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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying some more seasonable weather! It has been a long time coming.

The excitement of Middle Level education has been on display these last few weeks. From last Friday on, we have had Space Day, Activity Day and Civil Rights Day. To top it off, the 7th grade hosted a Wabanaki Cultural Day today. The students did a great job engaging with many visitors and guests. Please be sure to ask them about their experiences as they explored new interests and gained some new knowledge. Weeks like these make Brunswick Junior High School an exciting place to learn.

As you know, this week was Teacher Appreciation Week. On Tuesday, our teachers were treated to "Grab and Go Snacks" from our generous parents. Parents also sent in supplies to help supplement their classrooms. We have such a caring and professional group of educators at BJHS, and I feel fortunate to work with them every day.

As always, if you have a school related question or concern, please contact the school at 319-1930.

Sincerely,
Walter Wallace

Walter Wallace, Principal

BJHS Step Up Day June 1st!

On June 1st we will be hosting our annual Step-Up Day for incoming 6th grade students. The new 6th grade students will arrive from HBS to BJHS around 9:30 a.m. and stay through lunchtime.

Our current 6th and 7th grade students will also "move up" during this time period and experience their own new grade levels.

Our current 8th graders will be stepping up to the high school. Students will be treated to a tour, discussions and will eat lunch in the high school cafeteria. More information to follow.

The 8th Grade Science Symposium will be on Thursday, May 31st. During the school day, students will present their science projects to each other, other teachers and scientists. The evening of Friday, June 1st, we are inviting parents to come and view the projects (Mission Results, Astrobiology Space Art and Science Fiction Short Stories). This will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in rooms 102 and 103 (Ring and Hensch). Please join us on June 1st to see what a wonderful job the 8th graders do on their designs, and how they present their learning! As an added exciting experience, this will be the same night as the Art Scoop and the 6th Grade Science Exhibition in the cafeteria!



Notes from the Nurse!

New Maine school 7th grade entry vaccine requirements:

Starting in the 2018 -2019 school year, the state has mandated that all students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade must have proof that they have had the age appropriate meningococcal vaccine (MCV4). This vaccine was added to protect the child from meningitis and sepsis.

Also required for all 7th graders is proof of the Tdap booster immunization. This vaccine is intended to reduce the spread of pertussis.

Many of our current 6 grade students have already had the Tdap booster and/or the MCV4 vaccine. I am currently going through all health records and immunizations and generating a list of who needs documentation of these immunizations. I will be sending home information with your student at the end of the school year if this documentation is needed for your child.

As with any required vaccinations, if you choose not to have your child vaccinated with this Tdap booster and/or MCV4 vaccine, an exemption form will need to be filled out annually regarding this.

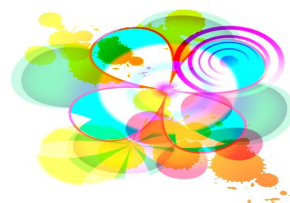
Helen Tetu, RN

Spring Sports....

Spring sports teams struggled to get outside before vacation, but are off and running now. The last week of April had all of our teams playing in a game or participating in a track meet. There are many practices and games scheduled in a short period of time, as most seasons wrap up the first week of June. Practice and Game schedules are posted on the school's Athletics webpage with directions to away venues. There are over 200 BJHS students participating on school sponsored teams this spring. In addition to improving the skills of each sport, our coaches are emphasizing the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, and helping our student athletes develop leadership skills on and off the field.

Call for Submissions of Art and Writing!

Last call for submissions of writing and illustrations for the literary magazine, Husky Prints! See your LA or art Teacher to get your work printed!



Do you love to garden? Do you like to volunteer for a good cause? We transplanted our young vegetables, herbs and flowers from the Grow Lab into the BJHS Huskies' Garden of Eatin' during our Activity Day, May 9th. ...and that is just the start! The Garden of Eatin' is looking for

summer volunteers to help maintain and harvest the school garden. Experience is not necessary! It requires approximately three to five hours a week, depending on weather conditions and what needs to be harvested. Maintenance includes watering, weeding and checking for pests. Any produce you harvest, you may keep or donate. Last year, donations were made to the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program, the Tedford Shelter and the Thornton Oaks retirement community. You can volunteer as a coordinator for the whole week, or as a helper. As a coordinator (adult), you should volunteer three days in that week. We suggest Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon after 4:00 pm. The time or day can be changed after agreed upon with other volunteers that week. As a helper you need to come only on the days you have signed up. To volunteer, go to the BJH website, find Garden of Eatin' on the left side, and look under Volunteer Opportunities. We will help you be successful!

Don't forget — **Eighth graders can earn up to 10 hours of community service for BJHS high school graduation!**



The Final Science Club of this school year will meet on Tuesday, May 15th after school. The topic this month is **ROCKETS!** Come learn about, build and go outside to **MAKE YOUR ROCKETS LIFT OFF!** We will have a contest to see whose rocket flies the highest. Learn how to measure height off the ground while having fun in the outdoors. We will start in Mrs. Lamdin's room (Room 108). Have your rides at 4:00.



5th Grade Parents' Information Night

When: Two nights; May 22nd and May 24th - 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Where: Brunswick Junior High Band Room

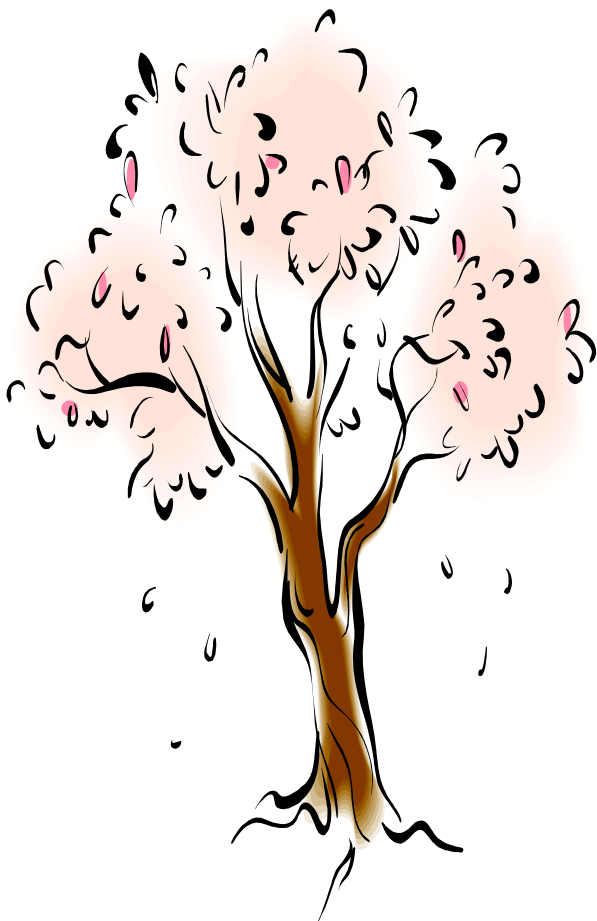
This is for parents of 5th grade students who will be advancing to grade six in the fall.

Choose the night convenient for *your* schedule.

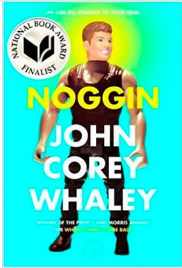
Come learn about the transition!



The science MeCAS test was administered on the morning of Wednesday, April 25th. This test is a replacement of the MEAs and the only test administered that tests science knowledge.



Check Out These Middle Level Book Recommendations

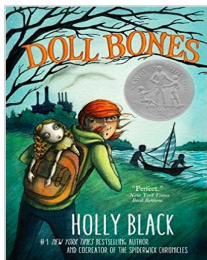
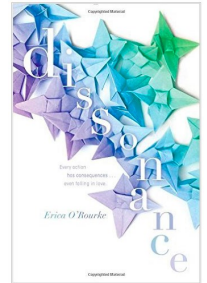


NOGGIN by John Corey Whaley

The in between part is still a little fuzzy, but Travis can tell you that, at some point or another, his head got chopped off and shoved into a freezer in Denver, Colorado. Five years later, it was reattached to some other guy's body, and well, here he is. Despite all logic, he's still sixteen, but everything and everyone around him has changed. That includes his bedroom, his parents, his best friend, and his girlfriend. Or maybe she's not his girlfriend anymore? That's a bit fuzzy too.

Dissonance by Erica O'Rourke

Every time someone makes a choice, a new, parallel world is spun off the existing one. Eating breakfast or skipping it, turning left instead of right, sneaking out instead of staying in bed—all of these choices create alternate universes in which echo selves take the roads not traveled. Del knows this because she's a Walker, someone who can navigate between the worlds, and whose job is to keep the dimensions in harmony.

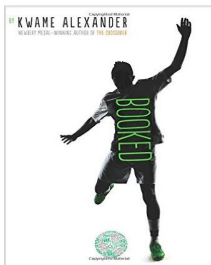
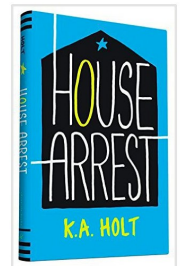


Doll Bones by Holly Black

Zach and Alice and Poppy set off on one last adventure to lay the Queen's ghost to rest. But nothing goes according to plan, and as their adventure turns into an epic journey, creepy things begin to happen. Is the doll just a doll or something more sinister? And if there really is a ghost, will it let them go now that it has them in its clutches?

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

Timothy is on probation. It's a strange word—something that happens to other kids, to delinquents, not to kids like him. And yet, he is under house arrest for the next year. He must check in weekly with a probation officer and a therapist, and keep a journal for an entire year. And mostly, he has to stay out of trouble. But when he must take drastic measures to help his struggling family, staying out of trouble proves more difficult than Timothy ever thought it would be. By turns touching and funny, and always original, *House Arrest* is a middle-grade novel in verse about one boy's path to redemption as he navigates life with a sick brother, a grieving mother, and one tough probation officer.



Booked by Kwame Alexander

In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel *THE CROSSOVER*, soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read.

BJHS to BHS Transition

8th Grade Students & Parents Please Take Note!

**The transition to Brunswick High School is
fast approaching!**

June 1, 2017 - Step Up Day for 8th graders to BHS.

This will include a tour, a student panel, presentations, and lunch in the cafeteria.

Music Events!

We are coming to a close for our performing ensembles and have a full calendar of events for our student musicians!

Monday, May 28

is the Memorial Day Parade. Band students will be representing BJHS as they march in this annual event.

Thursday, June 7

Our 6, 7 and 8th grade outdoor band concert. Please bring your chairs and blankets and make yourselves comfortable on our LAX field next to the gym as our instrumental musicians share their favorite songs from their repertoire at BJH. Awards will also be shared at this concert. A light supper offering will be available to purchase from our Boosters. In case of rain, this concert will simply be moved indoors.

Monday, June 4

is the 6,7 and 8th grade theme concert in the BJH gym at 7:00 PM. We will be singing songs from several decades of rock and roll, saying farewell to our 8th graders and sharing awards.

All concerts are open and free to the public!

We would like to thank everyone who supported our music events this year. We are looking forward to another fantastic experience next year!