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What Is A Middle Schooler?

What is a middle schooler?

I was asked one day.
 I knew what one was.
 But what should I say?

They are aggressive and bossy.

They are timid and shy.
 They know all the answers,
 But will still ask, "Why?"

They are noise and confusion.
 They are silence that is deep.
 They are sunshine and laughter.
 Or a cloud that will weep.

They are awkward and clumsy.

They are graceful and poised.
 They are ever changing.
 But do not be annoyed.

They are swift as an arrow.
 They are a waster of time.
 They want to be rich.
 But cannot save a dime.

What is a middle schooler?

I was asked one day.
 They are the future unfolding,
 So don't get in their way.

Agenda

by Emily Tatlock and Hilary Arenas

The BMS Agenda will be your new best friend for the next year! You need your Agenda to get in and out of class. It will be used for important assignments, upcoming events, etc. It also has your hall pass in the back, so you will have to fill it out and your teacher will have to fill it out (*you will have to have your agenda filled out and signed to get in and out of class!*). It also lists the presidents, reminds you the rules of the school, has educational quotes, and much more! Keep your Agenda with you at all times!

Coming to School too Early

by Taylor Johnston

There has been students coming to school too early. There are no teachers on duty before 7:45 a.m. and no shelter to keep your child dry, warm, safe, etc. Parents please **DO NOT** bring your kids to school before 7:45 a.m. Thank you!

Baker Middle School Parent Nights

by Hanna Miller

Parent Nights are an excellent opportunity for middle school parents to learn more about the school their children are attending. BMS Parent Nights will consist of a two-part session by Mr. Turner (BMS School Counselor) and Mrs. Lee (Teen Advocate and Teacher). The presentation will include cyber safety, organizational skills, and more. Sessions will be held either in the gym or the BMS library depending on the number of parents.

We plan to have a Parent Night once a month at 6:00 p.m. The first one should be held around the end of October. We will let students know when the date is set. Thank you!

Weight Lifting



by Imma Couch

Weight lifting class is a class before school where you build the structure of your muscles and other strength activities. It's on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. There is no cost to participate in the class. It will be open to all fitness levels. There will be weight lifting and other strength building activities. It is open to 7th and 8th graders (boys & girls) from 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. and the limit of students is about 15 to start.



Fit Club

by Koby Hansen

Fit Club is a club dedicated to increasing your physical health and your grades. At the head of Fit Club are Mrs. Sullivan and Ms. Davis.

Fit Club is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It starts by meeting in room 4 for twenty minutes to do homework and have help on homework. There will be a free snack available. At 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Sullivan will take you for 30 minutes of exercise. We will return to BMS at 4:00 p.m. Fit Club is optional on any day. For example, you may have some sort of sport or appointment going on Tuesday so - you don't have to attend Fit Club every day. Fit club is a good way to have help with homework and get in shape at the same time.

P.E.

by Rab Bowers

For the first months students will be playing soccer and Lacrosse in their P.E classes.



The second week of school the students did fitness testing and were introduced to workout Wednesday. Workout Wednesday is a station workout that includes a variety of exercises.

At the end of the year students achieving higher than the 85th percentile on fitness tests will be given a special award. So, make sure your child is eating right and not sitting in front of the T.V all day.

The Art of Football

by Katelynne Raley

Baker Middle School is proud to be associated with the *BMS Dawg Football Team*, coached by Mr. Uriarte. Coach Uriarte is kind but strict and he teaches his players to work hard and always go for the ball. He was a football player at a city college in San Francisco, where he also played baseball. Coach Uriarte has coached football since 2001, five of those years were spent coaching at Baker High School, and the last four he has spent coaching here at Baker Middle School. "I love teaching these kids how to play a sport that they love, because I want to see them be successful and yet have a good time," says Coach Uriarte during his football interview Tuesday night, when asked what he loved most about coaching. He also said he likes to see kids have fun while learning and growing in something they are good at, and that is exactly what he

sees. Football is a time for kids to get together, learn life skills like communication and teamwork and also learn how to be fierce but respectful.

Baker Dawg Football is proud to welcome their one and only 8th grade girl football player, **Rebekah Rushton**. Rebekah plays as a left guard, and her favorite part in football is blocking offensively on her line. As a left guard, Rebekah has to "keep the quarterback from getting smushed." Rebekah says her favorite thing about the coach is, "He makes sure we get things done, but he's not mean about it. And he wants us to all be our best." Sadly, Rebekah is thinking about quitting football and resorting to soccer. During her interview on Friday, she said, "I think this will be my last year playing football, but while I am playing, I am enjoying every moment of it."

How to Behave At a Football Game

by Stephanie Mazzagotte

- ☑ Students attending a football game must have one thing in mind - to watch the game and visit with friends while seated on the bleachers.
- ☑ Hills and End Zones are not for students to mess around on.
- ☑ At half time you are allowed to get up and walk around until the game begins again.

- ☑ There is no going in and out of the stadium during the game. If the supervisors witness you multiple times they may ask you to go home.
- ☑ There is no adult supervision outside the stadium so the police may be contacted if the students are being inappropriate outside of the stadium.



THANK YOU!

CrossCountry



by Bailey Hill

Want to run? Join Cross Country! Ms. Butler is the coach, she says that we need more runners! Sign up at the office or ask Ms. Butler for a sign-up sheet. Have fun!

VOLLEYBALL

by Makayla Lafferty

BMS has started volleyball for 2010 - 11 season. There are 7th and 8th grade traveling teams that practice at BMS. The intramural teams practice at the YMCA from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We would love to see you at the games to cheer us on!



Music



by Jacob Rilee
 Music this year is taught by Mr. Sizer and Ms. Sands. They offer musical skills here at BMS.

student teaching in both of these areas.

Mr. Sizer teaches instruments such as trombone, trumpet, drums, etc.

Mr. Sizer teaches band and Ms. Sands teaches choir, in addition to this, Mr. Denne is

Come support us by going to our band concerts.

Girl Circle

by Tiffani Fisher
 What is Girl Circle? What do you do in Girl Circle? Girl Circle is a club for girls to empower them, help them make good choices, where they can talk about anything, and to let them know it's ok to be a girl. You get to do fun projects and work on social and peer skills. You get to do this with the wonderful Mrs. Warner. Mrs. Warner started this class because she saw

that there needed to be a club just for girls who don't play sports and who can advise each other. It's open to a limited amount of 7th and 8th grade girls. Mrs. Warner loves teaching this group and says this group is extremely FUN!!!!!!

Girl Circle starts sometime early in October and will most likely be on Mondays.

Girl Circle MOTTO:

What happens in Girl Circle, stays in Girl Circle!

School Dances

by Carly Thayer
 School dances begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The admission fee is \$3. Drinks, pictures, and snacks may cost extra. After 7:30 p.m. no students will be allowed in or out of the building unless it is arranged with Ms. Vaughan or Mr. Shermer, also your parents must be available to come pick you up.

No items like glow sticks are allowed. Come to dance and socialize, not to play or run around.

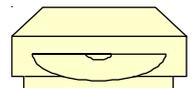
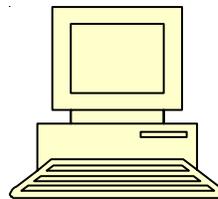
Thank you, Ms. Vaughan and Mr. Shermer, for chaperoning our dances.



Computers

by Orrin Black
 This year students can and probably will use the computers in a computer class. This computer class will teach students various computer skills that will hopefully help them in later life. They are currently learning how to use Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Peers enrolling in computer class will also learn cyber safety and internet research skills.

When they are not working they are allowed to find new and interactive websites to share with the class. This class teaches students to be comfortable with their computer as a learning tool, not as just a media tool, or as a toy.



Atta DAWGS

Atta DAWGS are rewards that are given at BMS for Random Acts of Kindness.

They can be used for the following:

1. Teachers will witness students doing good things.
2. Doing something kind for another student.
3. Some teachers give them to students with A+'s.
4. In general teachers are looking for students doing the right thing even if no one is looking.

1. Go to the front of the lunch line.
2. Free popcorn or soda at a dance.
3. \$1 off the entry into a dance.
4. Hall pass.
5. Piece of candy from the main office.
6. School supply from the main office.
7. School library overdue fine forgiven (up to \$0.50).

8. No run pass in P.E. (non-testing days) one time per quarter.
9. \$1 credit for after school art classes.
10. Eat snack in class pass.
11. Extra credit at teacher discretion.



There is always room at the top.

by Daniel Webster

He who hesitates is lost.

Proverb

All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them.

by Walt Disney

Red Ribbon Week

by Tiffani Fisher

The history of Red Ribbon Week starts with the kidnapping, torture and brutal murder of a "DEA", Drug Enforcement Administration, Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985.

His successful discovery of a multimillion dollar narcotics manufacturing operation angered leaders of several drug cartels who sought revenge.



On February 7, 1985 they kidnapped Agent Camarena. The DEA discovered that "Kiki" was tortured extensively before he was murdered.

Now Red Ribbon Week is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States. We honor "Kiki" and Red Ribbon Week by promoting a drug free life style. Students at BMS dress crazy in remembrance of Red Ribbon Week.

They can because they think they can.

Morning Advisory

by Katelynne Raley

Advisory is a 1st period morning class, Monday through Thursday, where students watch channel 1 news, study for tests, finish homework, and read. Tuesdays and Thursdays are strictly reading days. The purpose of this is to improve students' reading grades and help students earn Accelerated Reader points.

Almost all of the teachers have their own advisory class, and some of them have a theme for their advisory, such as: Spirit Club, Rachel's Challenge, Art, Math Tutoring, etc.



Most students like advisory because they can finish homework from other classes and play games. They also like it because it usually doesn't have any homework. Each student's advisory room is considered their home room.

THE BIG CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

by Madison Hatfield

So what is happening in science so far? And what is up with this crime scene investigation thing?

Well, look out Baker Middle School for the science

teachers - Mrs.Hurliman, Ms.Butler and Mrs.Files - are turning ordinary middle school teenagers into crimes scene investigators. From tracing finger prints to testing coca-cola for chemicals, and all sorts of other cool things . Mrs. Hurliman and Ms.Butler say, "With suspects and murder crime scenes, we thought that it was a good thing to start off the year with, and the students can feel like real scientists."



There is actual evidence that was placed in a staged crime scene for students to observe and test. The best thing about this mystery is that no one knows "Who done it." "It was pretty much all information based and it was great to see all the different minds working together," says Ms.Butler. So with that, will there be another crime scene investigation ... who knows?

The Baker Middle School science department is also working on meeting and exceeding all state science standards.

Magazine Drive

by Hanna Miller

Leadership is having a magazine drive again!

Last year, the leadership class raised a huge amount of money that went to painting our lockers purple and several other "school beautification projects." The magazine drive kicked-off September 30, starting with an assembly during school to explain to students how it works. There have been some changes this year, including more prizes!

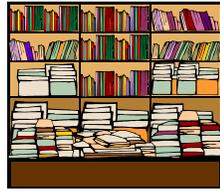


You can order magazines from any BMS student and leadership greatly appreciates the help!

LANGUAGE ARTS

by Naomi Forsyth

Here at Baker Middle School we have two amazing language arts teachers, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Lair. In Mrs. Lair's class there is a lot of fun things going on, as well as Mrs. Lee's.



In the first quarter Mrs. Lee's class is going to learn about Rachel Scott and each other. In Mrs. Lair's class the students are working on grammar by pointing out mistakes in the real world and blogging about the classroom. Of course both classes will be working hard to improve state test scores. I strongly think that this year will be very productive for your child and most definitely fun.

ART and SPANISH

by Alex Wachtel

Baker Middle School has Art and Spanish as electives. These two categories are loads of fun. You can learn a whole new language and get some fun tips on art.



Art is a creative way to show who you are. Spanish is fun and useful as well and will prepare you for high school and college Spanish classes. Mrs. Rembold also teaches computer lab and they do fun activities there as well.



These classes provide creative thinking and a new language and Mrs. Rembold is an amazing teacher.

MATH



by Della Diamond

Mr. Van Winkle and Mr. Ramos are teachers of the Math Department and they would like 100% of students to pass on their state assessments this year. They hope that at least 20% will exceed. This year the math department, is using strategies to help students improve their test scores.

Mr. Van Winkle is a new teacher this year and he suggests that for homework difficulties, parents should help their child or sign them up for a study club. Pretests this year were also a little bit disappointing, but they hope to improve.

I never let school interfere with my education.

by Mark Twain

SOCIAL STUDIES

by Naomi Forsyth

We have two Social Studies teachers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Shermer. In Mr. Mitchell's class there is tons of fun things going on. His classes are learning about different cultures. One of the big goals is that students will give a presentation in December.

If your student is having trouble in Social Studies, our teachers will let you work with a partner or take your work to advisory for extra help. I believe that this year will be a productive year in Social Studies!

Compare the things that keep you busy with your goals and values to see if your priorities are in the right place.



THANK YOU SAFEWAY!

by Bailey Hill

Thanks to Safeway's dedication to the eScrip funding program we now have more money for Mrs. Vaughan's student funds.

It is never too late to join the eScrip program, sign up at www.escrip.com, and add Baker Middle School as group name, and 8560894 for the group ID. If you don't have internet come to the Baker Middle School Office, and get a sheet that you may mail in. Thanks!



True heroes are role models and mentors. They are the people who impact your life in a positive way.



Advancing Toward the Future, One Paw at a Time.

Ms. Butler

by Hope Collard

Ms. Butler graduated from University of Oregon and Eastern Oregon University. She has her degree in International Business and an additional masters in Elementary Education.

Some techniques that she uses to help her students are visual learning and hands on. She has been teaching like that for 2 years.

Some silly facts about Ms. Butler are that her favorite food is eggplant. She loves donuts, and her favorite color is Duck's green. GO DUCKS!



**Success is the sum of small efforts,
repeated day in and day out.**

by Robert Collier

Mrs. Hurliman

by Hope Collard

Mrs. Hurliman went to Oregon State University where she received her bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Then she went to Eastern Oregon University where she received her masters in education. This may be her first year but she sure looks like she is having a blast! She loves to do a lot of hands-on activities such as labs and experiments, because she feels they are the best way to learn science.

One thing about Mrs. Hurliman is that she loves spending time with her family. Good luck this year Mrs. Hurliman!



**If at first you don't
succeed, try, try, again.**

by W. C. Fields

Mr. Mitchell

by Hope Collard

Mr. Mitchell went to college in California, but finished at Eastern Oregon University. He has been teaching ever since 1982.

Some techniques that he uses to help his students are to encourage responsibilities and he uses a lot of visual cues in his teaching style.

He enjoys time in the woods with family and friends. He could be really happy in a bakery. I see what he means!

Mr. Brakel

by Hope Collard

Mr. Brakel went to college at San Georgia Delta. He has been teaching for 10 years. He tries to keep order when he teaches, but he is discouraged when the daytime runs out.

A great day to Mr. Brakel is when everyone is in a great mood and he gets to spend time with family and friends. He says that he is proud and happy to be a part of such a great school and be around such smart students. He has a lot of fun working at Baker Middle School.

Mrs. Sullivan

by Hope Collard

Mrs. Sullivan has taught for 26 years! That is a LONG time! She graduated from Eastern Oregon University and this year she is in charge of P.E., Yearbook, Newspaper, and Leadership.

A fun fact about Mrs. Sullivan is that she believes that a good day is when she gets to pet a dog and her idea of a great day is when she gets to pet a



little puppy. She has a 15 year old wiener dog and a 3 month old golden retriever. That's Mrs. Sullivan for you.

Mrs. Rembold

by Hope Collard

Mrs. Rembold attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon and graduated with a degree in Physical Education from L&C in 1982.

She is teaching three classes a day of computers, and three elective classes. Right now her electives are two art classes and one Spanish class. She says that she does not have enough time in the day, and that she is here after school late each night, she uses her computer a whole lot to try to stay organized.

Her idea of a great day is a nice lazy hike with her family. Her favorite quote is from William Shakespeare, she says "to climb steep hills requires slow pace at first." That is a good one!

**Along with success comes a reputation
for wisdom.** by Euripides

Mrs. Files

by Hope Collard

Mrs. Files went to Wesley College, Denver for 2 years, and Wesley St. College of Colorado for two years and Western Governors for two years. Wow! She must be really smart.

She has been teaching for two years. Some techniques that she uses in her class is she likes to teach everything in different ways, like having the students take notes, worksheets, videos clips, and a whole bunch other stuff.

Something she likes to think is that SCIENCE ROCKS!

**The only bad question, is the
unasked question.**

by (our very own) Mr. Gary Shermer

