



Barberton Middle School

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BMS Student Jada Young works with University of Akron and BHS students as part of a collaborative project on culture.

BMS Update: Magical Moments

We are off to a great start at BMS! The students come in every day ready to focus on learning. The students are expected to abide by three basic standards. Students are focusing on being **RESPECTFUL** in everything they do, being **RESPONSIBLE** for the decisions they make and being **READY TO LEARN**. Students who focus on these three things will experience great success in school because they will learn how to be successful learners. Our goal is that the students at BMS develop the skills necessary to succeed in high school and beyond!

Thank you for your support with the magazine and cookie dough fundraiser. The Magic Show was enjoyed by every student who sold at least one item. Kalahari is planned for December 2nd for those students who sold 20+ items. If your child qualified, you will be receiving information closer to the trip.

Any parent willing to help with organizing the fundraiser items for pick-up, we could use volunteers at BMS the afternoon of October 22nd. If you are able to help, please call Deb Ramsey in the main office. **ALL ITEMS** must be picked up in

the cafeteria between 3:00 and 5:00 on October 22nd.

The staff has been working with the students on community awareness initiatives by supporting the United Way drive, as well as the Heart Walk. All change collected will go to directly support the research and programming of these charitable organizations.

REMEMBER TO SEND IN BOX TOP LABELS AND ACME RECEIPTS!



Title I Funding

Title I federal dollars are used at BMS to provide additional resources to support students who are achieving below grade level. At BMS, we focus our Title I efforts in the areas of Reading and Math. We are fortunate to have a Title I tutor who works with students on a daily basis so students can gain more confidence and independence when reading and solving math equations.

In addition, Title I funds are used to provide after school and summer school tutoring for students who qualify for those services.

At BMS we continue to focus on meeting the specific needs of all of our students.

ISS/Detentions

Students who serve an in-school suspension and classroom detention at BMS will receive a sack lunch for that day. The sack lunch more than exceeds the state lunch mandatory requirements, and consists of a peanut butter or cheese sandwich (based on allergies), fruit and vegetables, as well as a drink.

Special points of interest:

- *Oct. 18th No School—
NEOEA Day*
- *Oct. 21st Picture Day*
- *Oct. 22 Fundraiser Pick-up
(3-6PM)*
- *Oct. 28 6th grade band BMS
6PM*
- *Performance of Aladdin Nov
14/15 @7PM and Nov 16 @
2PM.*

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Mrs. Walker—Principal



Assistant Principals' Corner:

BUS BEHAVIOR:

We want to remind everyone that riding a bus to school is a privilege, not a guarantee. In order to ensure the safety of the driver and all the students on the bus, it is important that students remain seated at all times, that they refrain from inappropriate behavior, and that they remain respectful of the other students around them. Inappropriate language, bullying and fighting **WILL NOT** be tolerated.



LUNCHROOM

EXPECTATIONS:

Students have done a nice job adjusting to open seating during lunch. We appreciate how respectful the students are when socializing with their peers, cleaning up their area, and moving in and out of the cafeteria given the large number of students moving at one time. Keep up the great work!

We are excited about working with our PTA this year! We had our first official meeting in September, and had an energetic group of parents excited about focusing on celebrating our BMS students and staff this year. We currently have 18 members. We would like to see a strong BMS parent support group, so our membership drive will run from October 1st through November 1st. By joining as a member, you are supporting your child's experience at BMS. We appreciate that some people will be able to give of their time while others simply support through filling out a membership.

THANK YOU to everyone for adjusting to the new AM bus schedule. It has made a positive difference in the amount of students we are able to get through breakfast before the tardy bell. Please remind your child that if he/she is eating breakfast in the morning to report **DIRECTLY** to the breakfast doors rather than standing outside socializing until 7:35.

I want to clarify that the tardy bell rings at 7:45 in the morning. If your child is a breakfast eater, he/she should be at school no later than 7:30. If your child goes directly to homeroom, he/she should arrive to school no later than 7:40.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to call the attendance office so we are able to note the reason for their absence.



Mr. Hermann— Asst. Principal

Welcome to Mr. Hermann!

We are excited that Mr. Hermann has joined the team at BMS. He has taught in Atlanta, as well as Akron City Schools. After leaving the classroom, he was an Assistant Principal at Mansfield High School for 5 years. We are lucky to have his support and expertise at BMS. He will be working closely with the 5th and 6th grade students throughout the 2013-14 academic year.