

# The Husky Herald

A monthly newsletter from the school principal

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Greetings, parents, guardians, and caregivers!

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. Our students will be able to celebrate an abundance of successes in the coming weeks as our classes wind down and summer vacation winds up. Please take note of the many details included here as we prepare all students for their next adventure, either within our walls or outside!

As June 21 draws near, we have much to celebrate with our eighth graders. Each member of the Class of 2023 brings with him/her the kindness, compassion, and respect that this world needs. It is exciting to think that our students will start their careers at BHS in the fall of 2019, and they will do great things while there.

Finally, I hope that the start of the summer season brings much happiness to you and your students. I am reminded of John Clare's sonnet that celebrates summer:

*I love to see the summer beaming forth  
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north  
I love to see the wildflowers come again  
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain...*

I can only hope that we enjoy many "white wool sack clouds" and "see the wildflowers come again" this summer! Here is a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the parents, guardians, and caregivers who have partnered with us this year as we navigated all that the school year sent our way. I have certainly enjoyed my first year as a member of the BJHS community and the many adventures we had, and I look forward to many more exciting adventures to come!

With warm gratitude,  
*Mandy Lewis*

Mandy Lewis, Interim Principal





# STEP UP! DAY

On June 10th 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 grade will also have a Step Up Day at BHS! Buses will leave at 9:00 a.m. and be back at 11:45 a.m. Students will be treated to a tour, discussions, and will eat lunch in the high school cafeteria.



**June 21,**  
**Dismissal at:**  
**12:15pm**



Our 8th Grade Final  
Assembly and Talent Show  
Assembly Starts at 8:20  
Talent show to follow



Check the  
Lost & Found

All items will be donated at the  
end of the month



### **If your child has medication in the health office:**

All over the counter medication will be sent home with your child on June 18/19.

All inhalers and Epi Pens will be given out to the children on June 20 to keep in their backpacks to bring with them on June 21 if needed.

I will be in contact with parents regarding prescription medication for pick up.

NO medications are kept in the health office over the summer.

Any medication left in the health office will be properly disposed of on June 24th.

When school resumes in the fall, a new medication form will need to be filled out and medication will need to be in the original container to be given in school.

### **For outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders:**

Physical exams are recommended for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Packets with the health forms will be given to our outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the end of the school year. High school athletic form packets may be obtained at the high school or downloaded from the high school website under the heading "Athletics" on the menu bar.

### **For next year's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:**

Athletic forms must be signed by the **parent** and the **physician** and be on file in school for your child to participate in any school sport programs. All health and athletic forms may be obtained at the junior high front office, health office or downloaded from the junior high website.

Reminder: All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders need to have documentation of one tdap and one MCV4 (meningococcal) vaccine or an exemption letter on file at school per Maine State Law.

Make your appointments now for summer physicals and to get the forms and any needed immunizations completed.

Any questions please contact me at [htetu@brunswick.k12.me.us](mailto:htetu@brunswick.k12.me.us) or 319 -1937.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

Helen Tetu, RN

# End of Year Laptop Collection

It's almost time again!!! These are the last days for students using laptops! Here's what they need to do to prepare for check-in and collection!

## Collection

*If your student is transferring or moving before the end of school, the school laptop needs to be turned in before leaving.*

- Laptops do not go home after Friday, June 7th unless necessary.
- *Laptops do not go home at all after Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.*
- Collections will take place during classes beginning the week of June 17.
- ALL student laptops *must* be collected *before* the end of school, Wednesday, June 19.

## Items to Return

Each student will return a laptop case containing these items:

- Laptop with their name label attached.
- Charger with their name label attached.
- Name card in the case with their *last name legible*. First names and nicknames are not acceptable for check in purposes.

## Clean Items

- Personal stickers and any adhesive residue need to be cleaned from all items returned.
- Do not remove school labels with names and/or bar codes.
- ALL personal items will be removed from the case and charger pouch. Personal items such as gum, candy, keys, papers, pens, pencils, make-up, iPods, cell phones, headphones, earbuds, DVDs, money, small pets, should be cleaned out.
- Seventh-graders can leave personalized items on their case for next year as long as they are neat and tidy.
- Clean the case as much as possible. Paint, pen and pencil marks, chalk, clay, dirt, pet fur, food, etc., can be cleaned off at home with a brush and cleaner.



# SUMMER



Children typically forget some of what they learned during the school year if they don't engage in learning activities over the summer. This is particularly true in math. A study by

researchers at the University of Missouri shows that on average, students lost about 2.6 months of math learning over the summer. That means classroom teachers spend weeks reviewing math facts and concepts in the first few weeks of school.

- 1. Note numbers.** Increase your child's awareness of numbers by looking around the house to find examples. Boost your child's awareness of how numbers are used by pointing out the movie times, weather forecasts and sports statistics in your daily newspaper.
- 2. How tall are you?** Lots of middle school age students grow over the summer months! Many families record the height of their child on a door or wall chart. Measurement and understanding relationships between numbers are crucial to the development of mathematical thinking.
- 3. Play grocery store math.** When at the supermarket, estimate the cost of the purchases or find unit prices in order to look for the best buy. Supply paper and pencil, and maybe a calculator, as well, so your child can practice using calculators the way adults use them every day.
- 4. What's on the menu?** The next time you go to a restaurant, hang on to the menu while you are waiting for your meal and play some math games with your child. Ask him to find the least expensive item on the menu, then all the items that cost between \$5 and \$10 or three items whose total cost is between \$9 and \$20. This will not only fill the time while you're waiting to eat, it will show your child how math is used every day. When you get the bill have your child calculate the tip and total or change due back.
- 5. Cook up a math game.** The kitchen is a great place to practice math, as long as there's an adult home to supervise. Ask your child to double or halve a recipe.
- 6. Measure the distance.** You don't have to leave home for this game, although it's ideal for vacations. Get out a map that indicates the distance in miles between cities. Measure the distance between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and between Phoenix and San Francisco. Which is greater? How does that compare to the distance between New York City and Chicago?
- 7. Math tutor.** Want someone else to do it for you? Contact the guidance department for names of people who tutor in the summer.
- 8. Calculate fuel consumption and elapsed time.** When you are going on a car trip, find out how many miles per gallon your car gets. Project how much longer it will take to get to your destination, how often you will have to stop for gas, etc.
- 9. Calculate exchange rates.** If you are traveling to a different country, discuss exchange rates and be in charge of calculating different costs in dollars.

# Summer READING

This year BJHS is setting a SUMMER READING goal of **1000 books!** To celebrate this reading goal, we are offering **POPCORN TICKETS** to any incoming 6th, 7th or 8th grade student who reads *at least* 2 books this summer! Students simply need to fill out the form below and have a parent or guardian sign to confirm the books have been read this summer. During the first week of school, Language Arts teachers will collect your forms. Extra forms will be available on the BJH school website. In September, students will have the opportunity to redeem their **POPCORN TICKET** for a healthy snack during HUSKY TIME! We encourage students to consider reading any book that matches interests with an appropriate reading level. The Curtis Memorial Library, with its summer reading program, is a terrific resource. Follow along with an audio book in another great option! *Happy Reading!*



**2 BOOKS/YOU + EVERYONE = 1000+ BOOKS/SCHOOL!**

Again this year, all B.J.H.S. students are being asked to read at least two books this summer. Students received a pink reading log on Step Up Day from their language arts teacher. On the first week of school, teachers will ask students to pass in their summer reading logs. The logs will also be posted on our school website.

There are many good ideas for summer reading to help maintain fluency and reading level, as well as to encourage independent reading. Look for titles that are interesting and fun to read! We hope that students will lose themselves in a great book this summer and avoid the “summer slide” that is likely to happen if students don’t read over the summer.

If students don’t read at all over the summer, they are likely to suffer from “summer slide,” but if students read three books at their level, they will likely maintain their progress. On the positive side, students who read more than three books at their level are likely to actually make some gains in reading.

Please also visit our school website for other possible summer reading suggestions.

Brunswick Junior High School Music Department  
presents

Celebrate



Outdoor Concert

and Awards Presentation

Thursday, June 6

6:00 PM

Brunswick Junior High School

Athletic Field (parallel to Columbia Ave.)

(In the case of inclement weather, we'll move in to the gymnasium)

Bring lawn chairs.....bring blankets.....  
.....(bring bug spray!!)

*BJH Music Boosters will be selling concessions ("Frito Pie" and other assorted goodies!) for your dining pleasure!*

Join us for a great evening of music provided by the  
Brunswick Junior High School Concert Bands!



# Lights! Music! Open Mic!

Join us **Friday, June 14th** for a chance to entertain the crowd with a performance of your choice!

*You can perform alone or with a group of friends. You have your choice of song, script, or stunning feat!\**

Have an act in mind?  
Sign up now on the sheet outside  
Mrs. Reynolds' room, 104!

*The curtain rises at 2:45 & the show goes on until 4:00*

*\*All acts must be school appropriate.  
Limited performance spots are available.*







# Activity Afternoon

(A Brunswickian Bonanza at BJHS)

June 14th (2:30 to 4:00 PM)

Sponsored by the Student Council

Free Admission

Free Photos w/props

Dancing

Music Open Mic

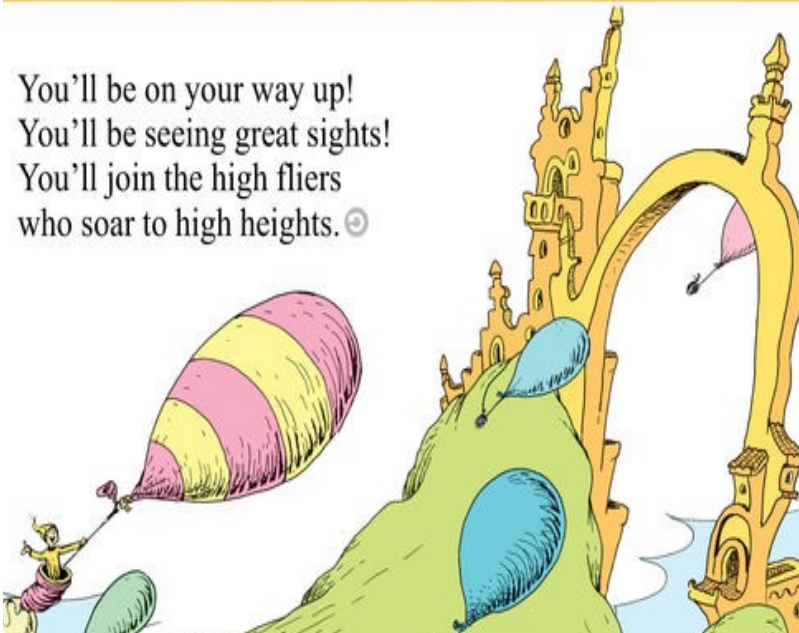
Snacks will be on sale



Good luck in high school to  
the 8th grade *Class of 2023*

★ Oh, the Places You'll Go! ★

You'll be on your way up!  
You'll be seeing great sights!  
You'll join the high fliers  
who soar to high heights. ☺



Annual **8th Grade Party**

at Winslow Park

June 20th;

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Did you know 1 in 5 children in Maine struggle with knowing where their next meal will come from?

Let's help fight food insecurity with our school food drive.

We will be collecting non perishable food items from Monday, June 3rd - Friday, June 14th.

There is also a competition between grade levels to see which grade brings in the most food.



*Sponsored by the BJHS Student Council  
All food will be donated to the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program.*



## Science Club

Don't forget the LAST Science Club of the year.....**Tuesday, June 4th**...ROCKETS!

Meet in Room 108 after the walker bell. Have your rides ready at 4:00. Come join in building stomp rockets, sending them off, and see how to measure whose rockets flew the highest!

