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Bloomington Junior High School

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A message from Dr. Silvey

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday May 11
Friday, May 12
Monday, May 15
Tuesday, May 16
Thursday, May 18

String Extravaganza at BHS—7:30 p.m.
Seventh/Eighth Grade Chorus Concert—Cafetorium—7:00 p.m.
Sixth Grade Chorus Concert—Cafetorium—7:00 p.m.
Jazz Band Concert—Cafetorium—7:00 p.m.
Honor Society Initiation—Cafetorium 6th Grade—6:30 p.m.
7th and 8th grades—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23
Wednesday, May 24
Thursday, May 25
Friday, May 26
Tuesday, May 30

BJHS Awards Night—Gymnasium—6:30 p.m.
Eighth Grade Trip to Six Flags—8B
Eighth Grade trip to Six Flags—8J & 8H
Seventh grade trip to Fairview Water Park
LAST DAY! Students report 8:00-8:15 a.m.
Due to the snow day in April, this is the new date for the last day of school.

AWARDS NIGHT AT BJHS

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade awards assemblies will be combined into one event that will be held in the gymnasium on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. This event will showcase the various talents of our students. We encourage you to attend as this is sure to be an exciting night. **Letters will be mailed in mid-May to parents of students who will receive an award(s) that night.**

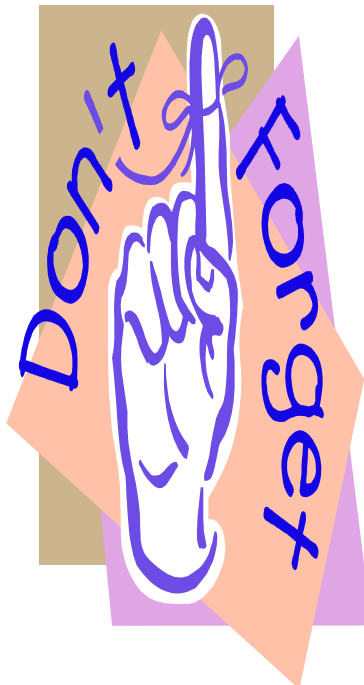
Important Reminders!

About your student's lunch account:

The last day any charges will be accepted on a student's lunch account is May 1, 2006. All outstanding debts must be paid on or before this day. If you still wish to put money in a student's account for him/her to draw from, you will still be able to do so. All leftover funds will be transferred to that student's account for the next school year. If a student transfers or withdraws from District 87, arrangements will be made for a refund of lunch funds. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Marc Dietz at the BJHS cafeteria.

About your student's library books:

All buildings in the district have set the last day for book checkout for students as Friday, May 5th, with all library books to be returned to school **no later than May 12**. Please be sure to remind your student to check his/her locker and return any library materials by this date.



TWO VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE NURSE:

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Dental Examination Requirement (new this year)

All Students in Illinois are required to show proof of having a dental examination as mandated by the State of Illinois (Public Act 93-946). The Act requires all children in Kindergarten and the 2nd and 6th grades of any public, private, or parochial school to have a dental examination. It provides that if a child in the 2nd or 6th grade fails to present proof of having been examined by a dentist by May 15th of the school year, the school may hold the child's report card until one of the following occurs: (a) the child presents proof of a completed dental examination or (b) the child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15th. It also requires the Department of Public Health to establish, by rule, a waiver for children who show undue burden or a total lack of access to a dentist. Please call me, Cathy Rinehart, School Nurse for BJHS, with any questions or requests for dental forms.



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

High School Registration Requirements

It is not too soon to be setting physician appointments for the required 9th grade physical exams and immunizations. On registration day at Bloomington High School in August 2006, your student's first stop will be the nurse's table. In order to continue through and complete registration, your student **MUST** have the following:

1. The State of Illinois DHS Certificate of Child Health Examination form completed and dated no earlier than one year prior to the first day of school. The exam form needs to have all portions completed. Please remember to fill out the health history section and sign on the parent/guardian line. Your physician must complete the exam portion, including assessing your child's body mass index (BMI) and diabetes screening or the form will be considered incomplete and not accepted.
2. Documented proof of required immunizations including any needed boosters. Most students will need to have a Diphtheria/Tetanus booster.

If these items are not complete and available, your student will NOT be able to continue with the registration process. Please help make this exciting transition into high school a smooth one for your student. I encourage you to make the necessary appointments now, instead of waiting until August. Please call me, Cathy Rinehart, School Nurse for BJHS, regarding the status of your student's health record.

Team News

The scoop on 7J...

7J End of the Year Celebration

Save the DATE!

Tuesday, May 9

6:00 p.m. in the BJHS cafetorium,

We will be celebrating a successful year with a talent show, an end of the year video of all 7J students, and welcoming Mrs. Van Heuklon's baby, Katie Anne in to the world, and Mrs. Sapp's children, Mateo Timur & Natalia Grace to the United States.

May 26 – Fairview Water Park

Students were sent home with a contract/permission slip that needed to be signed in order to attend this 7th grade end of the year event.



Outdoor Education

As the second week of OE progresses, I want to take this time to thank all parent/guardian volunteers that have donated supplies and/or their time and energy toward helping the Outdoor Education program. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks!!

Also a big THANKS to:

- BJHS PTO
 - Sue Silvey, John Whitcomb, Sherri Cannon, and Jeff Geringer for their support
 - Adele Kronen for organizational help.
 - Mark Dietz and kitchen staff for helping organize food and storage
 - Mike Brooks and custodial staff for help in storage and carting and carrying
 - Lamont Tyler, Cherie Koch, and Carol Carter for their nursing care.
 - John Whitcomb for schedules.
 - Linda Mardis for secretarial help (thanks for getting subs)
 - Cynthia Gammelgard and Mary Polley for secretarial help
 - Winnie Hocker for scheduling help
 - Cathy Rinehart for medication info and help
 - Ralph Hafley for delivery of the OE trailer
 - Brett Arsenault for donations of name stakes.
 - Jerry Pratt for making the plaques.
 - Steven Loy for making tent stakes.
 - The Knights Workers for excellent work on the campsite binders and other things!
 - Larry Littell
 - T. J Jackson
 - Kim Duffer and Chris Leifeit for recruiting and coordinating all volunteers.
 - Steven Loy; Brett Arsenault; Darla Stover; Brett, Chris, and Ben Leifheit; Julie Steinberg; Charlotte and Anthony Dotts; John Whitcomb; Tracy Beeler; Mary Aplington; Grace Brown; Lynne Curry; Kim, Andy, and Christie Duffer; Frances and Catie Comella; Renee Gliwa; Randy and Rhoby Hamblin; Linn McDonald; Mike Jones; and Dense Taylor for their hard work at the Saturday workday.
 - This Thursday and Friday's clean up and put away crews!!!
 - Tobin's Pizza, Tammy Rittenhouse from Monical's Pizza for their donations
- All staff, especially Dennis Taylor, Beth Twardowski, and Krystal Lewis

Thanks for your dedication and hard work in making Outdoor Education an excellent experience!!

Deb Shaw



Department News

Orchestra News

The final concert for the orchestras at BJHS, the "String Extravaganza" will take place on Thursday, May 11 in the auditorium at **Bloomington High School** at 7:30 P.M. There will be four extra early rehearsals (7:15 A.M.) for this concert; Wednesday May 3, Friday May 5, Monday May 8 and Wednesday May 10. Thank you to all the parents and students who have been so important to the music program here at Bloomington Junior High School!



Club News

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BJHS CHESS TEAM

Nine players of the BJHS Chess Team participated in the National Junior High (K-9) Chess Championship in Louisville, Kentucky on April 7-9. The BJHS Chess Team formed two teams with one team playing in the K-9 Championship Section and the other playing in the K-9 Under 1250 USCF Rating Section. The K-9 Championship Team comprised of Aaron Barton, Dylan Johnson, Eric Schmidt and Curtis Wiese won the fifth place K-9 Championship Team trophy. The K-9 Under 1250 Chess Team composed of Karthik Patil, Nicholas Wiese, Adem Aydoner, and Michael Reilly, finished in eleventh place. Max Nelson competing in the under 1000 USCF rating section tied for 25 place. The BJHS Chess program is one of the finest in the country. GREAT JOB CHESS TEAM!!



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