 and runs through February 14!



Brian Williams - Kindness

We are SUPER EXCITED to announce that MGS and BCMS are going to be taking on a massive kindness challenge is launching it with an assembly!

Brian Williams, Top Youth Speaker, will be challenging our kids to a massive 15 Day Kindness challenge. Brian speaks to over 100,000 students each year, he has documented over 1.5 million acts of kindness, traveled to Africa 14 times and collected over 500,000 shoes for needy children and families. Brian is the founder of Think Kindness, a non-profit that inspires measurable acts of kindness in schools across the country.

Our school challenge will launch with a fun and exciting motivational assembly. During the assembly Brian will be telling his story of traveling around the globe to carryout simple acts of kindness and what he discovered while living at an orphanage in rural Kenya.

THE CHALLENGE: The entire student body will be challenged to carry-out acts of kindness in the halls, classrooms, at home and throughout the community. To help us make an even bigger impact, parents are invited to attend with the MGS students: 8:30 for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade and at 1:00 for grades 3-5.

Grades 6-8 will listen to Brian speak at 10:30.



WINTER WORKOUTS

Snow and ice can make jogging and cycling difficult-and even unsafe! Don't let the cold months be an excuse. Try these tips:

- Park further way from the door
- Find some stairs to walk
- Walk around your building
- Don't wait for spring - do a thorough house-cleaning
- Watch and follow an exercise show or DVD
- Make snow angels
- Find someone to walk with daily
- Go sledding / skating
- Record your steps

Reading Comprehension Tips for Home:

Look Ahead

Before reading, LOOK AHEAD at the pictures on the cover. Read the title and ask, "What do you think this story is about?" Then look at the pictures throughout the book and ask, "What do you think is happening?" or "What do you think will happen next?"



Stop and Think

While reading, STOP and THINK after the beginning, the middle and the end of the story.

Ask your child: What just happened? What has happened so far? What happened at the end?

THINK BEYOND

After reading, ask your child "Can you think of another ending for this story?" or "What do you think will happen in another book about this character?"

Have them write about the book and check their skills with the 6+1 Writing Non-negotiable grade level list.

MGS Bring Your Parent to School Day - February 12

MGS is hosting Bring Your Parent to School again this year on February 12, 2020. Preschool through 2nd grade parents are invited to come from 7:30 to 11:00 for breakfast, attend the assembly with Brian Williams at 8:30, and see some of the work students do in the classroom. 3rd through 5th Grade parents can come at 11:00 to 4:00 to eat lunch, attend the assembly with Brian Williams at 1:00, and see students' school experiences in the classroom. Invitations will be sent out soon! Ms Kuxhaus

Parent Meeting - Mrs. Ready's Office

February 12th to discuss 10:00 and/or 2:00

Family and Community Engagement

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

6 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00
Scholastic Book Fair Starts

12 MGS Bring Your Parent to School
MARCH

3 5th Grade Parent Breakfast
12 8-12 Concert
17 Preschool/TK/K Parent Breakfast
MS Science Fair
23 Winter Awards Banquet

WARRIOR WEEK

The Bennett County High School Student Council is starting a new activity this winter. The idea is that it will be similar to Homecoming Week. We are calling it WARRIOR WEEK. This week will run from February 10-15. The activities that we have planned for the week include dress up days. The dress-up days include the following: hats/caps (Monday), pink and red (Tuesday), purple and gold (Wednesday) and cowboys/cowgirls (Thursday). On Thursday evening, the Lady Warriors are schedule to play the Cody/Kilgore Cowboys. We will conclude Warrior Week with a High School Semi-formal dance. This will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 8:00 PM -11:00 PM. The Student Council is hoping that the activities for this week will improve attendance and bring some excitement into 3rd quarter. Written by Chloe Risse (Student Council Secretary).



**21ST
CENTURY
AFTER
SCHOOL**

Bennett County School District has the opportunity to apply for a 21st Century After School Program Grant. The previous program was very successful and provided students with many diverse activities.

Please complete this survey to provide information on the NEED and DESIRE for an after school program in Martin.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7WLZKJW>