



Weekly News Update
March 8, 2010

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In an effort to provide more timely information, the Middle School will update this page each Monday for your reading pleasure. Come back each week to discover the news and events at BHMS!



Hoops for Heart

This year will mark our third annual “Hoops for Heart” campaign at the middle school, which is a program set up by the American Heart Association to promote education and research about cardiovascular disease. Someone dies every 33 seconds due to heart disease. In fact, in our country heart disease is the #1 killer, with stroke being #3. This is a very important subject that deserves our full attention. Recently, your student should have brought home a colorful envelope about how to participate.

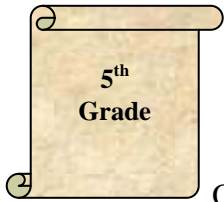
This is the 15th year that the AHA has used the “Hoops for Heart” program. They first began “Jump Rope for Heart” 30 years ago, and you may be familiar with that because Mrs. Neumuller runs that program in the elementary schools. Our program is very similar, where we will be setting up basketball and jump roping activities in the gym from March 15th – 22nd. Students will participate in these activities during PE classes.

Outside of school, students are asked to get friends and family to sponsor them in order to raise money for the AHA. In order for students to solicit donations, they must first turn in the signed permission slip on the envelope flap. Students *do not* need permission slips for the actual event itself, as the activities will be conducted during gym classes, not after school hours.

Students are encouraged to set up their own web page and receive online donations this year. If they do, they will be entered into a state-wide drawing for a 32 GB Ipad Touch, in addition to the other thank-you gifts listed on the collection envelope! In past years a minimum of \$25 was required for each online donation, but that rule has been changed. So there is no minimum amount required this year for online donations!

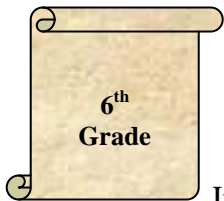
Thank you to the middle school Key Club for offering to help out this year with distribution of envelopes and hanging up posters to advertise the event. Their help is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions about the program, please email Mrs. Woloszanski at teswol@bhasd.org.



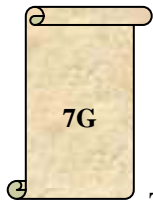
Social Studies

Our fifth grade classes have just completed reports on our American Presidents. Students' biographies explored their president's early life and his career. They also discovered many interesting facts about their president. Fifth graders were amazed of the accomplishments of our U.S. Presidents.



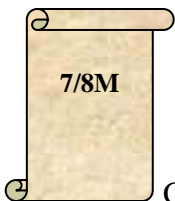
Microscopes

In 6th grade science, students are learning about the parts of a microscope and how to use them. This week, students created their own slides by gathering materials around the classroom. As a group, they were able to explore each other's slides. Some students observed spider webs, hair, and pencil shavings. Students were shocked to find out what some of the objects really looked like up close!



Instructional Aide Recognition

The 7G Team would like to recognize our instructional support aide Mrs. Bennecoff (or Mrs. B as the kids call her). Mrs. Bennecoff has been working in the Brandywine School District as an instructional aide for seventeen years. She spends her day working with students who struggle academically in the regular education classes. She also provides extra support when students are taking tests or have homework or projects to complete. We appreciate her dedication in supporting the students on the 7G Team.



Citizenship

Citizenship is an important character trait we want all of our students to learn about throughout their school career. As part of the eighth grade learning experience in Social Studies, students participate in activities focusing on developing this quality. Beginning in August, students are charged with the challenge of selecting activities they enjoy doing to help out in the community. Student must take the initiative to contact places and make arrangement to volunteer their time and services. These activities get logged into a journal and compiled over the first three marking periods. This past week students submitted their portfolio drafts of their community service activities. It has been a pleasure to read what students have done and been

involved with over the last few months. All of the experiences reached out to the community in ways that truly demonstrated the students' abilities to be an active citizen. Some students focused on assisting local businesses, while others cleaned up local roadways. Many students completed activities that helped raise money or collected items for organizations like the United Way, the Heifer Project, Locks for Love, the American Cancer Society, and the Scouts. This coming week students will begin working on their presentation component of the assignment. All of these projects will be on display at the Academic Fair in May.

8G

No Bullying on the 8G Team!

Students on the 8G team once again studied bullying in correlation with respect this past week. Each homeroom discussed the definition of bullying and the steps a student should follow if he/she knows bullying is occurring. One homeroom defined bullying as intentional abuse or harm to another that hurts their self-esteem. Another homeroom concluded that bullying is teasing, calling names, cyber bullying and texting, and physical or verbal harm. A final homeroom stated that bullying is repeatedly putting someone down either physically or emotionally. Individual students made pledges to report bullying and stick up for others. All students signed a bully pledge brick, which will be put together to create a middle school anti-bullying wall.

Art

HAITI HOUSE PINS A HUGE SUCCESS

On March 1st and 2nd the members of the Sixth Grade Art Club sold their creative Haiti House Pins to raise money for the people of Haiti. The sale was a huge success. Every house was sold within two days. The Art Club students raised over \$300. This money will be donated to the American Red Cross for Haiti Relief and also to a Haitian orphanage. Congratulations to all those students who created the pins and thank you to all who purchased them.

