










Berlin Middle School

March 2024 News

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Important Dates

- March 1**
BMS Family Night Out at the WI Herd
- March 2**
BMS Solo/Ensemble @ Winneconne
- March 5**
BMS Wrestling Meet @ Lomira
- March 7**
BMS Wrestling Meet @ Home
- March 9**
BMS Wrestling Conference Meet @ Kewaskum
- March 12**
BMS Wrestling Conference Meet @ Kewaskum
- March 20**
BASD Board of Education Meeting
- March 21 - March 29**
Spring Break | NO SCHOOL
- March 21**
Parent Teacher Conferences

A Message from the Principal

Greetings BMS Families!

Although we didn't get to see much of winter this year, our students have been loving the mild temperatures! It has been so joyous to see all the students outside at lunch playing in the sunshine and mild temperatures. Not only has this been beneficial for a break during the day to socialize with peers, but it has been building in more daily activity!

Exercise is a great way to help decrease stress, especially for our middle school students. Here are a few things to think about and how we can utilize exercise to decrease stress and boost academic success.

Physical activity can help students feel happier due to the endorphins released and increase energy levels. Specifically for our students, shooting some hoops or going for a walk can help them refocus and get energized.

Exercise is also calming! When a person is focused on the exercise or sport, they are likely to stop focusing on their worries. It also increases self-confidence, especially for adolescents so they feel they have more control over their bodies which in turn increases their control over their school work.

Physical activity improves memory! Studies have shown that increased blood flow to the brain from exercise can help students remember more.

If your middle school student doesn't have time to exercise, think of ways as a family you can fit a short burst of activity in. You could even plan your workout together!

Thank you for allowing us to teach and work alongside your students every single day. Our teachers work tirelessly for the success of every child and we appreciate your continued support.

Please be sure to reach out to us at Berlin Middle School with anything you may need!

Kind regards,

Colleen Pariso

Colleen Pariso
BMS Principal



yay!



Grants Awarded

Mrs. Kurczek, a STEM teacher at Berlin Middle School, has been awarded a grant from the Webster's Marketplace Foundation by Candie Baker and Rob Webster!

This grant will enable Mrs. Kurczek to integrate cutting-edge coding robots into her curriculum, providing her students with exciting opportunities to explore the world of technology and programming. With the help of these robots, students will have hands-on experiences that enhance their problem-solving skills, critical thinking abilities, and creativity.

Mrs. Kurczek, Mr. Poliak, and Mr. Bruessel were also awarded \$1,000 for flight drones!

Thank you Webster's Grant Foundation and Adam's Columbia Electric for your generosity!

Wrestling Meets

- Tuesday, March 5 | @ Lomira
- Thursday, March 7 | @ Home vs Markesan, WLA, & Lourdes
- Tuesday, March 12 | @ Kewaskum



Track Meets & Sign Up

The track season for students in grades 7 & 8 begins on April 1.

- Tuesday, April 9 @ Ripon
- Monday, April 15 @ Home
- Tuesday, April 23 @ Home | Conference Relays
- Monday, April 29 @ Home
- Friday, May 3 @ Wautoma
- Tuesday, May 7 @ Ripon | Conference Meet

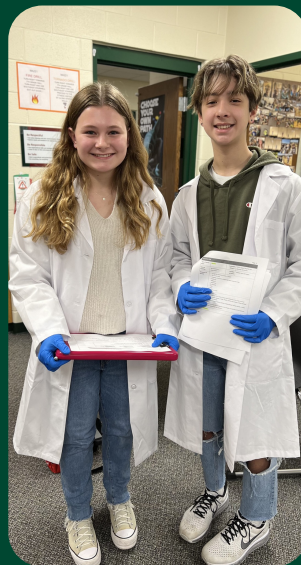
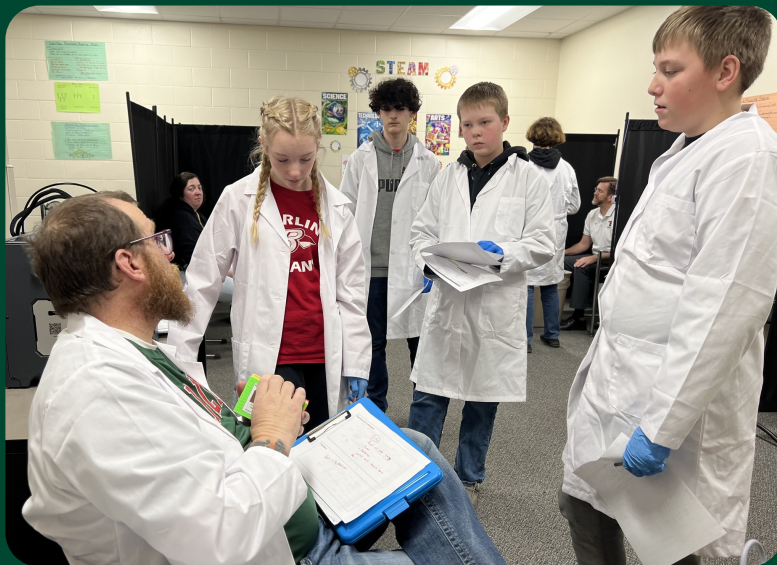


BMS Artwork Heads to State

We have such talented artists at BMS! These artworks were on display in the Green Bay Neville Public Museum for the Regional Art Show! Three BMS students will be moving forward to state in Madison.



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Students or Medical Detectives?

Today was no ordinary day at Berlin Middle School. The students turned into medical detectives and had a blast diagnosing (pretend) medical conditions on willing volunteers and staff. How cool is that?

Thanks to the awesome support from ThedaCare, our students got to use top-notch new equipment which made everything even more exciting!

Big shoutout to Mr. Poliak, our amazing Project Lead the Way Teacher. He was there every step of the way, teaching the students how to do physical vital sign assessments. What a legend!

These classes are wonderful for any student dreaming of a healthcare career. Keep up the awesome work, everyone!



Undefeated Season!

Mr. Clark (coach) and the BMS Girls Basketball team finished their season 8-0! High fives to all of you! Way to go team!



Robotics Team State Bound!

Berlin Team, "Chi" has will be competing in the State Championship on March 1 and 2 in Ashwaubenon. Best of luck to this great team!



Berlin Middle School

Be Respectful

- Use active listening and clear communication when expressing thoughts
- Express needs and emotions in an appropriate manner

Be Responsible

- Use organizational skills and strategies to focus attention
- Come to class on time and prepared with materials

Be Safe

- Work cooperatively and productively with others
- See something, Say something



SPRING BREAK

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 21 -
Friday, March 29

Enjoy your vacation!

Spaghetti Supper:

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

- Take-Outs Available
- \$10 Adult, \$7 Student, 4 & Under FREE
- Purchase ticket from High School Office or at the door

FREE

Band & Choir Concert

6:30 pm Start

- BHS Large Gym

BHS Band & Choir Concert

& SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Tuesday, March 12

Berlin High School Commons & Auditorium



Spaghetti supper proceeds will go towards scholarships

BMS Activities Night

Friday, March 15 | 3:45pm - 5:45pm

Our second annual activities night will be open to all middle school students to come enjoy a night by participating in a variety of activities! From basketball to Bingo there should be something for all students to enjoy! Concessions will also be available for students to purchase and the night is free to all BMS students!

Forward Exam Testing Dates

March 18, 19, 20

April 9, 10, 11, 17

8th Grade Only - April 18, 19, 23, 24, 25

Make-up testing for students will occur throughout April for students to complete tests they did not finish or were absent for.

Forward Exam



Berlin Middle School students will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam during the spring testing window. State exams are required by both State (Wis. Stat. § 118.30) and Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) (Every Student Succeeds Act) Law. Our school is scheduled to take the Wisconsin Forward Exam from Monday, March 18 - Friday, April 26.

The exam measures knowledge and skills all students should have for their grade-level in the area(s) of language arts and math; as well as 8th graders in science and social studies. One or more subtests may be administered daily during our selected time frame. Students not in school on testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

Attached is an Information for Families ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) brochure that gives more information. Students' performance on the assessment will not affect their grades, however, please encourage your child to do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations regarding curriculum, placement, and services to best support students.

Please make sure your child has their chromebooks charged each night. If students have ear buds/headphones that plug into the computer, they can use those. Otherwise, earbuds/headphones will be provided - students are not allowed to use wireless earbuds for state testing. Cell phones and/or smart watches are not allowed in the testing room. Students should leave these at home or can leave them in their lockers during testing.

Additionally, we want all students to do their very best on this exam with your support. Eating a nutritious breakfast and getting a good night sleep will help your child focus and give their best effort of the test. We appreciate your support and efforts with this.

If you have any questions, please contact Principal Colleen Pariso or Director of Instruction Sara Markee.



Parent Teacher Conferences



- Window for parents to sign up will open on March 4, 2024.
- P/T Conferences on Thursday, March 21 from 10:00am to 7:00pm
- 10 minute conference slots available to sign up with teachers you would like to meet with.



Don't Miss Out on a Yearbook!

Yearbook order forms and money are due by **March 20th!** The cost is **\$20** per yearbook. If you would like to provide a special message to your 8th grade student, let us know and we will be happy to get one inserted for \$5. Order forms can be found in the main office- your student can pick up extras if needed!



Exciting Performance by the 6th Grade Band & Choir!

The fantastic 6th-grade band and choir amazed the 5th-grade audience with their incredible talents!

The BMS students impressed everyone with their musical skills, playing various instruments like trombones, flutes, saxophones, trumpets, and more! The 5th graders, who will soon be joining the middle school, had the opportunity to explore each instrument and choose what they would love to play.

Additionally, the 6th-grade choir delivered a captivating performance with a delightful melody, making the morning even more memorable!



Berlin Area School District | 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

JULY 2023						
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1 - 2 No School - Winter Break
 12 End of First Semester
 15 No School - Teacher Work Day

AUGUST 2023						
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15-18 New Teacher Days
 22-24 No School - Staff Development
 28-29 No School - Staff Development
 31 First Day of School

FEBRUARY 2024						
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2 No School - Staff Development
 22 No School - Staff Development
 23 No School

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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4 No School - Labor Day
 29 Homecoming

MARCH 2024						
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21 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
 22 No School
 25-29 No School - Spring Break

OCTOBER 2023						
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2 No School - Staff Development
 26 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
 27 No School

APRIL 2024						
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15 No School - Staff Development

NOVEMBER 2023						
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10 No School - Staff Development
 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving

MAY 2024						
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10 No School - Staff Development
 24 Graduation
 27 No School - Memorial Day
 31 Last Day of School

DECEMBER 2023						
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11 No School - Staff Development
 25-29 No School - Winter Break

JUNE 2024						
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