

Getting Involved

Studies have shown that students who are involved in school activities usually do better academically and have a greater chance of completing school.

Buford Middle School offers many opportunities for a child to become involved.

Activities:

Football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, wrestling, track, baseball and softball.

Clubs and Organizations:

Yearbook Club

Student Council

Choral Productions

BMS News Crew



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School Improvement Officers

Melissa Knight—President

Wendy Riner—Vice President

Lisa Hallman—Secretary

Alicia Deas—Treasurer

Our School Improvement Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00p.m. in the cafeteria. We encourage parents and community members to attend.

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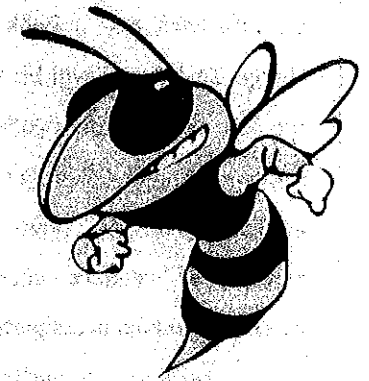
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Parent Report

Rowdy for Learning

Our school-wide theme this year is "Rowdy for Learning". We began the year with a challenge to our students. Each nine weeks we recognize our top reader and present them with a BMS bag, complete with pencils, markers and a book of their choice. In May, we will be taking our top 30 school-wide readers white water rafting at Coker Creek Village in Tennessee. We have seen the number of readers checking out books and taking accelerated reader tests increase dramatically. Our students are finding genres and authors they like and can relate to.

Our school-wide read was *They Never Came Back* by Caroline Cooney. After completing the book and activities that related to the book, Ms. Cooney spent the day speaking with students and answering their questions.

Arts Gala Night

Our exploratory team developed an ARTS Gala night in which there was a focus on the arts. There was poetry readings by our students, art work on display from our art classes, and piano recitals followed by the Band concert. This was secured by a 12,000 dollar art grant written by Ms. Carnes.

Family Night

Each grade level sponsors a family night to celebrate a grade-level thematic unit. The 6th grade family night was "Revisiting the Middle Ages." Students had research the middle ages across the curriculum. Families participated in jousting, storytelling, launching catapults, watched a juggler and walked the labyrinth. Seventh graders research the Iditarod and listened to a musher from Alaska during their family night. Eighth graders research careers and teamed together to present several different careers through a career fair. Each of these events had a tremendous amount of participation of parents and students.

Test Scores Improving

Buford Middle School has been working hard to improve our tests scores. We began with the fall Benchmark testing and are currently taking the spring Benchmark and PASS testing. We plan to focus on the areas in which our students show less progress.



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