Updates

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### Bailey Middle School

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Panda Team Newsletter

**Mrs. Wheeler’s Science Class**

Science just finished up the introductory unit: Diving Into Science.  Students collaborated in groups to complete three challenges-Book Support Challenge, Cookie Challenge and the Whirligig Challenge.  Now, we are beginning the Atoms/Matter unit.  This unit includes group activities and teacher demos to explore the physical properties of matter, identify physical and chemical changes as well as understanding the phases of matter on a molecular level.  The next test is the Benchmark test on October 15th which will include items from the Diving In and Atoms/Matter units.  We will begin our Energy unit on October 16th which will take us all the way until Winter Break.

# Pandas in the Classroom

**Mrs. Ballentine’s Language Arts Class**

Language Arts classes will be working through Unit 1 of the CMS pacing guide in the newly revised standard course of study. This unit covers the elements of fiction as well as narrative nonfiction. We are studying multi-genre works that center on our theme, “Overcoming Obstacles.” The culminating task will be a writing assignment using excerpts from House on Mango Street. Our focus will be on characterization, setting, dialogue, plot, theme, point of view, etc. We will also be reading self-selected novels beginning October 1st and will have book talks about the novels. You should already be seeing Stem vocabulary words from the Word Within a Word program. Students have been working on stem list one so far this year.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

THINK PINK Volleyball and Softball games October 11th!!



**Mr. Lowden’s Math Class**

This quarter we will begin the year by reviewing multiplication and division before moving into our factors and multiples unit.  This unit will involve students finding the greatest common factor and least common multiple when presented in real-world word problems.  Students will also be using various strategies such as prime factorization for finding the greatest common factor.  Our next unit beginning in October will be our introduction to adding and subtracting integers, with our honors classes also multiplying and dividing integers.  Our final unit of the quarter will be our algebra unit.  This unit involves students reading and understanding algebra, substitution, combining like terms, and solving equations.

Upcoming Math Tests:  
September 25th – Multiplication, division, exponents, and factors

October 2nd – Greatest common factor and least common multiple

## Upcoming Events

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Thank you again for all your continued support!

Please feel free to contact us

(email is best) with any questions/comments/concerns! ☺

**September 28th- Progress Reports (Check Parent Portal)**

**October 9th-Picture Day  
October 11th- Think Pink Games  
October 23rd-31st Red Ribbon Week**

**October 30th- End of 1st Quarter  
October 31st-Teacher Workday**

**7 Week Benchmark Tests:**

**October 15th- Science**

**October 16th- Social Studies**

**October 17th- Math**

**October 18th- ELA**

* Students can be utilizing working lunch time to catch up on missing work. The schedule is as follows:

M= Science, T= Math, W= SS, Th = ELA, Fri= Extra Support

* Panda Website: <http://bmspandas.weebly.com>

**Ms. Kocis’ Social Studies Class**

Our first unit of instruction is Uncovering the Past. This is an introduction on the skills students need to know as a foundation for the rest of the school year. Students will be introduced to a lot of vocabulary pertaining to archaeology, geography, economics, and civics.Our next unit is called The Stone Ages and Early Cultures. We will be analyzing how early humans depended on their natural environment for food and shelter. Students will also be able to explain the shift from hunting and gathering to the agricultural revolution and how that led to the development of larger, more permanent settlements.

Uncovering the Past Unit Test: October 1

Please continue to check the class website for updates and current information



Happy Autumn!



# Reminders

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