

Bloomsburg Middle School Board Report

Presented by Heaven Reinard, Middle School Principal

4-4-22

Middle School Intervention After School Program

This month in Middle School Intervention, Mrs. DeWire, Mrs. Gotschal and Mrs. Drucker continued to meet with their students twice a week to work on building foundational ELA and Math skills. The intervention team will be meeting the week of April 4th to go over all our data and review who can be dismissed and if we will be accepting any more students into the program. We are looking forward to celebrating our student's growth over the course of this program!

The Pride: Middle School Student Leadership Organization

PRIDE recognized eight students of the month during March! They also purchased and placed stair clings on the front and back stairwells. The clings are bright and colorful, with sayings like "You're Going Places, One Step at a Time, and Kindness Matter".

The Pride's focus this month was related to March Madness. Pride organized a BMS March Madness bracket with the help of Mr. Carr. It's fun to hear which students and faculty are in the lead each Monday. PRIDE members also decorated the upstairs hallway with college logos and basketballs. Finally, they are sponsoring the March school wide incentive - a March Madness basketball assembly. 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will watch coed teams of 8th grade students compete against one another in a round robin tournament - the winner scheduled to play a faculty team! Then, students of all grade levels can compete in a skills competition including foul shots, lay ups, dribble knock out and the illusive half-court shot.

Looking forward we have a busy April. Pride is hosting a Night at the Movies, passing out quarter 3 honor and distinguished honor roll certificates, serving a support staff luncheon, and cleaning up the Secondary Complex grounds for Earth Day!

Middle School Panther Pride Committee

The Panther pride committee, headed by Mrs. Maureen Gotschal and Mr. Matt Lukachinsky, completed some exciting projects during March. Our staff event of the month was our gift exchange. Faculty and staff participated in a fun event in which everyone brought a wrapped "re-gift" and exchanged with one another. Gifts varied and created a fun lighthearted event in which staff can interact with one another. Mrs. Gotschal and some of our students finished two murals, explaining "You belong here" and to "Be the nice kid". These messages elicited a positive response from our students, as many have personally contacted Mrs. Gotschal. Their feedback included how they appreciate these messages, and the safe space it creates in our school environment. These additions to our walls bring to life the positive learning environment in which we strive to achieve in the middle school.

Stay tuned as the Panther pride Committee plans a 34th birthday celebration for our middle school building!

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Middle School Yearbook

The Middle School Yearbook, headed by Mrs. Terri Drucker and Mrs. Tara Mowery had an extremely busy month as the Yearbook was due for submission March 28th. We are ecstatic to report that the 2021-2022 Bloomsburg Middle School yearbook has been submitted for printing! Approximate delivery date is May 13th.

Lunch Bunch Guidance Group

March saw the continuation of Lunch Bunch groups with Mrs. Pegg! Group activities were centered around stress and stress management. Students were very interested to learn from Mrs. Pegg that “how not all stress is bad- how much stress negatively affects us depends on how we handle it.” For the month of April groups will going to discuss how to practice self-care. They will focus on how it is essential to make health a priority and build the skills to deal with difficult situations. The more we practice different techniques, the more likely we are to use them in moments of stress.

March Incentive Day

6th grade students enjoyed a private showing of Disney’s Encanto in our Middle School Library for their March Incentive. Mr. Kostiuk set up the large projector above the stage and it felt like our 6th graders were being welcomed into an actual theater for the afternoon. It was a lot of fun singing and dancing to the movie! The 6th, 7th and 8th graders also have a March Madness basketball assembly incentive day for March that had to be rescheduled and will take place on Friday, April 8th.

BMS Math Pi(e) Day!

The Middle School Math Department had a very exciting month celebrating everyone’s favorite day...PI day! Within classes students measured the distances around and across circles to discover the meaning of Pi; Found their birthdays within the digits of Pi; Read a story called "Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi. And had the opportunity to PIE a teacher in the face by memorizing the most digits of Pi.

To celebrate the end of Pi(e) Day, Students and teachers brought (round) snacks to share, including pie of course; and BMS had school-wide assembly during which the winners of the Pi Recitation Contest pied a teacher (or administrator) of their choice in the face. It was a blast and definitely something the students will remember forever.

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Panther Shout Outs:

Congrats to 6th grader, Zane Thomas and 8th Grader Wyatt Brosious. Both took 1st place in the Bench and Deadlift categories at The Vo-Tech Power day on March 19th! Great job, Zayne & Wyatt...BMS is proud of your accomplishments!

Another huge Panther shout out goes to 6th Graders, Ivan Troychock and Leina Fritsky! Both students competed in the CSIU's Middle School Media and Design competition (formerly the Middle School Computer Fair). Ivan Troychock placed 1st with his digital movie "The Lego Guy" which earns him the spot in the state competition. Leina Fritsky came in second with her beautiful web design project entitled "Clubs and Activities." Way to go, Ivan and Leina, you make BMS Panther Proud!