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## *From the Superintendent*



As the first nine-week marking period comes to a close, we are provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on many of the outstanding achievements, events, and positive enhancements that have occurred throughout our school district since the onset of the school year.

Congratulations to the students, staff and administration of Blissfield Middle School upon being recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as one of just three schools within Lenawee County having received an EdYES! letter grade of “A” during the 2006-07 school year. Furthermore, kudos to the Blissfield Transportation Department and bus mechanic, Mr. Dave Dunbar for achieving a perfect 100% evaluation from the Michigan State Police on all twenty-two buses within our fleet. Safety continues to be our top priority as over 800 of our students are transported by Blissfield school buses each day.

All-day kindergarten is being provided at Blissfield Elementary School for the first time this fall, along with a new computer based Criterion Writing Program and Social Studies curriculum for grades 6-8 at Blissfield Middle School. Technology enhancements continue to evolve throughout the district. The implementation of Pentamation software including the Home Access Center is now available. We encourage you to visit our newly revised district webpage at [www.blissfieldschools.us](http://www.blissfieldschools.us) to access current school information including our new calendar of events. Recently, the Honeywell Emergency Alert system was utilized to notify homes of dense fog resulting in two-hour delayed starts of school. We also hope to enhance school-home communication while reducing district printing and mailing costs by electronically directing information to your e-mail address(es). Please verify your personal information on our website to confirm accuracy for future publications.

While students enrolled in grades 3-9 throughout the state of Michigan have been actively involved with M.E.A.P. testing, our teaching staff and administration are meeting regularly to align district school improvement initiatives, review student achievement data and promote curriculum development/alignment. K-12 school improvement goals are also being established through the analysis of student, parent, and staff surveys conducted earlier this fall and best wishes and congratulations to our fall season athletic teams as they prepare for district competition. Our student athletes and coaching staff members serve as outstanding role models and ambassadors as they proudly represent our school and community. Special recognition is extended to our varsity football and volleyball teams along with Justin Bateson, Boy’s Cross Country, for their LCAA Championships this fall.

Improvements to our school buildings and district grounds not only enhance the learning environment for our students and staff, but also reflect the efforts of our Facilities staff. Recent renovations to enhance lighting, roofing, painting, and drop ceilings, along with a renewed commitment toward building cleanliness are to be commended.

Lastly, we wish to acknowledge many collaborative efforts that have occurred in recent months through the support of various citizens and organizations throughout Blissfield. The Community Tennis Courts located at Blissfield Middle School would not have become a reality had it not been for the dedicated efforts of our elected officials serving on the Blissfield Village Council and Board of Education. Special thanks to the Blissfield Foundation for Educational Excellence for supporting the purchase of over \$7,600 in classroom and curricular materials through their Teacher Mini-Grant program. Special thanks to Mrs. Kay Brown, who along with volunteers from the Creation Stations nursery and Natural Lawn Care donated their expertise, labor and materials to enhance the landscape at Blissfield Middle School and further develop initiatives to “Brighten up Blissfield” through “Make-A-Difference” Day in our community. We appreciate your “Commitment to Excellence.”

Sincerely,

*Scott D. Moellenerndt*

District Calendar of Upcoming Events:	
Nov 9	First Quarter Report Card Distribution
Nov 14-16	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences Half Days for K-5 Students
Nov 22-23	No School/Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 11	MS Band Concert
Dec 13	HS Band Concert
Dec 18	4th/5th Grade Music Program
Dec 19	2nd Grade Music Program
Dec 24-Jan 2	No School/Winter Recess
Jan 17-18	Half Days for K-12 Students 6-12 Semester Exams
Jan 21	No School for Students Teacher In-Service

# Blissfield Community Schools Welcomes New Staff Members



**Matthew Cook** joins the staff of Blissfield Community Schools in a new position as the Instructional Technology Coordinator. He graduated from Siena Heights University with a major in Language Arts and a minor in Elementary Education. He received his Masters of Arts degree in learning technology from the University of Michigan. He taught for nine years in Ann Arbor. Mr. Cook lives north of

Clinton with his wife and son.



**Ryan Gilbert** joins the staff at Blissfield Elementary School as the K-5 Health and Physical Education teacher. Mr. Gilbert obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Adrian College in May of 2006. Mr. Gilbert enjoys golf and was previously Britton/Deerfield's varsity golf coach. Mr. Gilbert and his wife live in Adrian. He has very quickly become part of the elementary school community and the students enjoy his enthusiasm and high-energy physical education classes!



**Amy Griffith** returns to Blissfield Elementary School after spending a few years as a full-time Mom. During the 1990's Mrs. Griffith taught kindergarten at Blissfield's West-Side school. She returns to the elementary school community to once again teach kindergarten, this time in our full-day program. Mrs. Griffith brings her love of young children and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Mrs. Griffith

obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Elementary Education from Michigan State University. She also holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from Siena Heights University. Mrs. Griffith lives in Blissfield with her husband, Kyle, and four children.



**Kerri Judkins** graduated from Siena Heights University with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Business Education. She is teaching Geometry and Algebra I and is the freshman class advisor. She lives in Adrian with her husband. "I love Blissfield because of the awesome students and the friendly staff and community!"



**Justin Pooley** graduated from Eastern Michigan University with majors in Literature, Language, and Writing as well as Communication and Theatre Arts, and a minor in General Business. He is teaching English 9 and Public Speaking, coaching the debate team, the forensics team, freshmen boys basketball, and is a BLISS mentor teacher. He currently lives in Adrian with his wife, but is

looking for a house closer to Blissfield. "Working at Blissfield has been a blessing. I enjoy the growing community, a school full of knowledgeable colleagues who have a passion for teaching, and I love working with students who aspire to become life-long learners."



**Brian Sills** joins Blissfield Middle School as a seventh and eighth grade resource room teacher. Mr. Sills obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Adrian College. He received his teaching certificate from Siena Heights University. Last year, he worked for the Lenawee ISD in a Moderately Cognitively Impaired classroom at Sutton Elementary. Mr. Sills is currently working towards his Master's degree in Learning Disabilities at Madonna University. Mr. Sills and his wife live in Blissfield, where he is an active member of the Blissfield Fire Department.



**Christina Walter** graduated from Siena Heights University with a major in Spanish and a minor in business. She recently moved back to the area from Florida where she taught last year. She is teaching Spanish I and is the sophomore class advisor. "I like teaching at Blissfield because it is a small community and I can get to know everyone." In her spare time she runs, roller-blades, and plays softball.



**Aaron Whitmore** joins the staff at Blissfield Community Schools as the In School Restriction Coordinator. He previously held a similar position in Florida. Mr. Whitmore served as a substitute teacher for the Blissfield Schools the past three years. Originally from Missouri, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from International College in Naples, Florida. He and his wife live in

Adrian. He has three children and one granddaughter. Mr. Whitmore welcomes the challenge of establishing a new program and is glad to be a part of the best team around.

## Middle School Band

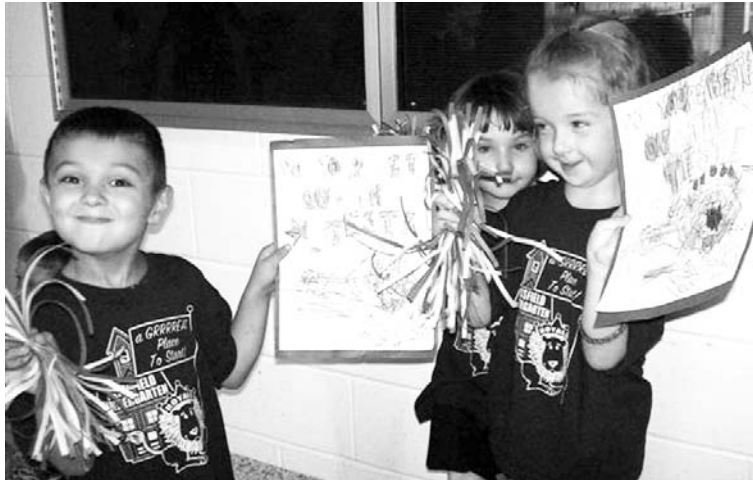
Several 7th and 8th graders are preparing for District Solo and Ensemble, held at Charlotte High School on November 17th.

6th graders are working on music-reading skills and beginning preparation for their winter concert. See all middle school bands perform in the Blissfield Middle School gym on December 11th at 7:00 p.m.



## MRSA Staph Concerns

Blissfield Community Schools is aware of the recent outbreak of MRSA Staph Infections (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus) being reported across the country and within Lenawee County. MRSA is a staph bacteria that is resistant to antibiotics. It is generally spread through skin-to-skin contact, contact with some kind of an open wound, coming into contact with contaminated surfaces, etc. Please be advised that we are taking precautionary measures in an effort to prevent an outbreak and to help keep our students safe. We will continue to use disinfectants that are effective against MRSA bacteria.



Gregory Denkins, Lillian Giegler and Cheynne Green cheer on students as they pass by.

## M.E.A.P. Rally at Blissfield Elementary School

Students at Blissfield Elementary School participated in a M.E.A.P. pep rally on Friday, October 5th. The goal of the rally was to get the students excited about taking the M.E.A.P. Test and to encourage them to do their best. Teachers in grades 3-5 participated in relay races while students in Mrs. Pickard's fourth grade classroom encouraged the students with a cheer they created. As they exited the gymnasium, students in kindergarten through second grade cheered them on through the use of pom-poms and posters that were created in Ms. LaJiness' art classes. M.E.A.P. testing for grades 3, 4, and 5 was October 8-19. Thank you for encouraging your students to "Do Their Best on the Test."

## Thank You from the Transportation Department

The Transportation Department would like to thank the parents and students of Blissfield Community Schools for their cooperation during the first weeks of school as details regarding routes and stops were fine-tuned. To help ensure that your students are picked up and dropped off at the appropriate locations, it is critical that each year parents file a transportation request form prior to the beginning of school. These forms provide current home addresses and emergency phone numbers. If you have not as yet submitted one of these forms, they can be picked up in the building offices. The form is also available on our new web site, [www.blissfieldschools.us](http://www.blissfieldschools.us). At this time, we are not issuing any guest bus passes for students to ride home on busses they are not assigned to.



Superintendent Scott Moellenberndt and Board President Norris Klump present Middle School Principal Mark Willson with a banner in honor of the Middle School's 2007 Education YES Report Card A Grade.

## MEAP Incentives Encourage Students to Put Forth Their Best Effort

Once again the Blissfield Middle School is offering the student body a large incentive to encourage students to put forth their best on this year's MEAP test (Last year Principal Mark Willson had to sleep on the middle school roof in 26 degree weather as part of the incentive). This year Principal Willson has challenged the student body to: 1) Achieve a 90% attendance rate during the MEAP test 2) Display an excellent attitude throughout the entire testing period 3) Put forth their best effort throughout the entire testing period. The incentive for accomplishing the above goals this year include: Covering the principal in: ketchup, relish, syrup, and barbeque sauce at a MEAP closing assembly on October 26th.



Samantha Blanke, Stephanie Bates, Isaiah Rupp, Cody Wulf, Jacob Ford, and Grayson Strouse prepare to douse Principal Mark Willson with ketchup.

## Vo-Tech Meeting for Sophomores

Wednesday, November 21, 2007 Ms. Kim Dusseau, of Lenawee Vo-Tech, will visit Blissfield High School to provide all sophomore students with information about Lenawee Vo-Tech programs. During VIP, Ms. Dusseau will discuss the courses available and answer questions from students about next year's program. At this meeting, students will select three programs to observe during their visit to vo-tech on February 6th, 2008. Interested parents may attend.



## Showing Our Pride

Fourth graders in Mrs. Reinhardt's class are learning flag etiquette and practicing the core democratic value of patriotism by raising the flag at Blissfield Elementary School each morning. Did you know that we put the flag at half staff when a Michigan soldier, sailor, airman, or marine loses his or her life in the Iraq or Afghan War? The students check the Michigan website each morning to see if Governor Granholm has issued an order for half staff. If so, the person's name is posted at the elementary doors to show our respect and thanks for defending freedom because we are part of the Blissfield Pride and America's Pride!



## Eighth Grade Outdoor Experience "Reliving Our Roots...An 1800 Experience"

Eighth Grade Camp will take place May 21 – 23, 2008. Students will be traveling to Camp Frontier at Pioneer Scout Reservation in Pioneer, Ohio. The cost will be approximately \$125 per student.

To reserve a spot for your son or daughter, a \$25 non-refundable deposit is needed by December 14, 2007 to the office. Students who do not have their deposit submitted by December 14, will not be permitted to attend camp. The remaining balance will be due on April 10, 2008.

The camp experience begins for our students as soon as they arrive and get off the bus. We have a long hike, carry everything we brought to take us to four different communities or living areas. There the citizens are introduced to their family for the week. These co-ed groups of six to seven students and adults live and work together for the three days within the three different areas we reside. We will soon find out that pulling together makes life much easier.

If you need a copy of the registration form, please contact Mr. Mcvay. If you have any questions please feel free to call (517) 486-4420 X 4312.

## Educational Development Plan (EDP)

All high school students should be working on their EDPs. The Counselor is currently meeting with seniors to discuss their graduation status and future plans. Seniors should have their EDP updated and reviewed with a parent by December 1st. The CCC uses the EDP as a resource to inform students of any of the many opportunities and scholarships that arrive in the CCC. If it is not current, or complete, a student is likely to miss out on these opportunities. For students in grades 9, 10, and 11 your EDP will be a required component of your English class. Your passwords are available from your English teacher. EDPs are necessary to have in place at the time of requesting courses for the next academic year—sometime in the winter of 2008.

## Michigan Merit Exam

All juniors will take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) March 11th-13th, 2008. Seniors who have a retake opportunity remaining may also test according to the schedule below:

- March 11th—ACT test (resulting in a college reportable ACT score)
- March 12th—Work Keys and Michigan Math
- March 13th—Michigan Science and Social Studies

This test gives all students the opportunity to take the ACT without having to pay a fee. Attendance during the MME testing dates is extremely important. Juniors, please make any necessary arrangements to attend school March 11 - March 13. If there are any questions, please contact the Counseling Center.

Any senior who is eligible to retake the MME and did not take the fall test, will be able to retake this spring 2008. You must sign up in the CCC now. The deadline for signing up for the spring MME test is November 23rd.

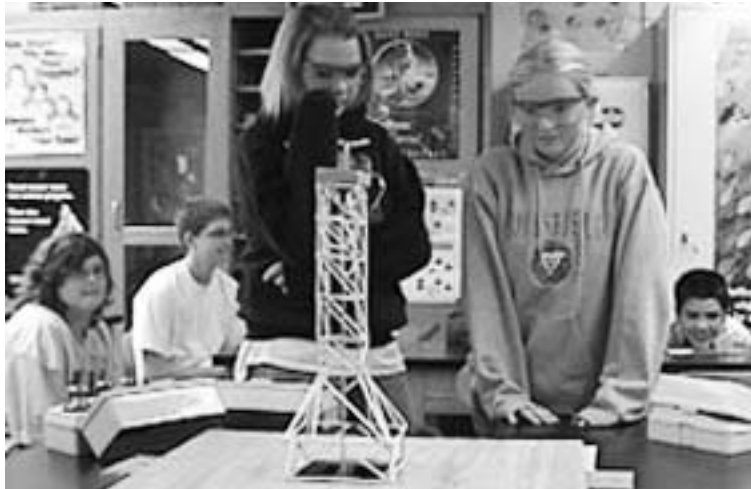
## We Are Off to a "Sunny" Start!

Students in Mrs. Griffith's Full – Day Kindergarten class are off to a sunny start! They are adjusting very well to our full-day schedule and to our classroom and school expectations. Students are working hard to become good listeners and to get along well with others. With the necessary care, support, and "nutrients" from their families and teachers, our Kindergarteners will continue to grow and blossom.



## Science Olympiad Towers

In Mr. Geha's 8th grade Science Olympiad class students learned the physics behind structures such as bridges and towers. They were then challenged to build a tower that would be tested for strength and design. The students had to follow the scientific method very closely while planning their experiment. During the experiment they attached a test block to their tower and added weights to a bucket that hung from the test block. The students calculated their towers efficiency by dividing how much it held by how much it weighed. They also calculated the force that the tower put on the testing platform when it held it's maximum load.



Dixie Knapp and Bailey Pickles experiment with their tower.

## DRIVE Program in Full Swing at BMS

DRIVE (Developing Responsibility Is Vitally Essential), last year's new academic tutoring program, which saw 99% of all BMS Students complete all of their homework, and saw 100% of all BMS Students get promoted to the next grade level, is in full swing again this year at the Blissfield Middle School. Students have four opportunities (four academic lunch points) to get their homework done before being enrolled in the after school part of the program. In the meantime they spend time in the DRIVE room during their lunch period finishing up their work. To reward responsibility students can lose an academic lunch point if they complete all of their homework for five consecutive days before reaching the after school part of the program. Free after school tutoring is also available through DRIVE, and the goal of the program is to serve as an incentive to help students complete their work or receive extra help should they need it.

## Technology Updates

Blissfield Community Schools is excited about the addition of several new technology services. First among these is E-School, a new online attendance and grading program. Teachers enter attendance and grades electronically, and parents and students can access grading and attendance information through the Home Access Center. Another new technology, the Honeywell Instant Alert system, instantly contacts parents and staff in the event of a delay or cancelation of the school day. Finally, Blissfield Community Schools is proud to announce the launching of a new web site, [www.blissfieldschools.us](http://www.blissfieldschools.us).

## Senior Information

The counseling office has partnered with Prep Headquarters (PrepHQ) for 2007-2008. PrepHQ is a resource available to students and parents for the purpose of requesting information to be sent to colleges as well as for the counseling staff to contact students with college information and opportunities. Seniors should already have the information to use this valuable web-site; if you do not, stop into the CCC for help. As new scholarships come into the CCC, prepHQ and the school website will be updated at least monthly and a master list will be posted on the student file cabinet in the CCC.

Seniors should check the scholarship file weekly and also perform computer searches that are available in the CCC. Helpful websites for Lenawee County students: [www.mi/studentaid.org](http://www.mi/studentaid.org) & <http://scholarships.lisd.k12.mi.us>. Applications for the LISD website will be updated for 2008 graduates by January 1, 2008.

College Applications should be completed by December.

Transcripts & ACT Scores may be requested online through PrepHQ or in person in the CCC.

Credit Status—students who need additional credit for graduation have been notified. Night school information for second semester is available in the CCC. First semester registration is already complete.

NCAA Clearinghouse registrations should be taking place now.

Financial Aid Forms will be available in the CCC beginning in December.

Scholarship Information has been updated on PrepHQ and in the CCC office. Students should check in at least weekly for new scholarships.

## ACT AND SAT DEADLINES

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
Dec. 8, 2007	Nov. 2, 2007	Nov. 3-15, 2007
Feb. 9, 2008	Jan. 4, 2008	Jan. 5-18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
Dec. 1, 2007	Oct. 30, 2007	Nov. 8, 2007
Jan. 26, 2008	Dec. 26, 2007	Jan. 4, 2008
March 1, 2008	Jan. 29, 2008	Feb. 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

## PLAN/PSAT Tests

This year's PLAN/PSAT testing session is now complete. Students who receive qualifying scores will be eligible for dual enrollment beginning fall of 2008. Remember, colleges usually begin their fall semester earlier than high schools. Your college application process must be complete before the end of the school year to begin in the fall. Mr. Johnson is the contact for dual enrollment.

## Cafeteria Corner

The Cafeteria will no longer be accepting meal charges. Therefore, it is important that parents deposit money in their child's account or send cash. Blissfield Community School lunch rooms all operate on a debit system. For your convenience you may make deposits into your child's account at [www.lunchdeposit.com](http://www.lunchdeposit.com).

Parents can also go online to fill out application for free or reduced meals. Go to [www.LunchApp.com](http://www.LunchApp.com). When using this site you will not have to send in paper application and you will have a reply back through the mail within seven days.

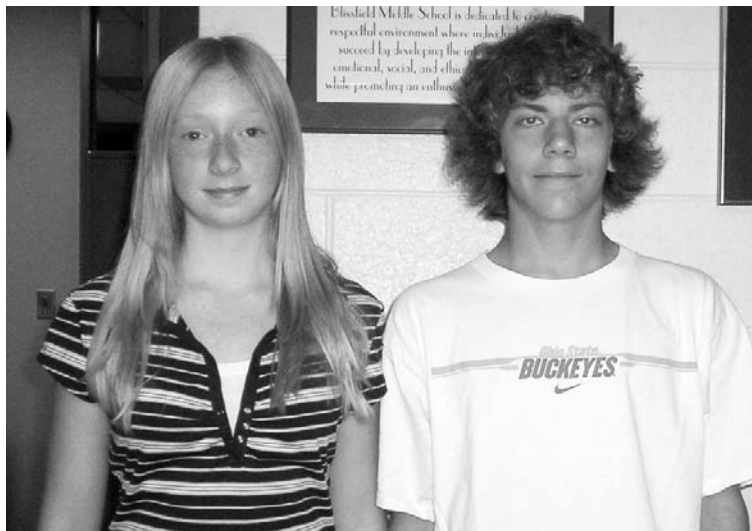
Our food service department is ready to feed our students with breakfast and lunch served daily in all buildings. Elementary students receive a monthly menu at the beginning of each month showing a daily menu for breakfast and lunch. Menus are available at [www.blissfieldschools.us](http://www.blissfieldschools.us).

Prices for 2007-2008 year are: Breakfast \$1.45 per meal in all buildings. Elementary School lunch is \$1.95 per meal. Middle and High School lunch is \$2.20 regular lunch with speciality bars at \$2.50. Adult meals are \$3.00. Milk sold separately from the meals for \$.45.

If you have any further questions please call the Food Service Director, Charleen Horky at (517) 486-2148 ext. 222.

## Middle School Delegates Chosen to Attend the Japanese Exchange Program

After completing a Japanese Enrichment Program during the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year Tony Renwand and Brittney Wright have been chosen to represent the Blissfield Middle School for a delegation visit scheduled in Moriyama, Japan during May of 2008. During the months of November through May, Tony and Brittney will be attending Japanese language and culture sessions once a month at the LISD. The Japanese delegation will be visiting Adrian, Michigan from October 30th through November 5th to experience our American culture.



## English Honors

The English Department proudly announces the winners of the English Student of the Month Award. Each student is nominated for outstanding performance in his or her respective English classes. Each student receives a certificate of appreciation and his or her picture will be on display in the newly created English department display case created by Education Careers student Tiffany Siebarth. The English 9 award went to Melissa Wiles in September and Jetecia Sheldon in October for their effort in class. The English 10 award was presented to Bethany Evans in September and Isaiah Nichols in October for leading classroom discussions. The English 11 award was received by Carrie Glauner in September and Michael Shoemaker in October for their participation in class activities.



Melissa Wiles



Bethany Evans



Carrie Glauner



Jetecia Sheldon



Isaiah Nichols



Michael Shoemaker

## BMS Online Writing Program

The Criterion Online Writing Evaluation program is a self-paced, instructional writing practice tool that offers almost immediate feedback on essay-writing performance for Blissfield Middle School students. This pilot project was a result of a generous grant from the Blissfield Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Criterion makes it easy to evaluate, discuss, and track each student's progress towards improved writing scores. It enhances writing instruction and provides students unlimited opportunities to improve their writing skills by submitting essays. The students are striving for that goal of "5" or "6" on their essays, so they are willing to go back through their essay to make the changes needed to get that improved score. Criterion points out very specifically what is wrong with the essay and makes it easy for the kids to see their mistakes.

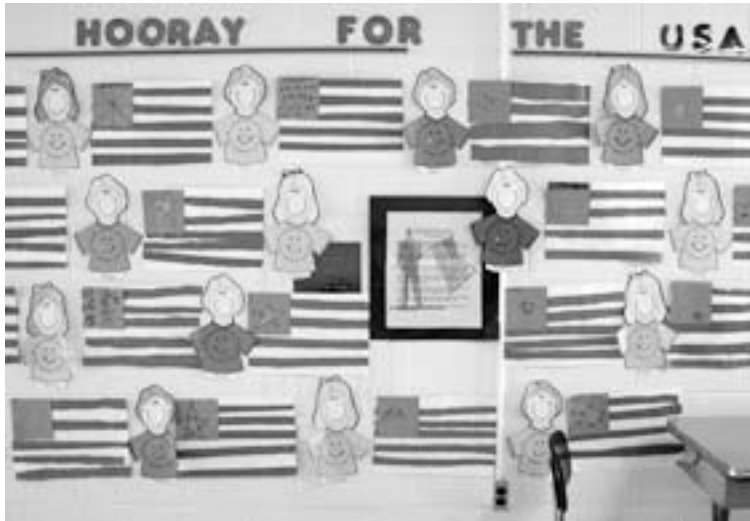
Blissfield Middle School English teachers and Administration believe the intense practice, evaluation, and revision can help students prepare for the State of Michigan writing assessment while encouraging their development as more mature writers.

## NCAA Clearinghouse Information

Students interested in participating in Division I or Division II athletics while in college should align their classes according to the guidelines established by the NCAA. Seniors should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse as early as possible during their senior year. You are encouraged to see Mr. Johnson, our NCAA Liaison, for further information.

## K-5 Students Celebrate Constitution Day

September 17th was Constitution Day. Students in grades K-5 began the day with a reading of the Preamble to the United States Constitution. The Preamble states, *"We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."* In an effort to understand the meaning behind these very difficult words, Mrs. Crane asked each classroom to discuss one of the concepts and to rewrite it in "kid-friendly language." All the ideas were put together, and the Blissfield Elementary School version was read at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon (the time when General Colin Powell led the nationwide traditional recitation of the Preamble). This very special version can be found on our elementary school webpage, part of the district's new website [www.blissfieldschools.us](http://www.blissfieldschools.us).



## Physical Education Enjoys New Tennis Courts

The Middle School Physical Education classes have taken advantage of the nice weather this fall. They completed their start of the year fitness testing and are now learning about football and tennis. The boys played football for a couple of weeks while the girls played tennis. They will switch activities during the next few weeks.



Chelsea Billington and Elisa Fehlberg enjoy the new tennis courts. The courts were opened this August.

## Rockets Invade B.M.S.

The 6th Grade Science Olympiad students researched how to make water bottle rockets and created their own! They examined air pressure, gravity, wind resistance and parachute deployment. The rockets were created with 2 liter bottles, duct tape, garbage bags, string, cardboard and even a Shrek poster!

Students were graded on their rocket building manual. Emily Kasefang and Kelsey Tomasek even made "Flying Flame" team shirts. Some highlights included: Anddora Martinez and Syrena Whitner's "Death Bat" that bombed Mr. Novak's trailer. James Foley and Josh Sedlacek won for highest and most time aloft, but were disqualified because their wings blew off. Allison Crowley, Kelsey McEwan and Abby Slusher got soaked while filling their rocket!



Abby Slusher, Allison Crowley and Kelsey McEwan fill their water rocket.

## Michigan Competitive Scholarship

Eligibility for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program is determined in part by the student achieving a qualifying score on the ACT. Therefore, it is critical that the seniors who have not taken the ACT, do so no later than the December 8, 2008 test date.

## Board of Education Members

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School Board meetings will be held the third Monday of each month in the High School Cafeteria.

November 19, 2007  
December 17, 2007  
January 21, 2008

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## Brighten Up Blissfield



Sherry Carter of **Creation Stations** and Jake Sieser of **Natural Lawn Care** donated their time, labor, and expertise in making our middle school entrance shine.



Mrs. Mitchell and Kirkland Bates utilize the airliner tablet. This device interacts with the SmartBoard remotely so students and teachers can add information from anywhere in the classroom. The Foundation purchased additional airliner tabler for use throughout the district.

Parents, please remember to submit your grocery receipts at Borchardt Brothers to support the BFEE fundraiser.



Mrs. Atkinson's 8th Grade Design Students used the Cricut Machine to show their love for the MEAP and to encourage their fellow students to "Do their best." The Cricut Machine is a new computerized letter making machine purchased by the Blissfield Foundation to help students and teachers create projects and bulletin boards. The Cricut Machine is available to all teachers and students.

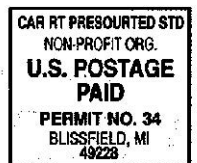
## It's All Fun and Games Around Here

Second grade students in Mrs. Hibdon's room enjoyed a game extravaganza as they learned strategies and problem-solving skills. The classroom games were purchased with grant money from the Blissfield Foundation for Educational Excellence.



Time blocks is a great game Mrs. Knierim helps Tim Maynard, Jamie Robinson, Josh Eisenmann, Tiffany Garno and Austin Andrews learn to play.

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