



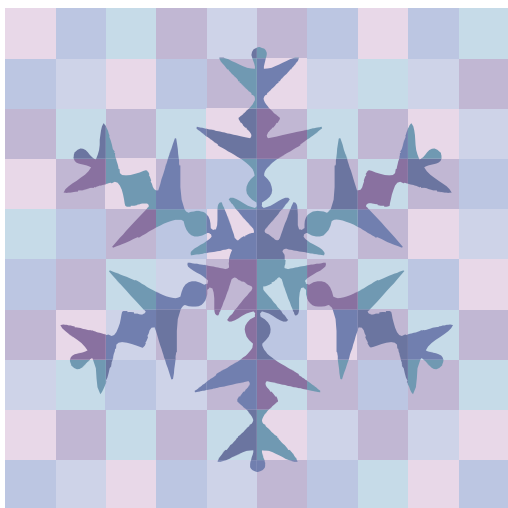
2012

Berlin Middle School

In The Middle

FRESHMAN REGISTRATION

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 8:00 a.m., Mr. Willett & Mrs. Ragus, the high school guidance counselors, will be meeting with the eighth grade students to start the registration process for the 2012-2013 school year. The snow date will be Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. They will be introducing the eighth grade students to the high school courses available to them as freshmen. An informational meeting for parents will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The snow date for the parent meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. You will be receiving a letter to explain this in more detail.



Parent Lunch Friday, January 20, 2012

Menu—Pizza

- Lettuce w/dressing
- California Vegetables
- Peaches
- Fresh Fruit



- 6th grade eat at 11:03
- 7th grade eat at 12:16
- 8th grade eat at 11:47

Adult Lunch \$2.85



Allegro and Encore Band Notes – January

It's time for the **Winter Band Concert and Art Show!** We will be combining our forces with the art students this year. **Come see the performance on Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm at BMS.** We hope everyone can be there! Band members should report at 6:30!

Seventeen of our 7th and 8th grade band students will be participating in the 2012 **Eastern Valley Conference Middle School Honors Band** on Saturday, January 28. These students will have the opportunity to perform in a group of about 120 musicians from eight schools with Mr. Glen Reinke as conductor. Congratulations to Connor Nelson, Jacob Caswell, Fallon Goetsch, Hannah Olsen, Kendra Besaw, Karina Mullen, Luke Dretske, Michael Koch, Thomas Reed, Trevor Carlson, Clinton Ottman, Charley Hutchison, Amanda Gimenez, Jeanae Gimenez, Megan Sobieski, Brianna Hameister, and Samantha Hill. The January 28 concert is at Freedom Middle School at 3:00 and is open to the public, free of charge.

Be sure to check out our band website at <http://bmsband.pbworks.com>! You can also find it by going to the Departmental Websites on the middle school webpage. On our website you can find current grading requirements, practice materials, video of the week, and much more!

It's time to work on **solo/ensemble**. This year's festival is in **Berlin on Saturday, March 3**. All students will be encouraged to participate in a solo or ensemble. Music is being selected at lessons. All solo/ensemble music must be selected before January 13. **We will be needing volunteers to help with the festival, please watch for additional information!**

As scheduling for next year begins, encourage your student to sign up for band again next year! Each year as skills improve, band becomes more fun with more great opportunities!! Everyone matters!

The Results Are In!

The winners of this year's Berlin Middle School Library Art Contest are as follows:

Painting – Amelia Roost (1st Place)

Sculpture – Amanda Gimenez (1st Place)

Drawing – Rachel Merrick (1st Place)

Jasmine Boe (2nd Place)

Photography – Britney Meyer (1st Place)

Britney Meyer (2nd Place)

Todd Schumacher



6th Grade Cadet Band

During the Month of January, we will be tackling new time signatures such as 2/4 and 3/4. With that also comes the introduction of eighth notes and rests. There will be a series of quizzes on playing, note fingerings, terms, and rhythms to make sure everyone is on track.

Parents: Please be sure the practice sheets are signed, totaled, and in by the deadline. Lesson requirement is still four in six weeks.



Counselor News

We are starting a Parent Lending Library. Mrs. Hansen has a section of books on many different topics in the office that can be checked out to help you on a variety of issues. Please check out the list of books available at the BMS Counselor's Corner website. You can access this website from the Berlin Middle School Webpage. Just go to Departmental Websites and click on the Berlin Middle School Counselor's Page, then click on the link for the Counselor's Corner site. This site is chock full of information relating to middle school children's development, middle school conferencing and other useful information.

Boys & Girls Phy. Ed. Classes

The Middle School PE classes will be swimming during the month of January (3rd—27th). Students will need to bring a swimsuit from home and wash or rinse it after each use. However, towels will be provided. Anyone needing to be excused from swimming must have a note from their parents. Students will report to Mr. Schumacher in the library to do make-up work each day that they are unable to swim. Students will be expected to do make-up work for all absences excused or not. It is our expectation that students will swim daily and it is our goal to help all students become stronger and safer swimmers!



No Scoliosis Screening

Mrs. Mael, District Nurse, will no longer provide mass scoliosis screening. However, if you have any concerns about your son and/or daughter having scoliosis, she will be happy to check them. Call her at 361-2442 Ext. 3003. *See enclosed information on how to do at home scoliosis screening.*



6th Grade Language Arts

In January, the sixth grade Language Arts students will begin a Narrative writing Unit. Students will be completing a writing packet teaching them about plot, characters, setting, etc. Then to conclude the unit students will be writing a story, fiction or non-fiction, due at the end of the unit. We are looking forward to the stories that are created.

Sixth Grade Science

MICRO-LIFE

The sixth grade science class will be studying viruses and simple organisms. We will make models of viruses, and be working with microscopes to identify certain bacteria and protists. Students will create a booklet of the protists they identify under their microscopes. They will see organisms like amoebas, euglenas, and paramecia. As we finish studying protists, students will create a protist of their own at home using any materials they wish.

Math 6

During January the sixth grade mathematicians will learn how to write and solve problems involving ratios, rates, and proportions. Students will also be learning about the relationship between percents, decimals, and fractions. Encourage your child to calculate the tax on a purchase or the tip for services rendered.



6th Grade World History

This month in World History we will be learning about the ancient Romans. As part of our study of the Romans, each student will be making a brochure. A letter that explains the project will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, January 4th. The brochure will be worth 100 points and will be due on Friday, February 10th. If your child uses their class time well, they should be able to complete the entire project at school. Please check to see how your child is progressing on this project when we start it. If you have any questions about the brochure, please contact Mr. Tronoff.



2011-12 Quiz Bowl participants: L.- R. Ryan Caswell, Joe Schmidt, Ben Piechowski, Samuel Rucks, Emily Cottello, Kody Darnick, Alyse Bartol, Alli Brasch, Ashleigh Baker, Owen Reich

Quizbowl Article:

The quizbowl competition tests the knowledge and speed of teams in schools throughout the state. Topics covered are: math, spelling, geography, literature, science, sports, and current events. A team of ten sixth-graders from Berlin Middle School missed only six of one hundred questions to rank tenth statewide. Congratulations!

