

BCMS News

David Miles II, Principal

It's spring break already! While spring in North Idaho comes with variable weather patterns, our student patterns seem to remain the same as they continue to make Boundary County Middle School proud.

One thing we are proud of is our students' ability to care about our community and lend a helping hand. They recently raised \$664.64 in a single day to help a local community member through the "Lids for Landen" campaign! This fundraiser allowed students to wear hats at school for a day for \$1 but many students donated more money for the cause bringing in substantially more money than we anticipated. One student even commented as they donated tens of dollars, "it was birthday money and I couldn't decide what to spend it on until I heard about this." The comment left us all speechless.

We are also proud of our students' recent accomplishments. For instance, our school 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!" Speaking of our band; some will be leaving for Seattle on Wednesday, April 13 and returning April 17 for the Heritage Festival Competition where students will have a unique and educational experience, be able to earn a credit, and compete against bands from across the country.

Other examples of student success which have made us proud are: Victoria Rae, who has qualified to compete at the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee; Brielle Schmekel, who won the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest for the 6th grade; and Regina Claphan (6th grade, 6th place) along with Madison Costa (6th grade, 7th place) who had strong showings at the North Idaho Regional Spelling Bee Competition. It is great our students work hard and put in lots of time to be successful.

We can also say we are proud of our students' ability to be successful while also continuing to have fun and balance their lives. Our annual Student v. Staff basketball game was a memorable sight to see. This was a fun event to end the school season before spring break and it did not disappoint. We were able to see students blocking staff shots, staff performing dunks during the game, several students recognized and rewarded, and even a buzzer beater from just inside half court! The height advantage of the staff helped them win again but the students were well coached and played hard.

We believe our students are proud of BCMS as well. This is apparent when around 70 athletes show up ready to compete in track and field, which you are invited to watch during our only home meet on Thursday, April 21st at 4:30pm. Their pride also shows when they carefully create amazing door decorations to celebrate, and compete against other classrooms, March Madness and the idea of furthering their education someday. It was wonderful to see so many students involved in this project and also great to have community support through their judging efforts. It was a frantic competition between advisory classes and grade levels with winners being Mr. Rice (6th), Mr. Bonnell (8th), and Mrs. Hinthorn (7th and Overall).



March Madness classroom door decoration for BCMS Language Arts teacher Paul Bonnell.



March Madness classroom door decoration for BCMS Language Arts teacher Kelly Hinthorn.



March Madness classroom door decoration for BCMS Math teacher Judy Johnson.

There are also recent accomplishments by our staff to be proud of. Jerry Jimenez was recently named our district's classified employee of the month and has done wonderful things for BCMS. We are all very appreciative of his work ethic and patience. Thanks to the efforts of Dawn Wagner and Jessica Hanna, our school will be getting an infusion of technology again next year. Both applied for and will be receiving mini-technology grants for updated technology in their art and band classrooms respectively. I can't wait to see how this technology will enhance those programs and we are proud of our staff who take the time to seek out opportunities like these.



Jerry Jimenez, Boundary County School District Classified Employee of the Month.

This spring break is going to be great but we are proud to say we are excited to come back and continue a fantastic year full of success.

-David Miles II, Principal BCMS