

Buckeye Bobcat Bulletin

HAPPY NEW YEAR BSA

Principal's Message:

Happy 2018 and Welcome Back to School! We are ready to move forward with our second half to the school year. Please note: Your child's attendance at school is critical to their academic success. We strongly encourage students attend daily to ensure the best chance for them to be prepared to succeed in their future. Barring illness or emergency we are challenging all students to attend school daily and on time. BSA is beginning a class attendance challenge called the Bobcat Sprint. Please help your child's class to win the challenge by making sure they are present and punctual to their class each and every day. We are particularly focusing on this as we get closer to state testing. In January we are conducting the winter NWEA MAPS (Measurement of Academic Progress) assessments to monitor the growth your student has made this year since school began in the fall. We are hopeful we will see great growth for all our students as students and staff have been working hard the beginning of this school year to promote academic growth. As always, you are a key piece in this process. Your involvement in your child's education is important. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or the office to set up an appointment to discuss these concerns. We know that by working together we can offer your child the best possibility for academic growth. At BSA our goal is to help your child reach their goals. We appreciate your willingness to always work with us in partnering to provide BSA students the best education possible. I hope you had a very special holiday season celebrating with friends and family. As we begin this new year let's all make a resolution to make 2018 the best we can for our BSA students. I truly believe BSA is a great place to be. Have a wonderful January!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Daniels

BUCKEYE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS... 2018 DANCE RECITAL

The BSA dance students have been working hard in preparation for their upcoming recital. Please plan to join us in supporting our dancers!

WHEN: Thursday, January 11th

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: BSA Gym

PRICE: \$5.00 general admission at the door
\$1.00 for BSA students
Children 4 and under FREE

All proceeds support the BSA Dance Program

Thank you for your support

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WELCOME WINTER.....

With the onset of winter, we ask parents to make sure students come to school dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Also, with the colder weather, inevitably the Lost and Found becomes full quickly with outerwear that students leave behind. Please help us by checking the Lost and Found frequently for items your child may have left at school. The last Friday of the month, whatever is not claimed, will find itself donated to charity. You can help by being diligent with your children on taking responsibility for their own items. Thank you for your help in keeping the children warm and our Lost and Found at a minimum. We want to keep the children healthy and our Lost and Found empty.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues. 1/9~Welcome Back to School

Thurs. 1/11~Dance Recital at
5:30 p.m. in Gym

Mon. 1/15~No School in honor of
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

**Sat. 1/20~15th Annual District Multi-
Cultural Celebration 11:00-3:00
at Central Valley High School**



Monday 1/22-Friday 1/26~SPIRIT
WEEK

Wed. 1/24~First Grade Field Trip to
Sleeping Beauty Performance

Fri. 1/26~RALLY (Gr. 6-8)~~Winter
Sports

Tues. 1/30~Parent Club Meeting
6:00 p.m. in Library

Wed. 1/31~School Site Council
Meeting 2:30 p.m. in Library

TRIPLE P UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BSA FAMILIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TRIPLE P (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM) CLASSES. You are to be commended for your efforts on working to improve your skills of parenting. We recognize parenting, especially in this day, is not easy. We are fortunate at BSA to have a Parent Liaison on staff who offers this course to BSA parents free of charge. Due to a grant through the McConnell Foundation and First Five Shasta, we are to continue these services through the remainder of the school year. If you are interested, and would like to take advantage of this very important service, we encourage you to contact the school office and speak with the Parent Liaison, Therese Standridge. It is never anything to be ashamed of in seeking support and help. WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO BETTER ASSIST YOUR STUDENTS. Please, give Mrs. Standridge a call. This is a very reputable and effective program.



BSA PARENT CLUB THANKS YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the World's Finest Chocolate Sale. Your support helps the parent club to help with special events and activities for our students. The Parent Club would also like to thank all those who came to the family movie night in December. It was a great turn out and we hope to do more fun events such as this for families in the future. Finally, don't forget to save those Boxtops for Education. Collection forms are available in the office and there is also a deposit box located in the library. Every little bit helps. We hope to have you join us for our next Parent Club Meeting on Tuesday, January 30th. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BSA SPORTS

Boys Basketball is now underway. Please check the BSA website for the schedule of games. Mr. Diskin, our athletic director, along with the coaches will make sure the players have information on practices. We encourage everyone to come to the games and support our basketball teams. Here's to a great 2018 season. GO BOBCATS!!



BSA STAFF RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to Mrs. Paramo, BSA Office Manager, and Mrs. Fuller, 7/8 grade Science Teacher, who will be recognized at the January Gateway Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, as the Buckeye School of the Arts classified and certificated employees of the year. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the students and the school. We have a terrific staff here at BSA who are very deserving of this recognition. We certainly recognize how fortunate we are to have both Mrs. Paramo and Mrs. Fuller on staff at BSA. THEY ARE AWESOME!! When you see them, please give them a great big Thank You for a job well done.



ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS

At BSA we started a Photography class this school year and it has been a great success. Thank you, Miss Tracy, for agreeing to teach this course. Students have been entering their photographs into the KRCR Photo of the Day Competition and we have had our first two winners. Ariana Bilton won for the daily competition on November 20th and Dakota Mayes won for the week of December 5th. Both students had their photos shown on the news, were given free prints, and Dakota has the opportunity to take a photography class, all sponsored by Crown Camera. You can also see the class of 30 students' photographs displayed in the office slideshow on the big screen television. They are becoming serious photographers and hope to have their work displayed and for sale in an art show in the spring. WAY TO GO PHOTO STUDENTS.....WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHAT OTHER EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES ARE HAPPENING AT BSA?

THERE ARE MANY!! Mr. DeAngelus has started the after school Jazz Band which meets after school every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:00. Also, the BSA Chorus meets at lunch time twice a week. These are in addition to the music and band classes offered during the day at Buckeye School of the Arts.

Mr. Houggard runs the MathCounts team who are preparing for competition in the spring. The MathCounts students meet twice a week on Wednesday after school and during lunch on Fridays.

Along with outside entities who hold meetings on campus such as: Epic Bible Club; Buckeye Cuties; and Boy and Girl Scouts; there is talk of an upcoming STEM Club. Stay tuned for more information. What is STEM, you ask? Turn the page to find out more.....

IT'S JANUARY.....THAT MEANS TIME FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE THEIR WINTER NWEA READING AND MATH ASSESSMENTS. Parents, please do your best to have students at school daily. These assessments are a way we can measure the growth your child is making in their academics. Your help in making sure they are present and able to take these assessments is appreciated. Once we have the results of their growth we will share their progress.

WHAT IS STEM?

STEM EDUCATION is a movement in American Education to help teachers and their students understand how the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics impact their world and prepare them for the workforce of tomorrow. STEM is multidiscipline based, incorporating the integration of other disciplinary knowledge into a new whole. Technology helps us communicate; Math is the language; Science and Engineering are the processes for thinking; all this leads to Innovation.

STEM Education is more than just presentation and dissemination of information and cultivation of techniques. It is a process for teaching and learning that offers students opportunities to make sense of the world and take charge of their learning, rather than learning isolated bits and pieces of content. In the STEM environment, there is less emphasis on activities that demonstrate science content and a greater focus on those activities that allow students to engage in real world problems and experiences through project-based, experiential learning activities that lead to higher level thinking. Learning in a STEM environment compels students to understand issues, distill problems, and comprehend processes that lead to innovative solutions.

Students learn through experience where they talk and engage in discourse. They learn by shaping arguments and solving problems in the course of a continuous process of asking questions, experimenting, designing, creating, and gathering compelling supporting evidence. Through the implementation of STEM education and the best practices and strategies it promotes, teachers can construct a learning environment where students are given the opportunity to experience, talk, debate, discover, design, create, and build. They can learn to lead the way to innovation... learning today... making a better tomorrow.

(Source: Education.com)

LOOKING AHEAD.....FEBRUARY!



Along with Valentine's Day,

February will bring other things to look forward to. Stay Tuned for Family Math Night coming in February! Also, the week of February 26, BSA 6th grade will be experiencing WES Camp. As always, BSA will continue to be a busy place! Have a wonderful month.

*"Don't just learn, experience.
Don't just read, absorb.
Don't just change, transform.
Don't just relate, advocate.
Don't just promise, prove.
Don't just criticize, encourage.
Don't just think, ponder.
Don't just take, give.
Don't just see, feel.
Don't just dream, do.
Don't just hear, listen.
Don't just talk, act.
Don't just tell, show.
Don't just exist, live."*
— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*