

Barons Today...Royals Tomorrow

Bleckley County Middle School

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Eighth Grade Math Tutoring

- Mrs. Dykes' team: Wednesday until 4:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Beck's team: Tuesdays until 4:00 p.m.
- Students must have a note
- Parents must pick up students in front of the school on time.

Changes are approaching!!!

Don't be surprised if you come back after Spring Holidays to see many changes in the making. Through community support, we are proud to say we are looking forward to major growing pains! We hope that you will see these changes as forward progress as we begin making adjustments in preparation for construction.



Sixth grade students can use Study Island for CRCT review for science and social studies. Login - lastnamefirstnamebcms password—last 4 digits of social or lunch number if different.

CRCT Time is Here! How can you better prepare?

Helpful Tips:

At home, establish a set place and time for completion of homework. Consider setting up a regular schedule for online practice.

Regular school attendance is important. If your child is absent, contact the school to obtain missing assignments.

Parent involvement is a key part of a child's success in school. Contact teachers if you have a concern, attend parent conferences when asked, and talk to your child about their day. Additionally, check your student's grades on PowerSchool and assignments via the school web site.

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Studies have shown that students who do not get adequate sleep have more problems with attention, memory, and concentration. According to research, school age children should receive NO LESS than 10 hours of sleep per night.

Please insure that your child is present and on time for testing each day. Children perform their best when they are able to test in their normal instructional setting. Thanks!

Web Sites to Visit:

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/slept.html>

http://www.brown.edu/Administration/News_Bureau/2005-06/05-046.html

<http://www.theparentreport.com/resources/ages/teen/education/128.html>

Yearbooks are still available for \$26.00.

There is a limited number available so order yours today!

CRCT



April 14-17 and 20th

HOT NEWS!!!!

We will be having special reward drawings each day for those students who are present and on time for CRCT!

Upcoming Important Dates...

The cut-off date for BCMS Honors Night calculation will be April 24th. Due to construction, BCMS Honors Night will be held at the Bleckley County High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 pm. Parents will be notified if their child will be honored during this program.

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Baron Sports...



Cheerleading:

BCMS 2009-2010 Cheerleaders will be having a Yankee Candle fundraiser from the 7th through the 15th of April and Bagging Groceries On April 25th at Piggly Wiggly. Please support BCMS cheerleaders!

GOLF: The BCMS golf teams have been practicing for three weeks and will have their first golf match at Uchee Trail, on April 9 with East Laurens Middle. The golf teams will be off for the week of the CRCT and resume matches the last two weeks of April with matches against Dodge Co., Vidalia, and Toombs Co. Middle.

TENNIS: Both tennis teams are 2 and 0 with wins over Fitzgerald and Crisp Co. We begin the MGMSAA league play after Spring Break.



Undefeated on the season are Rebecca Rowland, Corey Smith, AJ Blankenship and Brennan Sanders in singles and Kelsey Darsey and Emmie Meadows in doubles. Way to go BCMS!

BASEBALL: The baseball team finished the regular season with a 5-5 record and a 5th place seeding in the region. We play Dublin in the first round of the MGMSAA tournament on March 26. If the Barons win, they will continue their season onto Saturday, March 28 for the second round and hopefully the championship game.



How Parents Can Help with Career Development:

1. Discuss your child's skills, talents, interests, abilities and goals to help plan for the future.
2. Encourage participation in service-oriented activities in the community.
3. Help your child meet a variety of workers by arranging job shadows, field trips or personal interviews.
4. Use guided money management with your child and allow him/her to make buying choices.
5. Allow children to work part-time outside the home.
6. Listen as your child makes decisions. Keep peer pressure in mind.
7. Participate in the school's career education program.
8. Help your child make independent decisions.
9. Involve yourself in your child's future planning.
10. Give certain economic responsibilities, such as an allowance for chores.
11. Encourage job awareness.
12. Be flexible, as the decision-making process evolves. It takes patience and numerous modifications.
13. Stress to your child that school is their work.
14. Attendance is important.



Safe Schools

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Healthy Students

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If you need further information, please feel free to contact either of these two ladies or contact the BCMS office.

Library News:Box Tops

Please send in your Box Tops!

Box Tops are being collected by the library to purchase educational supplies. Please send in your box tops today! The homeroom that collects the most box tops will be rewarded with a party!

Trivia Madness

1. Which word for a group of students can also be a social category?
2. Which part of a bird can also be the word for an invoice?
3. Which flat fish shares the name with a part of the foot?
4. Which part of a cooked chicken might be used by a timpanist?
5. Which part of a castle can also be a word meaning to "retain"?
6. Which word for lazy can also mean to tick over?



Answers located on page 4.

Don't Forget to keep your ears open for regularly announced



Mrs. Jones' Class News

All gifted Math classes participated in the World Math Day on March 4. It is a global celebration of numbers as students across the world unite to set a new world record in answering mental arithmetic questions. Many of the students did this at school and at home. Many of the students had scores over 3000: Darci Bell- 3026, Vince Fisler- 3079, Brennan Sanders- 3648, Shamar Slappy- 5244, River Wood- 4465, Skyler Fisler- 3038, Tommy Royal- 4216, and Austin Simmons- 6404.

On March 13th, all gifted classes celebrated Pi Day. Students brought pies and other snacks in the shape of a circle for the class to enjoy. Students did activities with pi and circles.

On March 24th, all classes will compete for the third time in an Online Math League competition. The 5th grade gifted class will compete for the second time in the Knowledge Master Competition. This competition covers all subject areas.

Junior BETA



◆ May meeting will be the fun day meeting. You must have attended at least 3 meetings to attend this Fun Meeting. So if you have attended only one meeting this year, mark your calendars for our March and April meetings.

• Jr. Beta would like to thank all the students for their donations to MDA. Thanks for helping us show our community that Bleckley County Middle School cares.

• Anyone running for office needs to have their speech and forms turned into Mrs. Lee by Monday, April 6th.

• Our next Jr. Beta meeting is April 8 until 4:30. We will be having our Officer election for next year.

• Jr. Beta's school project for April will be to help our teachers cover up and/or take down wall decorations. This helps our teachers to prepare their classroom for the CRCT.

Jr. Beta is collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House during the month of April. We need the following kitchen and cleaning items: bleach, Clorox clean-up, Clorox wipes, dishwasher detergent, disinfectant spray, dryer sheets, glass cleaner, laundry detergent, Pine Sol cleaner, trash bags (55 gal. and 4 gal.), aluminum foil, disposable storage containers, plastic cups (16 or 20 oz), plastic utensils, paper plates, pump hand soap, re-sealable bags (all sizes-like Ziploc). Bring items to Mrs. Lee. Jr. Beta members will get 2 Beta pts/per item. Limit 3 items. Items are due April 24th.

Looking ahead

May meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th. Mark your calendar. This is the last meeting of the year.

Do you have what it takes to be in Jr. Beta?

◆ Jr. Beta will begin selecting new members this summer. 6th and 7th grade students must have an A average in all subjects at the end of the year. The Year End average is what is checked. Continue to work hard and strive to be the best.



Tips for Identifying a Child Who is Suffering from Bullying...

Signs/Symptoms:

Be concerned if:

- Unusual hunger during or after school
- Waiting to use the bathroom at home
- Change in behavior or lack of concentration
- School Phobia
- Sleepiness, inattentiveness

Response or Resource:

- Increase observation of student and symptoms
- Talk with parents and teachers
- Spend more time with student

Start asking questions if:

- Physical complaints
- Unexplained injuries or bruises
- Unaccountable fear, crying
- Bedwetting
- Failing academic performance
- Skipping classes

Response or Resource:

- Broach subject gently
- Listen carefully and be patient
- Believe the victim
- Set up care team meeting
- Reinforce school policy

Act Immediately If:

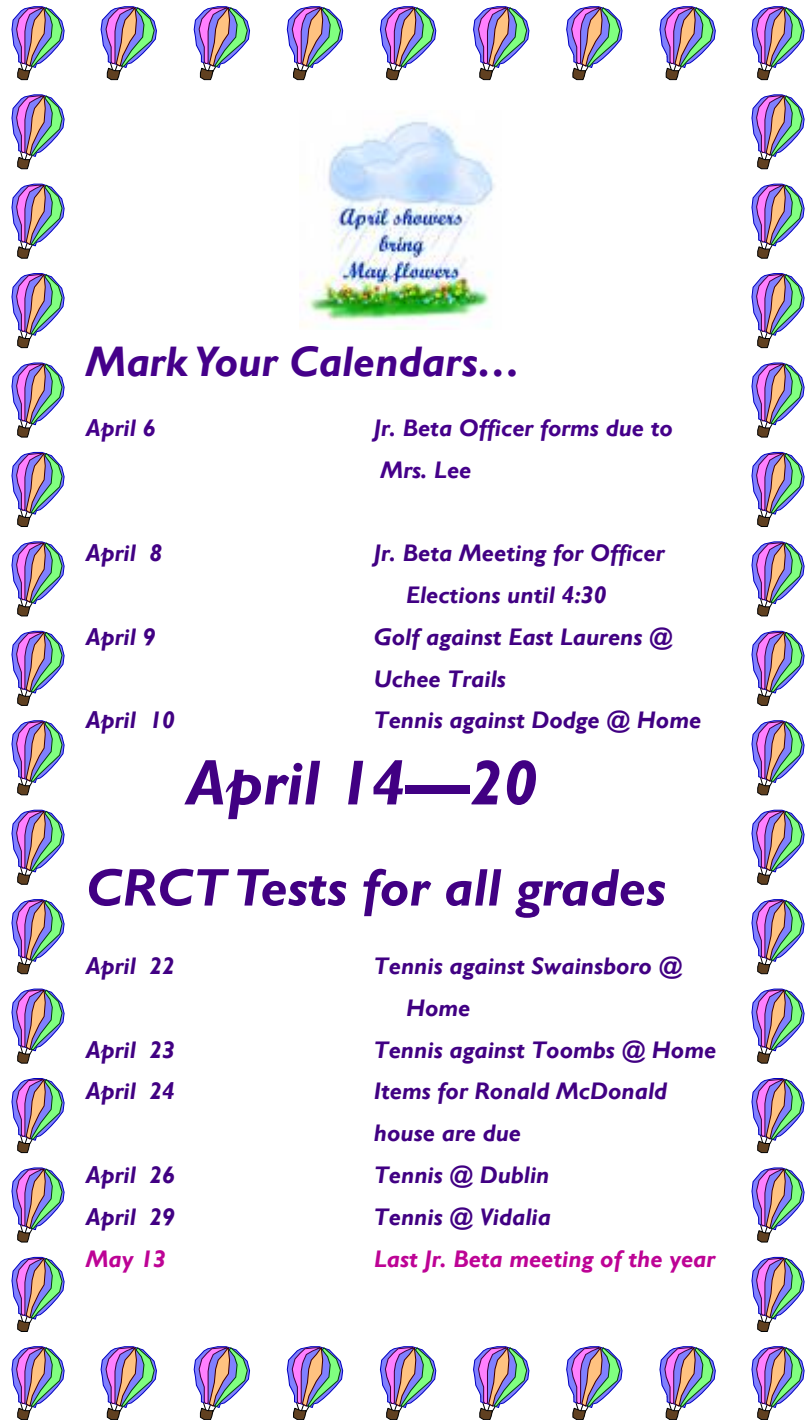
- Depressive/suicidal symptoms
- Giving away valued possessions
- Self-Mutilation
- Becoming aggressive and violent
- Writing about death and suicide
- Stating they would not be missed

Response or Resources:

- Alert parents and medical care
- Offer a safe place for expressions of fears and anxieties
- Be trustworthy
- Don't leave them alone

Educational Resources Information Center,
Counseling and Student Services—Depression
and Suicide

<http://ericcass.uncg.edu/virtuallib/depress/adolescenc.html>



Mark Your Calendars...

- April 6** Jr. Beta Officer forms due to Mrs. Lee
- April 8** Jr. Beta Meeting for Officer Elections until 4:30
- April 9** Golf against East Laurens @ Uchee Trails
- April 10** Tennis against Dodge @ Home

April 14—20

CRCT Tests for all grades

- April 22** Tennis against Swainsboro @ Home
- April 23** Tennis against Toombs @ Home
- April 24** Items for Ronald McDonald house are due
- April 26** Tennis @ Dublin
- April 29** Tennis @ Vidalia
- May 13** Last Jr. Beta meeting of the year

Expecting Excellence...the Bleckley County Way.

We're on the Web
bcmiddle.ga.bcm.schoolinsites.com/



1. Class, 2. Bill, 3. Sole, 4. Drumstick, 5. Keep, 6. Idle

Trivia Answers