

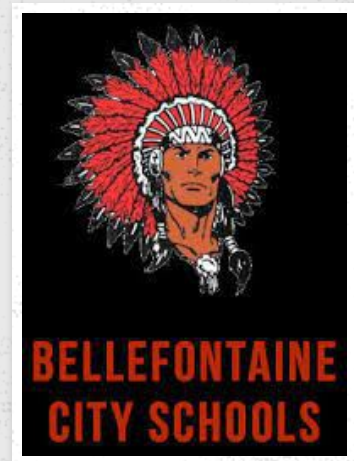
WELCOME BACK FAMILIES!

BACK TO SCHOOL BMS NEWSLETTER 2022-2023 (ISSUED: 08/09)

DEAR BMS CHIEFTAIN FAMILIES,

As we approach the beginning of the school year, there is some information we would like to share to help make 2022-2023 a great school year for our Chieftains!

On behalf of the staff at Bellefontaine Middle School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our middle schoolers achieve their highest potential. Below you will find important information to help you navigate the beginning of the school year.



In this newsletter:

- You will be introduced to our new staff at BMS
- Important Dates/Times
- BMS Kick-Off times and details
- Supply Lists for all grade levels
- Breakfast/Lunch information
- Resources Available for parents
- Our contact information

We hope you continue to have a great summer ahead of sending your kids back to school!

Thank you,

Mrs. Kyle Daring (BMS Principal)

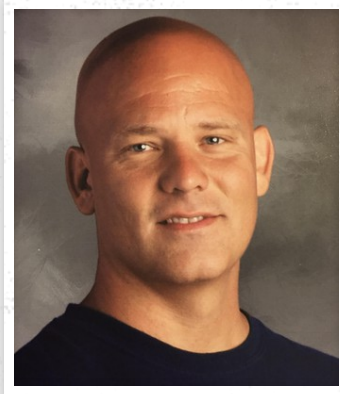
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WELCOME TO BMS FAMILY



BMS PRINCIPAL

Hello, my name is Kyle Daring, for those of you I do not know. I am Excited to continue my journey as a Chieftain Leader at the Middle School. Most of my career has been as a Chieftain both in the Classroom and at the District Level. As we begin the 2022-23 school year, I am blessed to have the opportunity to provide a culture that promotes student achievement, community support and personal growth for your child.



GUIDANCE

Hello, my name is Shawn Congleton, but I also go by Congo. So much shorter, easier and definitely more fun! I will be a school counselor here at BMS. I have 10 years of high school counseling experience, but this is my first time as a middle school counselor so I am excited to be joining the Chieftains to work with this fun age group! (I know it's not all fun.) That being said, I have worked with middle school students in the past as a youth pastor for ten years. In fact, I've worked with all ages from K-Young Adults in a myriad of ways from coaching, tutoring, small group leading, mentoring, secretarying, and administration for an after school program. I am super excited to join the team and looking forward to getting to know you, and supporting you and our students anyway that I can.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SECRETARY

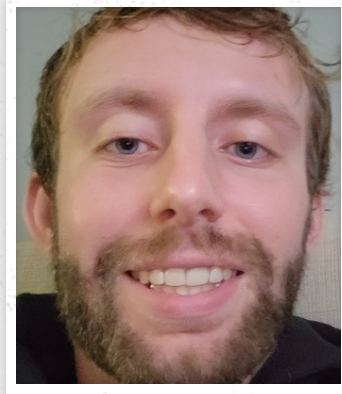
I'm Kristen Wagner, and I'll be a secretary at BMS. I'm a lifelong Chieftain, and after 19 years in the dental profession (office administration), I'm excited to work with staff and educators at my alma mater. I look forward to meeting everyone and being a part of Chieftain Nation.

It's a great day to be a Chief!



TRANSITION INTERVENTION

Hello my name is Katelyne Ackley. I am from East Liberty, OH where I assist my family in operating our family farm. I graduated from BLHS in 2013 and graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in Education (early childhood p-3 and intervention specialist k-12) from Wittenberg University in 2017. After teaching at multiple schools in Champaign County, I am eager to come back to Logan County to teach our students in our own community. I will be teaching transition intervention at BMS and I look forward to coming home. Go Chiefs!



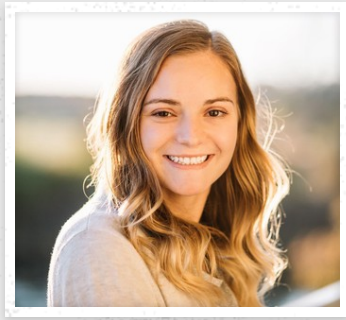
8TH GRADE ELA

I Joey Gengler from New Lebanon, Ohio, and I am a 24 year old graduate of Wright State University. I most recently student taught 8th grade language arts and social studies at Valley View Junior High in Farmersville, Ohio. I will be teaching 8th grade language arts at Bellefontaine Middle School this coming school year. I am excited to be a chief because Bellefontaine has always been like a second home for me. I am very grateful to be able to grow with the rest of the staff and to bring my energy and hard work to the district.



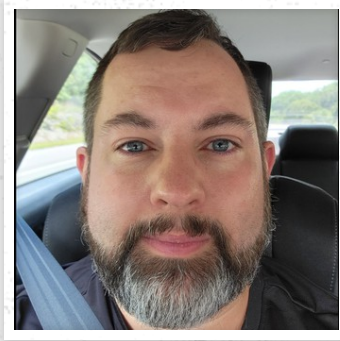
8TH GRADE MATH

My name is Jacey Greenwood, I grew up in Springfield Ohio, and attended Springfield Shawnee High School, where I enjoyed playing a variety of sports and I played trumpet in the band. I graduated this past May from Cedarville University with a degree in Middle Childhood Education with concentration areas in math and science. A fun fact about me is besides being an Ohio State Buckeyes fan I am also a big Pittsburgh Steelers fan. At the Middle School, I will be teaching 8th-grade math and I am also the assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach. I am excited about becoming a Chief because I can see how special this district is in caring about its students and helping them prepare for their future. I can tell the community really invested in their school and I am excited for the upcoming school year.



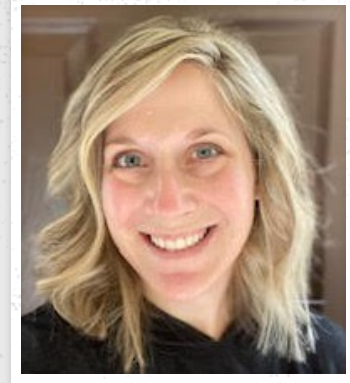
7TH GRADE ELA

Hello! My name is Brooke Bahr and I will be teaching 7th grade ELA. I was born and raised in Kenton, Ohio and then graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. I am fan of all things sports, coffee, and good books! This will be my fourth year in teaching and I am looking forward to becoming a Chief because of the strong community atmosphere Bellefontaine has, along with its commitment to preparing students for all walks of life.



7TH GRADE INTERVENTION

My name is Shaun Dunlap and I will be an intervention specialist for the seventh grade. This is my 11th year teaching, but my first with BMS. I am looking forward to meeting my new students soon and to working alongside my new and talented coworkers. Bellefontaine has always had a proud tradition of being an excellent school and I am honored to be joining the ranks of its teachers.



8TH GRADE SCIENCE

My name is Jenn Tozer. I'm originally from western Pennsylvania where I grew up on a dairy farm and taught music. My husband and I moved to Marysville about five years ago with our 4 children. I'm excited to start another new adventure teaching 8th grade science!



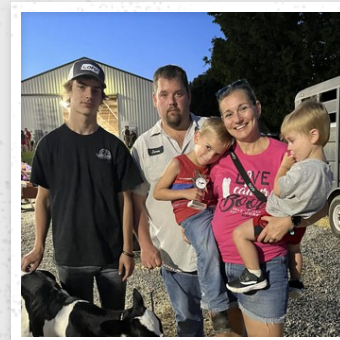
7TH GRADE SCIENCE

Hi, I'm Bonnie Linville, this will be my 26th year of teaching at BCS. I'm looking forward to working with the students and staff at BMS. I've been a Chieftain since I entered Kindergarten at Northeastern Elementary. I'm very proud and honored to continue the traditions that BCS offers. Go Chiefs!



CONSUMER SCIENCE

Hello Fellow Chieftains! My name is Tammy Fowler. I love to bake, cook, and spend time with my family. Professionally, I have been teaching for 14 years, all of which have been at Bellefontaine Intermediate. I am beyond excited (and honestly nervous) to be joining BMS as the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. Having graduated from Bellefontaine, I have been a Chieftain for 50+ years!!!! I love the history we have here in Bellefontaine and feel blessed that the community has overwhelming given us their support time and time again! Here's to a great year! Go Chiefs!



8TH GRADE MATH

My name is Marice Furlong. My family and I live in Ridgeway, Ohio. I will be teaching 8th grade math and I am over the moon! I love pre-algebra and algebra! I can't wait to share my excitement and passion with my students!

Before coming to Bellefontaine, I taught 12 years at Ben Logan including ELA! I graduated from Ohio State University with my bachelors and masters in middle childhood education. Outside of school, I am a full time boy mom! My husband and I raise cattle and hogs. My oldest son, Tayte races 410 sprint cars, and my little boys, Landon and Nicholas, keep me on my toes!

I am thrilled at the opportunity that God has presented for me at Bellefontaine Middle School and can't wait to start building relationships with staff and students! Go Chieftains!



8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

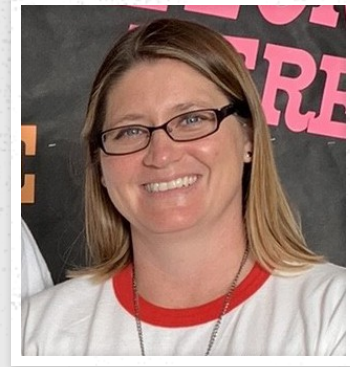
Hello my name is Robert Wolf. I am from NE Ohio but have lived in Logan County since 2005. I am married to Abby and have a son, Brayden, who is going into 4th grade. At BMS, I will be teaching 8th grade Social Studies. I am excited to become a Chieftain and make a positive impact on our students and the community.



8TH GRADE ELA

Eli Woodruff will be teaching 8th Grade Math for the 2022-23 school year.

Go Chiefs.



8TH GRADE INTERVENTION

My name is Natalie Grandstaff. I have been a chieftain for over 20 years now and am so excited to be working at the middle school this year! I will be teaching 8th grade ELA intervention this year.

BMS CHIEFTAN TEAM

Middle School Staff 2022-23

Office:

Kyle Daring-Building Leader/Principal

Gavin Yoder- Assistant Principal

Julie Kurtz-Guidance

Shawn Congleton-Guidance

Tami Scott-School Nurse

Kristen Wagner-Building Secretary

Andrea Torsell-Attendance Secretary

Matt Comstock-Athletic Director

6th Grade:

Kevin Cordell-Social Studies

Jordan Kesler-Math

Justine Oliver-ELA

Jerimiah Vigansky-Science

Keith Pettit-Social Studies

Mary Noffsinger-Math

Krista Belser-ELA

Jason Steider-Science
Karen Scott-Intervention
Lori Wilson-Intervention

7th Grade:

Marylin Smith-Social Studies
Paul Kite-Math
Joliece Reed-ELA
Abby Boop-Science
Jon Hayduk-Social Studies
Brady Hiatt-Math
Brooke Bahr-ELA
Bonnie Linville-Science
Kim Allen-Intervention
Shaun Dunlap-Intervention

8th Grade:

Robert Wolf-Social Studies
Marice Furlong-Math
Joey Gengler-ELA
Eric Fatzinger-Science
Diane Jordan-Social Studies
Jacey Greenwood-Math
Eli Woodruff-ELA
Jenna Tozer-Science
Natalie Grandstaff-Intervention
Ryan Sawmiller-Intervention

Intervention

Tracy Gregg
Katelyn Ackely

Building Balance:

Bryce Henry-Chior
Laura Mitchell-Orchestra
Jason Calton-Physical Education
Cheryl Poppel-Physical Education
Bill Low-Physical Education
Sandy Chervenak-STEM/Tech.
Lori Lowry-Art
Jordan Reser-STEM
Tammy Fowler-Family Consumer Science

Support Staff:

Heather Hoppe-School Psychologist
Sharon Lewis-Instructional Coach
Stephanie Fissel-Gifted

Officer Huffman-School Resource Officer
Susan Gleason-Para Professional
Mike Mosbarger-Para Professional
Tamara Dowell-Para Professional
Candy Powell-Para Professional
Lisa Wren-Media Center/Para

Kitchen Support:

Ranee Achor
Teresa George
Tami Deere
Angel Sims
Mercedes Johnson
Jane Linville
Beth Kieffer

Custodial Support:

Amanda Williams
Jessica Cooper
Rick Edwards

IMPORTANT TIMES/RULES TO REMEMBER IN 2022-2023...

Each school day officially at 7:15am in the classroom (students are tardy if they arrive after this time). If your child is late, a parent must sign them in at the office.

Each school day officially ends at 2:45pm. Students that leave early do lose attendance time. All parts of the school day are important!

Attendance/Tuancy: *The Bellefontaine City Schools Attendance Policy recognizes the importance of good attendance habits. It is important for you to communicate to the school if your child is out of school for any reason. Notification is required the morning of each absence to inform the school that the student will not be attending that day. Should proper notification not be received, the school will notify the parent or guardian of the student's absence within 120 minutes of the start of the school day. **Each absence will be recorded as truant until a signed written note by the parent/guardian or a medical note from a doctor stating the reason for the absence is received. A maximum of 10 parent notes for each student will be accepted. Days will be considered truant thereafter without a medical note. An absence may be changed to excused when a note is received within 24 hours for one of the following legitimate reasons:***

Personal illness (a written physician's statement verifying the illness may be required)
Illness in the family necessitating the presence of the child
Quarantine of the home
Death in the family
Observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday

Such good cause as may be acceptable to the Superintendent

A student will be considered habitually truant if the student is absent without a legitimate excuse for five (5) consecutive days (30 hours), seven (7) days in one school month (42 hours), or twelve (12) days in one school year (72 hours). When a student is excessively absent and accumulates thirty-eight (38) or more hours per month, or sixty-five (65) or more hours per school year, with or without a legitimate excuse, we are required to involve parents with the hope for improvement. Notification and communication may be in the form of a letter, phone call, or a scheduled absence intervention team meeting.

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up: Front of the Middle School. This allows us to have proper security and supervision for students arriving and departing school.

Cell Phone Policy: ALL cell phones will be powered off and placed in the student's locker for the day. If you need to speak with your student during the school day, please contact the office at 937-593-9010.

BMS KICKOFF 2022-23 (BELLEFONTAINE MIDDLE SCHOOL)

WHEN

THURSDAY, SEP. 1ST, 4-7:30PM

WHERE

**1201 LUDLOW ROAD
BELLEFONTAINE, OH**

MORE INFORMATION

**Thursday, September 1st from 4:00pm - 7:30pm
Grades 6th - 8th**

For 6th grade students and new students to the building, there will be **MANDATORY Chromebook Device Meetings** which will begin promptly at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 in the BMS gym. In order for your student to receive a Chromebook when school starts a Parent/Legal Guardian must attend a meeting and sign the proper documentation.

During this time you also have the opportunity to:

- Speak with teachers, counselors, associate principal and principal.
- Pick up your schedule
- Tour the building and walk your schedule (Maps will be available)
- Learn about extracurricular opportunities
- Pay school fees by visiting our awesome Secretaries in the office

IF for some reason you cannot attend this evening, there will be a make up date on Friday, September 2 at **8:00AM**. On Friday, September 2, you will only be able to pick up schedules and attend the mandatory Chromebook Device Meeting, Classrooms will not be available.

Chromebooks will be distributed to students on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at school. In order for your student to receive a Chromebook, incoming 6th graders and new students to the district need to attend

the mandatory meeting. Current 7th and 8th graders need to complete all needed documentation in Final Forms and at Open House.

You must complete student and parent Final Forms prior to the start of school, Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Please NOTE: There is a \$30.00 school fee and \$50.00 technology fee. Fees can be paid online or at the school office.

<https://www.spsezpay.com/Bellefontaine/login.aspx>
(All school fees can be paid through ezpay)





6TH GRADE SUPPLIES

Bellefontaine Middle School
6th Grade Supply List
2022-2023

Language Arts

- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pack square post-its
- 3 subject notebook

Science

- 1-1 subject notebook
- Glue sticks

Math

- 1 package loose leaf paper
- 1 pocket folder

Social Studies

- 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 package loose leaf paper
- 1 package colored pencils

General Supplies

- 1 box of Kleenex
- Headphones



7TH GRADE SUPPLIES

Bellefontaine Middle School
7th Grade Supply List
2022-2023

Language Arts

- 1 red spiral notebook
- 1 red pocket folder

Science

- 1 single green subject spiral notebook
- 1 green pocket folder
- 2 glue sticks

Math

- 1 blue single subject spiral notebook
- 1 blue pocket folder

Social Studies

- 1 yellow pocket folder
- 1 yellow pocket folder

General Supplies

- 2 boxes of tissues
- Dry erase markers
- 100 pencils
- Clorox wipes



8TH GRADE SUPPLIES

Bellefontaine Middle School
8th Grade Supply List
2022-2023

Social Studies

- 1-2 pocket folders
- 5 subject notebook
- colored pencils
- glue sticks

Language Arts

- 2 composition notebooks
- Post-its
- Pencils

Math

- 1 composition notebook

Science

- 1-2 pocket folders

General Supplies

- Pencils
- Loose leaf paper
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

Sept. 1 Kick Off to start school

Sept. 5 Labor Day – No School

Sept. 6 1 st Day of School

Sept. 14 Picture Day

Oct. 5 Interims – Digital Copy Only

Oct. 10 Waiver Day – No School for Students

Oct. 13 PTC/Orchestra and Choir concert

Oct. 14 COEA Day – No School for Students

Oct. 26 Picture Retakes

Oct. 27 Rock-n-Read

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Program

Nov. 14 Waiver Day – No School for Students
Nov. 18 Grade Cards
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec. 7 Interims – Digital Copy Only
Dec. 15 PTC/Choir, Band and Orchestra Concert
Dec. 22-30 Winter Break – No School
Jan. 13 Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day – No School
Jan. 18 Grade Cards
Feb. 13 Waiver Day – No School for Students
Feb 15 Interims – Digital Only
Feb. 20 Presidents' Day – No School
Feb. 23 Parent Teacher Conferences
Mar. 13 Waiver Day – No School for Students
Mar. 23 Grade Cards – Digital Only
Apr. 3-10 Spring Break – No School
Apr. 26 Interims – Digital Copy Only
May 8 Waiver Day – No School for Students
May 25 End of fourth grading period and LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

[District School Calendar](#) (click on link)

BREAKFAST/LUNCH UPDATE

For the 2022-23 school year, breakfast will be provided at no cost. However, Lunches this year will have a charge of \$2.25. Also, there will be a charge for extra purchases of any other items.

https://www.bellefontaine.k12.oh.us/menus/middle_school

(Monthly Lunch Menus)

<https://www.spsezpay.com/Bellefontaine/login.aspx>

(Please use ezpay to add money to your students lunch account)

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED FROM DAY 1

There are links to different PodCast resources along with articles for you to enjoy. -
<https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/podcasts> -<https://www.edutopia.org/article/back-to-school-resources-parents>

DISTRICT NEWS

LATEST NEWS: GET THE LATEST NEWS ON FACEBOOK!

Be sure to take a look at all building and district updates on Facebook and/or our district website:
<https://www.bellefontaine.k12.oh.us/>



SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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