

The JUNIOR EAGLE

November 2020

Brown County Junior High School

Indiana Department of Education STEM Certified



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Mr. Brian Garman, Principal
Mr. Greg Pagnard, Asst. Principal/AD
Mrs. Terri Whitcomb, Guidance

School Information:

www.browncountyschools.com

BCS Vision Statement

World Class Opportunities. Small School Relationships. Lifelong Impact.

The Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are just a few short weeks away from Thanksgiving Break. The 1st trimester ends on November 6th and all of our students will transition to their new elective courses on Monday, November 9th.

On Tuesday, December 1st, all 8th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9. Our remote students are also invited to participate. The test will be administered at BCJHS from 8:30am – 12:00pm. We know that early practice and the right tools help students improve and succeed. The PSAT 8/9 provides schools, districts, and other educational organizations with an early assessment of students' academic skills as well as tools to help students improve.

The PSAT 8/9 will measure evidence-based reading, writing, and mathematics skills of our students. This information can then be used by school administrators, school counselors, and teachers to help guide and inspire students as they plan for their future.

Students can use the PSAT 8/9 to familiarize themselves with the types of questions, instructions, and format they will encounter on the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. PSAT 8/9 Score Reports provide personalized feedback on students' skills and offer suggestions for areas in which students can improve to better prepare for college and career.

Mr. Pagnard and I continue to be amazed at the resilience of our students during such a difficult school year. They come to school each and every day with a positive attitude toward learning and we could not be more appreciative. We wish everyone safe travels over the Thanksgiving Holiday!

- Brian Garman
BCJHS Principal

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Important Future Dates @ BCJHS

November 4th
Regional Spell Bowl
Competition (Virtual)

November 6th
End of 1st Trimester

November 13th
We the People
Regional Competition

November 25th - 27th
Thanksgiving Break

December 1st
PSAT - 8th Grade
8:30am—12pm



MRS. WHITCOMB'S WALL



It's November and the newness of Junior High is beginning to wane. Your student may be losing some motivation as he or she settles in. This is typical at this time of year, but don't panic there are ways you can help! Being curious about a topic he or she is studying can motivate your child to dig into it. Suggest these ways to pump up their curiosity.

■ *Looking ahead.* Your middle schooler might scan his or her syllabus or textbook to see what's coming up next. What would they like to know more about? What questions come to mind? ("How did the Gilded Age get its name?")

■ *Choosing topics.* When your student has a choice on a paper or project, encourage him or her to pick a topic that interests them (say, what schools were like in Colonial times). That way, they'll naturally want to jump in. As he or she researches, suggest they jot down questions and watch for answers. Doing this will build curiosity and add to their knowledge.

Remote Students

Please know that there is help available for all remote students. Remote Learning takes a lot of motivation and organization and it can be a lot for families to stay on top of. If your student is struggling, please reach out for help. I am available to Zoom or talk by phone, with a student to help them navigate these new platforms!

I hope you have a great Thanksgiving – even in these uncertain times there is still so much to be thankful for!

Mrs. Whitcomb

Student Services Advisor

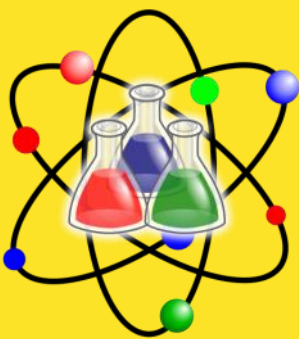
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8th Grade Ice Cream Lab

8th Grade Science Students participated in the Ice Cream Lab as part of their unit on chemical and physical reactions and change of state. It was a fun way to help illustrate the change.

In order to have a phase change in matter, heat must be gained or lost. Phase changes occur all around us in everyday life. For instance, ice melts when a drink is left in a room at normal temperature. Water freezes when placed in a really cold temperature, as in the freezer. In this experiment, students can see how fast heat is lost in order to change the milk from a liquid to a solid state.





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News for the Art Room

By Mrs. Roales, BCJHS Art Teacher

BCJHS Art Students participated in the annual Pumpkins on Parade with a local restaurant, the Brown Bike. This is the third year that BCJHS has participated. The Brown Bike donated all pumpkins for both BCJHS and BCHS (over 80 pumpkins). The designs ranged from simple designs to complex, from fun to scary. Students had a blast designing, planning and carving. Enjoy the pictures and Happy Fall!



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Waltman Construction 7th Grade Student of the Month

Congratulations to BCJHS November "Student of the Month" Morgan Osborn. Morgan was nominated by BCJHS Study Skills Teacher Mrs. Sumner. According to Mrs. Sumner, "Morgan is a diligent student who strives to do her best all the time. She is respectful to staff, teachers and peers. She shows in her daily actions that she values her education and values those around her in class. She is extremely pleasant and a joy to have in class." Morgan's picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of November. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS "Student of the Month". Morgan will be receiving a "Student of the Month" plaque compliments of **Waltman Construction**.



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Congratulations to BCJHS November "Student of the Month" Lilly VanNess. Lilly was nominated by BCJHS Science Teacher Ms. Lane. According to Ms. Lane, "Lilly is trustworthy, hard-working, joyful, peppy, smart, and an all-around great student. She can often be seen dancing down the halls on her way to class. Lilly is polite and always willing to help with anything that is needed." Lilly's picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of November. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS "Student of the Month". Lilly will be receiving a "Student of the Month" plaque compliments of **Waltman Construction**.





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Edgewood Mustangs
Owen Valley Patriots
Indian Creek Braves
Cloverdale Clovers

BCJHS Coaching Staff

Cross Country: Mrs. Chasity Smith
Cross Country: Mr. Ian McCabe
7th Football: Mr. Sean Cassidy
8th Football: Mr. Joel Lewis
Asst. Football: Mr. Ernie Stringer
Asst. Football: Mr. Josh Hazelgrove
Tennis: Mrs. Andi Rogers-Bartels
8th VBall: Mrs. Amanda Hawley
7th VBall: Mrs. Emma Totten
8th Boys' BB: Mr. Heath Bryant
7th Boys' BB: Mr. Jackson Saylor
8th Girls' BB: Mrs. Ronna Snyder
7th Girls' BB: Mr. Kyle McGaha
Wrestling: Mr. Andy Reed
Asst. Wrestling: TBD
Cheer: Ms. Cindy Woolems
Girls' Track: Mr. Kevin Roush
Boys' Track: Mr. Dan Lewellen
Asst. Track: Mrs. Emily Lewellen
Asst. Track: Mr. Tim Hebert



The Sports Corner

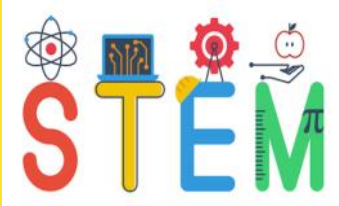
By Mr. Pagnard, BCJHS Athletic Director

The fall sports season has concluded and the winter sports season is quickly starting to materialize. The BCJH boys' basketball season has started and both teams are busy preparing for their first contest @ Owen Valley. The 7th grade team, led by Coach Saylor, will begin their season at 6:00 pm on 11/12/20. The 8th grade team, led by Coach Bryant, will play their first game 15 minutes after the conclusion of the 7th grade game. Good luck Eagles!

The girls' basketball teams, led by Coach Snyder and Coach McGaha, will conduct team tryouts on 11/23 and 11/24 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

For athletic information, visit the Brown County Athletic Department's website @ www.browncountyathletics.com. Information for grades 5-12 can be found at this site.





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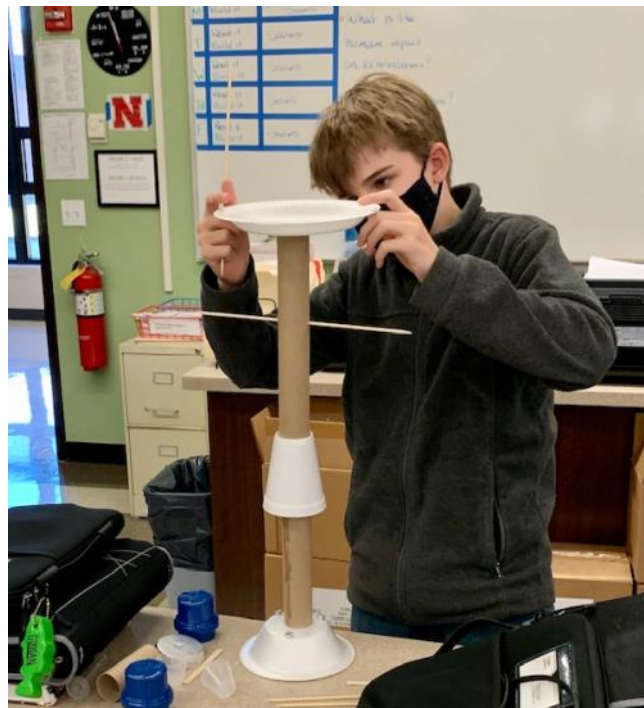
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News from the STEM Lab

By Ms. Lane, BCJHS STEM Lab Teacher

A couple of weeks ago I challenged my students to see who could create a balanced structure. We had some great structures constructed and lots of falling towers but in the end, we learned a few things about balance and center of mass. I chose this activity as a lead into our drone making because knowing the center of mass is essential for getting our drones designed to fly.





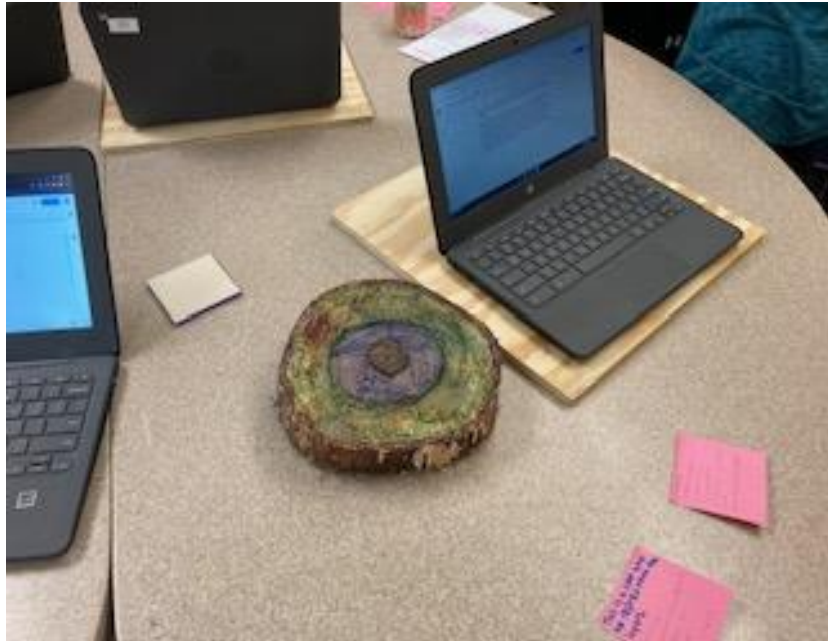
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7th Grade Science

BCJHS 7th Grade Science Students recently completed an Earth Layers Project. Students were tasked with making a scale model of the earth's layers without using food or a styrofoam ball. If students made their model of recyclable materials, they received extra credit.



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BCJHS Biomedical

By Mr. Roush, BCJHS Biomedical Teacher

The BCJHS Biomedical Students created their own game based on one of the major course objectives that they studied during the 1st trimester. Students were able to choose the topic for their game. They created some amazing games and really enjoyed playing them with their classmates.

