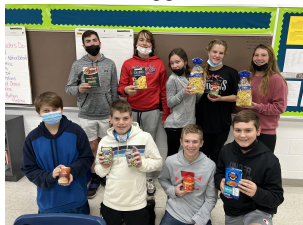


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Brimfield Middle School is one of the best in the state

By Riley Dawson and Dylan Shane

Brimfield Middle School has been placed on the "Best Middle School" in the state list. "I think It's an amazing achievement for our school," says school Superintendent Tony Shinall.

Mr. Shinall is very proud of the teachers and students at BGS. "They have never done grade schools before. I'm biased. I think we are the best" states Mr. Shinall.

The schools were chosen out of other middle schools in the state "They pulled information that's available to the public. Things like test scores and enrollment".

Mr. Shinall was the first to know about the award. "I kept it a secret and did not tell anybody until the 27th of October," Mr. Shinall says. The award was given to the school as a whole, however, Shinall states, "This award does not happen without students."

Grade School Principal, Mrs. Albritton, was thrilled to be given this award. "I am so excited to have this recognition for both our students and our staff," says Mrs. Albritton.

She is really happy about our school's accomplishments. "I am extremely proud of my students. Every grade level and every student in this building."

Mrs. Albritton is proud of the school, regardless of recognition. However, it is always nice to receive an award. "I was quite surprised, I was informed at the October school board meeting."

Mr. Shinall and Mrs. Albritton both found that this ranking is something that will leave a mark in a good way on our middle school forever.

Teacher Spotlight: Secretary Bren Dwyer

By Isaac Burwell

Secretary Bren Dwyer spends her days working hard for BGS. When asked what her dream job was, she said "I wanted to do something that let me work with kids."

Before working for Brimfield Schools, Mrs. Dwyer states, "I was a bank teller at Security Bank and before I came to this school I also worked for Social Service."

Mrs. Bren's first day at Brimfield High School was a funny one. "So, the very first day that I worked here was April 1st, so it was April Fools Day. I played a trick on Mr. McNamara. I told him that

the job was not what I thought it and I had to quit. On the back of the note, it said April fools. But, Mr. McNamara did not flip the paper over to see that I wrote April fools. It gets crazy in the office, so he thought it was too much for me." She got him good.

Mrs. Bren's favorite professional sports team is St. Louis Cardinals Baseball. Her favorite things in high school were softball, English, and History. "My favorite teacher was Mr. Dale White because he was my softball coach, and I really loved playing softball."



BGS Canned Food Drive Coming Soon!

By Josie Wiewel & Landrie Quiram

The can food drive is canning our way to Brimfield Grade School from November 29th to December 13th. Last year we collected a total of 2,073 cans during the pandemic. The canned food drive has been a huge event at BGS for over 20 years. According to head organizers, Kelly Walker and Erin Miller, “It was started with a family that wanted to do something to help the community, and for a while funded it on their own. They were looking for people in the community and they thought the school would be a good way to find those names.”

Each year, BGS has a contest for the class that collects the most amount of cans. The winner of last year's can food drive was Mr. McKown's 8th-grade class. Mr. McKown stated, “They made sure they were on top and the kids took it upon themselves to do whatever they could to win. They would call and text each other to remind each other to bring cans.” So take notes if you want to be this year's winner.



Mrs. Miller stated why she wanted to put so much time into this event. “Before I took over on the school's side it was Mrs. Slone who was the 2nd-grade teacher here. She used to be the one who coordinated everything inside the school. She made sure the teachers had newsletters for the kids and made sure it was on the school calendar, and when she was getting ready to retire, she came and asked me if I could take over.”

Mrs. Walker, a co-lead with Mrs. Miller, also contributes to this event. “Each church in town, we have a committee, we have representatives from each church in the community. So when the pantry took over the food drive, we were

part of the planning. So as someone on that committee and also a teacher here, I decided it was a good idea for me to be the person to help coordinate it from the food pantry side.”

Class prizes each year differ. “In the last few years, we have tried to do some fun things. Mrs. Albrighton has had some ideas, sometimes students come and give their suggestions. I'm not sure how the pie in the face thing got started last year, but it was a fun one. We had to think a little outside the box due to the pandemic. The teachers thought it would be fun to nominate other teachers, so Mr. Tilly also got a pie in the face. Sometimes the pantry has come forward and said that they would like to do something. We just confer and decide on what could be a fun thing to offer.” stated Mrs. Walker.

The canned food drive has helped many families in need. It is a substantial way to help raise awareness in the community and can teach kids a valuable lesson of giving to others.

Student of the Month: Dylan Fishel

By Gus Ulrich

From the classroom of Mrs. Doubet's first grade, Dylan Fishel is always helpful and hard-working no matter what happens. “She is always helping other students and me,” said Mrs. Doubet.

Being good in class means you have to do the right thing and Mrs. Doubet always finds her helping other students. That is a good representation of BGS!!! “She cares about other students and is a good student,” said Mrs. Doubet.

Along with doing the right thing, she likes to play soccer. Her favorite sport is “soccer because it is the sport I play,” said Dylan Fishel.

If she is not playing soccer, she is playing with her favorite toy, “Baby Dolls,” said Dylan Fishel.

Her favorite class of the day is math. “Math is my favorite because I like it and it is easy,” states Dylan. Wow! She is a good student and always helps other students when they need help.



Students help create the BGS dress code!

By Schyer Meinders and Tommy Burkitt

Teachers set up a committee for students to finalize the BGS dress code. Teacher Mrs. Shoff says, "I was asked by Mrs. Albritton to set this committee up."

Unfortunately, there were too many people to sign up for this cool committee. Shoff says "Students could sign up. There were too many to sign up so we had to narrow it down. I just wanted to make sure all demographics were represented."

Principal Mrs. Albritton loves the idea of the dress code committee. Albritton states "I was actually the one who went to Mrs. Shoff and asked if we could update it because I had conflicting ideas from our interpretations with the current dress code. I thought it was a little outdated so I went to Mrs. Shoff and asked her to set up a committee. I want to update it."

This began with the high school updating its dress code. The high school dress is different for many reasons. Albritton explains "I think we know that elementary school, junior high, and high school each face in life is a little different as to what kids can handle. There are some things that high schoolers because they're older, might be able to handle on a daily basis that the little kids can't. For instance, we have a hat day where the little kids get excited but they can get distracted easily. So, that's why we might only do it once or twice during the school year."

The committee has met the expectations that the teachers wanted. "It's going really good so far. I think we're going to have a really good turnout. I think it's going to be solid and reflect today's culture and climate," says Shoff.

Throughout committee meetings, there is one thing everyone agrees on. "Everyone has decided that we need to be modest in our clothing" stated Mrs. Shoff.

There also has been a disagreement on the committee. Shoff states "Hats have definitely been the biggest argument so far. The biggest conversation has been: Can we wear hats during class?"

There are many important parts about having a dress code for a school. Principal Albritton says "I think we have a dress code for probably two main reasons. The first one is that what we're wearing daily should not interfere with the educational process. So sometimes we might wear things that might be distractible to other students around us. Secondly, I think that a dress code provides an element of respect and an element of uniformity that you have as you grow up with the expectations when we get jobs."

There are also many important things to have in a dress code. Albritton explains "I think that it's just attire that allows you to express yourself and doesn't interfere with any part of what you're doing in an educational setting."

Upcoming Events

November

24 - BBB vs Williamsfield
24-26 - No School
29 - GBB 8th Grade Regionals
29 - BBB @ N. Fulton
30 - GBB 8th Grade Regionals

December

2 - BBB @ Wethersfield
6 - BBB vs. Chillicothe
7 - BBB @ Oak Grove
7 - 5th-8th Music Concert
11 - BBB Home Tournament
14 - BBB @ Elmwood
15 - K-4 Winter Concert
15 - BBB @ Mossville
15 - School Board Meeting
16 - 1:50 Dismissal
17 - 1:50 Dismissal
17 - Holy Jolley Volley
20 - 31 - Winter Break

January

3 - No School
4 - Start of Second Semester
5 - BBB vs. Peoria Heights
10 - BBB vs. Dunlap Valley
11 - BBB vs. Elmwood
17 - BBB @ Midwest Central
18 - BBB vs. Princeville
19 - School Board Meeting

Boys Basketball Season Begins

By Dane Fagerburg and Layne Johnson

7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball are practicing for a big season. Coach McKown states "I think they really work hard and want to succeed and they play to the best of their ability."

Connor Doe and Jackson Kappes are the team captains on the 8th-grade team. Doe clarifies how he feels being a team captain, he states "It feels good but we haven't done very much with it instead just leading practices and being out there on the court feels amazing."

Jackson Kappes states how he feels because he is the other team captain. "It feels good. It was voted on in a poll in Google Classroom so it feels good that my teammates voted for me to be team captain."

Coach McKown states "I think their good captains, it was pretty much unanimously chosen by every member of the team so if that's what the team wants then I'm all for it."

Coach McKown also thinks that the team will have a good season and surprise him. "I think they are off to a slow start but we will pick it up."

Both captains also agree with Coach McKown. Jackson Kappes states "Yeah I have been working in the off-season so yeah I expect good things to come."

Doe states he also thinks the team will begin to pick up speed. "Yeah if we just lessen the turnovers and just not do dumb things."



About the Editors

Tommy Burkitt



Tommy is 13 who likes to play basketball, football, and baseball. He likes music and riding 4-wheelers and dirtbikes. He is a starter in basketball as a forward. He is the youngest with 2 older sisters and 1 older brother. He likes to ride his bike and hang out with friends.

Isaac Burwell



Isaac Burwell is 13 years old. Enjoys playing baseball. He also enjoys showing horses, and playing basketball. He also enjoys camping and farming for his grandparents on their farm. He likes to hang out with his family, and friends. He loves watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball.

Riley Dawson



Riley is 13 and likes to play soccer during the spring. He also likes to play basketball with his older brother Jesse outside. Riley also has two dogs named Hope and Spencer. He likes to play fetch with Hope and Spencer when he gets home. Riley also has an older brother named Jake.

Dane Fagerburg



Dane Fagerburg is 13 and likes to play baseball all summer and on days off he goes fishing. Dane also has a couple of pet fish and a cat. Dane is the oldest with a younger sister. Dane's favorite food is steak and his favorite season is summer.

Layne Johnson



Layne is 13 and likes to play baseball, basketball, and football he plays for the Khawks in summer baseball and the Indians in every other sport. His favorite color is blue and likes to watch football. He has two older brothers and one older sister.

Schyer Meinders



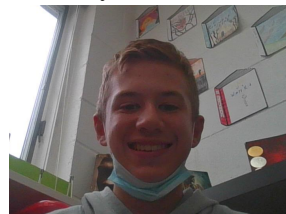
Schyer Meinders is 13 years old. She likes to play softball and basketball. She is the oldest out of four kids. She has 2 younger sisters and a younger brother. She has a pet rabbit named Jack. Her favorite food is mac n cheese. In her free time, she texts friends.

Landrie Quiram



Landrie Quiram is a goofy 13-year-old girl who loves animals and in her free time plays volleyball and basketball. She is the oldest of 3 kids and has a new kitten named Posey and a dog named Crosby. Landrie also loves to bake along with making her favorite food cinnamon rolls.

Dylan Shane



Dylan is 14 and enjoys playing basketball, and helping out on the farm. He is the oldest in the house. He has one brother. He likes to listen to country music and enjoys watching Cardinals Baseball. Dylan also really likes watching Kentucky Basketball on Tv.a

Gus Ulrich



Gus is 13, and enjoys playing basketball and helping around his house. He is one of five kids and is the oldest of them. In his free time, he likes to ride his quad and likes to fish. He also likes lego because it lets him be creative. He likes to build tech. He has built 2 tech sets today.

Josie Wiewel



Josie is 13 years old, she has one older sister. Josie enjoys playing many sports including softball, volleyball, and basketball. In her free time, she is usually outdoors. Her favorite season is fall, she likes to take walks with her dog. Lastly, Josie's favorite food is mac & cheese.