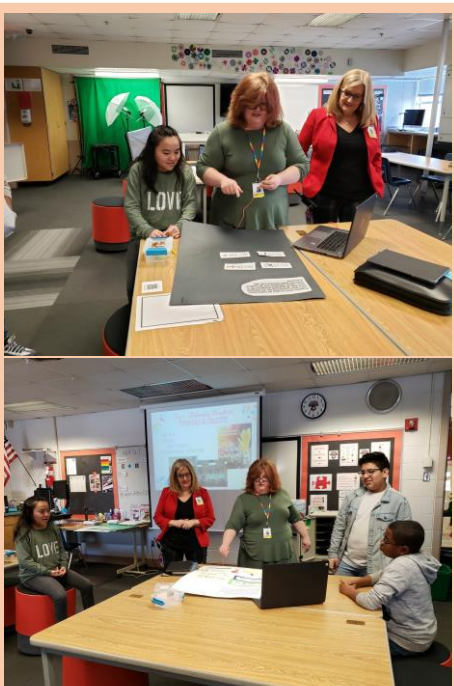




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We were delighted to have School Board Director Jackie Mosquedo-Jones visit our school and classrooms on Wednesday, March 20th. While visiting she was able to meet and talk with many BMS students and teachers. Principal Monette introduced her to three of our 6th grade students who are very innovated and creative in learning math in our STEAM ColLaboratory. Nehemiah Stringer, Angelina Vang and Brandon Vargas Mendoza were able to demonstrate how they are doing math problems through Makey Makey! Thank you Director Mosquedo-Jones for taking the time from your busy schedule to join us!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, April 8 – Friday April 12
MCA Reading

Monday, April 15 April 12
MCA Reading Makeup

Tuesday, April 16 – Thursday April 18
MCA Math

Friday, April 19
NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 15 April 12
MCA Math Makeup

Thursday, April 25th
Conferences
3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
STEAM Creativity Fair
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
5th Grade Preview Night
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29th
Snow closing makeup day

Wednesday, May 1 – Friday May 3
MCA Science (8th Grade only)

Wednesday May 15th
Honors Night @PCSH
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23rd
Multicultural Night
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
South Gym & Cafeteria

May 27th
NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

Thursday, June 6th
Last Day for Students



Olivia with Ms. Monette & Ms. Havelak

Way to go, wrestlers!

Olivia Sackor, a 7th grader at BMS, and Tatiyana Schack, an 8th grader at OMS, each took fifth place at the Minnesota Women's Wrestling high school state championships in March.



Testing Season is here!

Spring is a busy time for standardized testing in our schools. These state and district mandated tests are used to determine growth, proficiency, achievement gap reduction and graduation rates. Though these test scores are not used in the grading process, teachers, counselors and program coordinators include these scores when reviewing classroom placement, and enrichment and intervention opportunities. Please remind your child to do his/her best on all tests so that their scores accurately reflect his/her skills and knowledge. It is important on these testing days, like every other day, that your child comes to school well rested, on time and well fed.

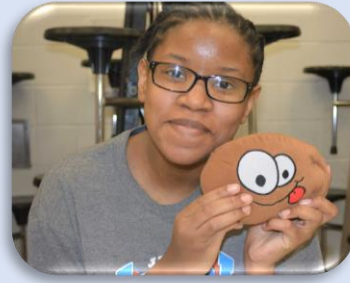
BMS Student Council NEWS

New Events We've Scheduled

By: Stephanie Onofre and Douachee Yang
Student Council Co-Historians

During February, Brooklyn Middle School's Student Council sold chocolate bars and ring pops for students to gift friends which were delivered on Valentine's Day. On March 6th, we began to sell tickets for the First Annual All-School Carnival and Dance which was held on March 15th. Ticket selling occurred during lunch, where students could easily pay their tickets and chat with friends while enjoying their meals. This was the school year's most invested dance so far where students were able to dance, socialize, play some games, and celebrate the end of trimester 2. We had about 10 games and one lucky student won a huge jar of jelly beans by guessing closest to the actual count.

Now that student council has progressed through two thirds of the school year, we are very excited to announce that we're planning the 8th grade Semi-Formal later this spring. We ensure that all 8th graders who come to celebrate at their last special dance in middle school will make great memories with their friends. Our 8th graders will then be going into their freshman year of high school. The target date is Saturday, May 11th.



Save the date!

Thursday May 23rd, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Come and celebrate our
Multicultural Night!**

**Bring your family and friends
for an evening of music, dance
performances, arts and crafts,
and food! Hope to see you
there!**



Important School Safety Rules

We also want to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians of some important school safety rules which are located in the Parent/Student Handbook you should have received back in August:

- ALL VISITORS to BMS MUST present a picture ID when picking up a student.
- Balloons, signs, flowers, beverages, food and other items WILL NOT be allowed in school.
- Food from outside vendors will not be allowed for school lunch as indicated in the handbook.
- All vehicles dropping off or picking up students before and after school must do so on the street side of the fence in our parking lot, watching carefully for other pedestrians. The area closest to the school is for busses only.

All our school rules and guidelines are on our school website and in the Parent/Student Handbook. If you did not receive a handbook and need one you can request one in the main office at BMS.

Thank you

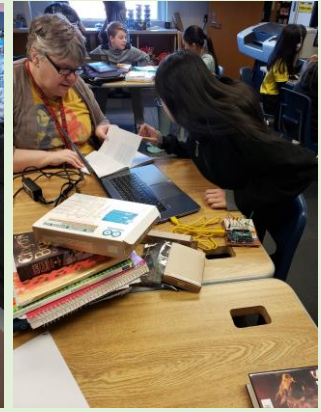
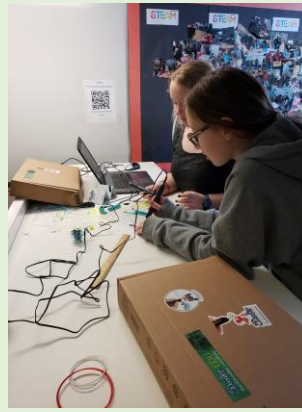
Kim Monette, Principal

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Passion Project

Submitted by Hafizah Adam 7th grade

In our iEngineer advisory class, we will be showcasing some of our student's passion project on April 23, 2019 during conferences and the STEAM creativity fair. For those of you who do not know what a passion project is, it is a project where students choose a technology that we have used and use it to create a creation that we are passionate about. Students will be showcasing their creations and explaining about it. Many of the students are working on great creations. For example, a student is creating a landscape using the 3D pens. Another student is using the vinyl cutter to create a decal sticker to hang on a classroom wall and mug. Another student is using the 3D printer to design a stylus pen holder to attach to his iPad. They will be showcasing their projects in the CollABoratory - room in 203. We are happy and excited for you to be impressed and see what a wonderful job these students have done.



iEngineer students work on their passion projects during advisory



The Bulldog Cafe will be open during our STEAM Creativity Fair in April.

Students will prepare and serve a delicious meal to parents and staff for free will donations.

Menu planning going on now!



Parent Teacher Conferences Update

Parent Teacher Conferences for Tri III will be held on Thursday, April 25th. The teachers will be in their individual classrooms. Please take time to visit the STEAM Creativity Fair that will be happening the same evening. You will be able to view many projects that the students have been working in all year and see some students in action on potters wheels, cooking (visit the Bulldog Café) and view our iEngineers in action in the CollABoratory - room 203.

We will also be offering our preview night to our upcoming 6th graders (current 5th graders) on the same night as the previously scheduled night in February was cancelled due to the weather.



Important Calendar Change

Monday, April 29th is now a regular school. Students are expected to report to school as usual. This is a snow closing make up day. It will be a DAY 2.

Join us for our Spring Music Concerts featuring BMS Students

Band 8 & Jazz 1 - Thursday, May 9

BMS Orchestra - Tuesday, May 14

Band 6 & 7 & Jazz 2 - Thursday, May 16

Choir 8 - Monday, May 20

Choir 6 & 7 Grade - Tuesday, May 21

All concerts at the Park Center Auditorium 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.



6th Grade field trip to Minnesota Historical Museum and State Capital – March 2019



Submitted by Ms. Jenson – 6th Grade Social teacher

6th graders at BMS recently took a field trip to the Minnesota History Center and State Capitol. Highlights of the trip included exhibits to feel the drama of the Fridley tornado, try pushing a plow, and scoop 'ice-cream' for their friends at the soda shop. Students also had a lesson at the History Center to find out more about either Minnesota inventions or Minnesota's role in the Civil War.

At the State Capitol, students were able to tour the recently renovated building and hear about some of the unique features. Students had the opportunity to sit in a room where they have supreme court trials and to see examples of artwork representing our state.

In all, our sixth graders did a wonderful job representing our school and community. These experiences will be memorable and meaningful as we finish off the school year learning more about our state and our history.

Coding & Makey Makey in Math Class

6th grade math students collaborated with Ms. Enderle and Ms. Comisar on creating their own interactive word problems using Makey Makey. Makey Makey is an electronic invention kit that interacts with your computer by using objects that are conductive as replacements for keyboards and mice. Students used the alligator clips and conductive copper tape to connect to their posters to the Makey Makey and then used the coding program Scratch to make their word problem come alive. When students finished, they got a chance to play each other's game! This was a fun project for students to learn more about word problems, circuits, and how to code!

