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BMS ENEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10-17, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Basalt Community,

Basalt Middle School has some important events on the horizon, and I hope we can have great parent turnout. One extremely important event is the Basalt Middle School community meeting for the facilities master plan on October 28th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is vital that our parents come out and voice their opinions on the following topics:

- * Do our school buildings need to be renovated and when?
- * Do new/additional schools need to be built to accommodate population demands and where should they be located?
- * Is access to our schools safe and efficient, including parking lots, traffic flow and proximity to surrounding communities?
- * What types of spaces do we need in our schools to promote teaching and learning?
- * Should we plan for meeting and community spaces in our schools?
- * Do we need to improve the outdoor spaces and the exteriors of our schools?
- * Do we have adequate space for early childhood development/preschools?

Facility master plans are conducted once a decade, and the decisions made by this group of diverse stakeholders will directly impact the allocation of resources for the future. Your involvement and input is needed to ensure that our plans meet the needs of our community and school.

Another upcoming date is parent-teacher conferences, which are set for November 6th and 7th. Our first quarter ends on October 22. We will be contacting you in the coming weeks to set up your child's conference. Our goal is always to have 100% participation, and we look forward to productive meetings with you. If you have concerns about your child's progress thus far, don't hesitate to contact teachers for an update any time.

Finally, our second PAC (Parent Accountability Committee) meeting is slated for October 14th at 8:20 a.m. in the cafeteria. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. I look forward to hearing your feedback on the following topics:

- * The Online Gradebook
- * Academic All-Stars and Recognition Systems
- * Schools to Watch Staff Survey Results
- * New Student Survey Possibility
- * Math Curriculum

As always, if you have an questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me at 384-5901.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Voss
Basalt Middle School, Principal

WHAT WE'RE READING THIS WEEK:

Helping Kids Take Criticism Constructively (even when it's not constructive)
http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/10/02/helping-kids-take-criticism-constructively-even-when-it-isnt-constructive/?_php=true&_type=blogs&_php=true&_type=blogs&smid=tw-share&r=1&

Common Core Math is not fuzzy
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2014/09/15/common-core-math-education-standards-fluency-column/15693531/>

ECigarettes-- they do appear in middle school. What you need to know in English and Spanish
<http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/e-cigarettes.html>

BMS EVENTS: OCTOBER 10-17, 2014

ONGOING: ENRICHMENT WEDNESDAYS REGISTRATION. Registration for Enrichment Wednesdays Session 2 (Oct. 29-Dec. 17) is now open. Check out this link for all class and registration information: <http://bms.rfsd.k12.co.us/uncategorized/1292-enrichment-wednesdays.html>

OCTOBER 10- NOVEMBER 10: COAT DRIVE. BMS will have a coat donation box in the front foyer. Have any outgrown coats you'd like to donate? Please stop by and drop them off.

OCTOBER 11: FIESTA DE TAMALES. English in Action holds this 20th anniversary fundraiser at BMS from 5-8 p.m. with homemade tamale and pupusa dinner, live music and entertainment, and more. Visit www.englishinaction.org for details.

OCTOBER 14: PARENT ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING. Join Principal Voss to go over important BMS projects and news. Parents are highly encouraged to attend-- your

feedback is important to BMS' success! This month we'll be discussing gradebook and parent feedback, the All-Stars and recognition systems, Schools to Watch rubric, a new student survey possibility, and our math curriculum adoption. Meet in the cafeteria at 8:20 a.m. If you can't attend and have feedback, please email or call Principal Voss. OCTOBER 14: AVSC AT BMS. From 5-7 p.m., AVSC will be at Basalt Middle School to register students for ski & snowboard lessons. Visit www.teamavsc.org for all details.

OCTOBER 15: BMS PICTURE DAY. Heads up! Time for a haircut. Forms should be coming home for you to make your order on Oct. 13. If not, ask at the front desk.

OCTOBER 16: BOYS BASKETBALL BEGINS at 3:30 p.m. Contact Ty Hayden for details.

OCTOBER 16: BMS BAND CONCERT. All grades in the BMS Band show off their progress at this welcome concert at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

OCTOBER 16: FACILITY MASTER PLAN MEETING @ BES, 6-8 pm. If your student is not in band, you can attend the RFSD Community Sharing & Input Sessions on the Facility Master Plan. A second BMS-specific meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28th in the BMS Library from 6-8 p.m. We highly encourage all parents to come weigh in at one or both meetings. More information is here: <http://bms.rfsd.k12.co.us/important-announcements/1255-facility-community-mtg.html>

BMS SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 21: CHOIR PREVIEW CONCERT. The BMS Choir hits the stage to sing down the house at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 22: END OF QUARTER 1. Be sure your students have all their assignments in before quarter's end! Don't hesitate to contact teachers if you have questions.

OCTOBER 23-24: NO SCHOOL for families. Fall Break.

OCTOBER 28: BMS hosts a RFSD Facilities Meeting from 6-8 p.m. in the BMS Library. Come weigh in on this important issue for BMS. All information is here: <http://bms.rfsd.k12.co.us/important-announcements/1255-facility-community-mtg.html>

OCTOBER 29-DEC. 17. ENRICHMENT WEDNESDAY SESSION 2. Enrichment Wednesday Session 2 classes begin. For the informational letter in English and Spanish and registration, click here: <http://bms.rfsd.k12.co.us/uncategorized/1292-enrichment-wednesdays.html>

NOV. 6-7: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES. Save the date-- information will be coming home soon about conference times.

NOV. 8: TASTE OF BASALT. Save the date for this annual fundraiser that contributes greatly to all Basalt schools. Sponsorship and donation opportunities are also available. Tickets are now available for sale from Laurie in the front office or at <http://www.basaltedu.org/>. BMS raffle tickets for items given away at the Taste of Basalt are now on sale-- all raffle proceeds benefit BMS. See below! Win a TV!

NOV. 14. BMS SCIENCE NIGHT RETURNS. The John McConnell Math & Science Center is returning to the BMS cafeteria for another popular evening of STEM experimentation and fun. Save the date!

BEF / BMS RAFFLE TICKETS:

The Basalt Education Foundation is our rock-star organization that funds Basalt schools special programs and needs. Their annual Taste of Basalt dinner fundraiser on Nov. 8 includes a raffle for major items like a 65" LED HD TV! Each BMS student was sent home this week with 10 tickets to sell. All proceeds will go directly back to BMS. Last year this raised over \$4,000! BMS students who didn't sell magazines can still sell 5 tickets and get into the special BMX Bike Show on Oct. 20th. Tickets are \$5/ticket or \$20/five tickets. All information on the raffle is listed here:

<http://bms.rfsd.k12.co.us/important-announcements/1261-bef-raffle.html>

BMS ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES:

BOOKS WANTED: Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Adams is looking to fill out her classroom library with great examples as she works on the elements of a story with her students. She would love the donation of quality chapter books grades 3-6 and picture books. If you have questions, call her at 384-5892.

GOT BLACK PANTS & SHOES? THE BMS BAND CONCERT IS COMING UP. If your student has outgrown BMS band shirts, black shoes, or black pants in good condition, bring them to the BMS donation box in the foyer. Donate what you don't need and take what you do to ensure our students look smart and in uniform for the upcoming band concert.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: OCTOBER 10-17, 2014

OCT. 11: MET OPERA, VERDI'S MACBETH. The Isis Theatre presents this opera at 10:55 a.m. for \$16/person.

OCT. 11: BOARDING SCHOOL FAIR. Aspen Country Day School hosts a Boarding School Fair offering students a chance to find out about options for high school and beyond. 2 p.m., Free.

<https://www.aspencountryday.org/page.cfm?p=480&LockSSL=true>

OCT. 13-17: TEEN READ WEEK at the Basalt Regional Library. Stop by after school for activities, crafts, and to check out our new books. Submit a review (1 paragraph+) of your favorite book to enter to win an autographed copy of Marie Lu's new book, The Young Elites. Reviews can be emailed to erin.hollingsworth@basaltlibrary.org or can be dropped off at the library.

OCT. 14: TEEN TRIVIA. From 4:30-5:30 p.m. is another round of Teen Trivia at the Basalt Regional Library. Come test your trivia knowledge, eat some snacks, and compete to win prizes!

OCT. 16: MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY. The Josefina Mendez Trio plays Bossas, Boleros, and Bop at the Basalt Regional Library at 5:30 p.m. for free.

OCT. 23 MOVIE SCREENING. At 4 p.m. is a showing of the page-to-screen movie Warm Bodies (PG-13) at the Basalt Regional Library. Ages 13+. Popcorn and a movie! Dress like a zombie to get a prize.

OCT. 18-19. GIRLS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IMMERSION WEEKEND. This parent/daughter weekend for 6th, 7th, 8th grade girls is structured to balance fun and learning while building community and camaraderie. Details at: <http://www.girlsleadershipinstitute.org/programs/colorado/parent/daughter-grades-6-7-8>

OCT. 30 at 4 p.m., HALLOWEEN AT BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY. Shiloh from Rifle Gap State Parks will be here to teach us about bats and to tell scary campfire stories!

ONGOING @ BASALT LIBRARY. Every Wednesday is Wii Wednesday at Basalt Regional Library from 3:30-5 p.m.

ONGOING @ BMS & BASALT LIBRARY. CMC is offering free drop-in workshops for job seekers on Mondays & Wednesdays at BMS and Thursdays at Basalt Library. Visit here for flyer: <http://bms.rfsd.k12.co.us/uncategorized/1251-community-news.html>

CONTACT US!

SUBMIT TO THE BMS NEWSLETTER: Do you know of an event or resource that BMS could include in the weekly enewsletter? Send your information to ajohnson@rfschools.com. Deadline for submission is Wednesday at noon for the following week. All posts are subject to administration approval.

BMS ON FACEBOOK: Want to keep up on the latest BMS news? Don't forget to "Like" or better yet "follow" our BMS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BasaltMiddleSchool>. Have something you'd like posted? Send it to ajohnson@rfschools.com. If it's a flyer, please submit as a jpg (not a pdf).