

# BCMS News

## Principal David Miles II

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Our band recently competed in Large Group Festival and received great results. Our school was the only small school to receive a "superior" rating in the competition! Our intermediate/beginning band also received a score of "excellent!" I am proud of the hard work our band is doing.

Speaking of band... There will be an information night for beginning band on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the BCMS band room.

BCMS student, Victoria Rae, has qualified to compete at the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee! Congratulate and wish her luck when you see her next.

BCMS student, Brielle Schmekel, is the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest winner for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Way to go.

Please congratulate Regina Claphan (6<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> place) and Madison Costa (6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> place) for their strong showing at the North Idaho Regional Spelling Bee Competition.

Please congratulate Jerry Jiminez for being the classified Employee of the Month! He has done wonderful things for BCMS and we are all very appreciative of his work ethic and patience.

March Madness has been an active time for BCMS. Our students recently had a door decorating contest featuring some colleges involved in the NCAA basketball tournament. It was a frantic competition between advisory classes and grade levels with winners being Mr. Rice (6<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Bonnell (8<sup>th</sup>), and Mrs. Hinthorn (7<sup>th</sup> and Overall). The students did a great job showcasing their creative skills. Students are also keeping track of the tournament results using a giant bracket they created in the hall. Staff is participating in March Gladness where positive quotes are pitted against each other in a bracket system and voted on by BCMS students to see which staff member goes to the next round. The festivities end next Thursday when there will be an end of the day Student versus Staff basketball game!

Track has started! We have just under 70 participants this season. It is great to see so many students involved. Our only home track meet will be Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30. Come see our last athletic competition of the season.

Eighth grade students will be busy on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. First they will travel to the high school to tour the PTE program in order to sign up for electives for next year. This will be followed immediately by a performance of *Hamlet* by the touring Shakespearience group!

The end of the third quarter is March 31<sup>st</sup> which is the last student day before spring break! Grades will be sent home soon after spring break.

Our school will be getting an infusion of technology again next year. Jessica Hanna and Dawn Wagner applied for mini-technology grants and are being recommended to receive updated technology in their band and art classrooms respectively. I can't wait to see how this technology will enhance those programs.

Have you heard about the State of Idaho's 8in6 program? If done correctly and timely, your children could earn an Associate's Degree at the same time they graduate from high school! Students need to start the summer before their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. Contact your school counselor to learn more about this awesome program.

Parents, please help us keep the front of our school safe! Buses need to be able to use the front of our school to drop off and pick up students as well as allow students to change buses. This mixed with students leaving and arriving the building can make for a dangerous situation. Please use the north and south parking lots to drop off and pick up your students at the beginning and end of the school day.

3/28: 8<sup>th</sup> grade PTE tour @ high school

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3/29: Beginning Band information night, 6:30pm, BCMS Band room

3/31: Last day of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

3/31: Student vs. Staff basketball game and assembly 3:00

4/4-4/7: Spring Break = no school

4/21: Home track meet at 4:30pm