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AMBOY NEWS

February 17, 2012

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and Students,

It won't be long until we will be finishing up this school year and gearing up for another exciting and challenging year. One of the ways we know the year is going quickly is when the high school counselors call to set up scheduling for our 8th graders who will soon be freshman. The first introduction to high school for those students who will be attending BGHS will be on Thursday, February 23. All 8th graders, parents and guardians are invited to attend BGHS Open House, February 23, 2012 in the gym from 6-8PM.

Another tip is when teachers and students freshen up their academic skills for the State Testing which is scheduled to begin May 1, 2012.

As always it is a pleasure to be working with your children on a daily basis. They are friendly, polite and they come with an excitement and zest for learning as they continue to become who they are meant to be. Enjoy the last days of winter and prepare yourselves for spring.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ebner, Principal

NEW

Resources for Students~

7th & 8th grade students have the chance to access daily assignments from home. The week's assignments will be posted daily on the Amboy building website which can be accessed at
<http://www.bgsd.k12.wa.us/amb/>

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!!

Place your order on or BEFORE Mar. 16
and pay only **\$23** for your yearbook!!
Yearbooks ordered after **Mar. 16** and
before **April 13** will cost **\$32**
Order Envelopes available in the office

Semester Awards Presentations~

Honor Assemblies will
be held on:

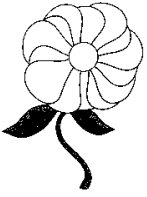
5th Grade – Thursday,
February 23
2:35PM – 3:08PM

6th Grade – Friday,
February 24
2:30PM – 3:08PM

7th Grade – Wednesday,
February 29
9:20AM-10:10AM

8th Grade – Wednesday,
February 22

Testing Information~



This year students in all grade levels will take the Measurement of Student Progress test (MSP) to check their progress. All students will take reading and mathematics tests. Fifth and Eighth graders will also take a science test and seventh grade students will take a writing assessment. Testing dates will be May 1, 3, 7 & 10. We encourage students to get plenty of sleep prior to and during the MSP testing period and eat healthy meals (especially breakfast) so that they can perform at their very best during this time. Time will be provided for students to eat a nutritional snack. Students are encouraged to bring snacks during the testing times.

Family Access~

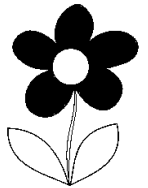
Family Access is open for parents to view their student’s school information online. If you do not have access to internet at home you can come by and use the Amboy Media Center’s computers to look up your student’s information. Family Access provides you with your student’s attendance, grades, missing assignments, etc..... If you would like to be able to login into family access please stop by the office, show your ID, fill out the paperwork and receive your login and password.

Battle Ground School District Website~

Is another wonderful way to keep up with what is going on throughout the School District. You can find information such as a District Calendar, Bus Routes, Kindergarten Registration information, Public Announcements, etc. Please log on to <http://www.battlegroundps.org> for this information.

Community Education & Recreation~

Spring Sports & Class sign-ups are in full bloom at Battle Ground Community Ed. Please refer to www.battlegroundps.org/cmd or phone them at (360)885-6584 or stop by at 104 West Main Street, Battle Ground, WA.



Free/Reduced Lunches~

Please remember any time during the year there has been an economic change in your household you may fill out a Free/Reduced lunch request. Forms are available in the office.

Bus Notes~

Please make sure you provide the office with a **written** note for all bus passes. If your student forgets his/her note you may drop it off or fax it to the office (360)885-6055. Please include name of student, address of destination and parent signature. This is for student’s safety and our files. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Lost & Found~

For health and storage reasons, lost and found items will be donated to a local charity at the end of each semester. Please have your students check the **lost and found** located in the hall on the way to the gym if they are missing any items. Please try and label student’s clothing.

Grade Level News~

The 6th grade is excited to be moving into the second half of the school year. All 6th grade students have the opportunity to use the online program Study Island. On Study Island students will find every 6th grade learning standard organized with a lesson, assessment test questions, and explanations. The mastery of these topics will help students gain confidence when taking the MSP tests. It is a fun and effective way for students to be exposed to every standard that will be tested at the end of the year.

Students can access the program from any computer with an internet connection. Practice problems are challenging and will ensure that students grow in their knowledge of 6th grade content. Ask your student to show you the program. It is a fun and exciting way to learn. Contact your student's teacher with any questions about the program.

Human Growth & Development~

Human Growth & Development will be taught to 5th, 6th and 7th graders this spring; this is a state mandated curriculum. Parents are welcome to call the school to make arrangements for previewing the curriculum and video tapes that will be shown and discussed with students. Please call 360-885-6063 for information.



5th Grade Parent Preview Night

Human Growth and Development

Thursday, March 22, 2012

6:30– 7:30PM

Maple Grove Middle School

610 B SW Eaton Boulevard

Eighth Grade Information~

February 23rd: Open House at Battle Ground High School will take place from 6 to 8PM. Parents of 8th graders are invited to attend and ask questions.

March 6th: Students in the Career and Technology Education classes and clubs from Battle Ground High School will be visiting our campus with displays about career opportunities in different fields. Our students will be able to look at the displays and ask questions.

March 26th: Homeroom teachers will begin presentations regarding forecasting for high school classes. Students will be required to complete information online. If you are interested in a packet please see a counselor at your assigned high school.

March 27th: Open House at Amboy Middle School 6:30-8PM

May 1st – 17th: MSP! (Measurement of Student Progress, New style of WASL)

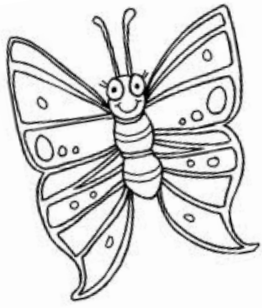
Students are encouraged to eat well, get good nights' sleep, and to do their best.

Basket: Our theme this year is TOOLS. We would appreciate any and all donations of new tools for the collection. We will be putting tools into container, and it will all be displayed at both the Amboy and Yacolt Open Houses. Please buy our tickets and help support 8th grade students' Recognition Ceremony.

Recognition: The *Recognition* theme for this year is has not been selected as of this date. *Recognition* will take place between 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. on the last day of school, currently scheduled as June 15. Ms. Broyles's Leadership class will be designing decorations, invitations, and programs for our special event. They will also be in charge of decorating the gym. Mrs. Bettger and Ms. Broyles would appreciate meeting with any parent/guardian interested in helping out with planning, gathering materials, collecting donations, and/or volunteering time. Traditionally, a few parents of 7th grade students volunteer to manage the refreshment table the morning of *Recognition*. If you are interested but cannot attend the first planning meeting at 1:45 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2012 please contact Kim Bettger at 885-5454 ext. 3437, bettger.kim@battlegroundps.org We will keep you in the loop!

Calendar for.....

February



- 17 Semester grades/newsletter go home
- 20 NO SCHOOL /President's Day
- 22 8th Grade Honors Assembly 9:20AM/Commons
- 23 5th Grade Honors Assembly 2:35PM/Commons
BGHS Open House 6-8PM/Gym
- 24 6th Grade Honors Assembly 2:30PM/Commons
- 28 Spring After School Activities will begin
- 29 Early Release 12:30PM/ State Furlough day
7th Grade Honors Assembly 9:20AM/Commons

March

- 8 Annual District Band Festival Prairie HS
- 13 Ranger Gary Horton Assembly/ 7 & 8th @ 12:10PM, 5 & 6th @ 1:30PM
- 16 Mid-term ends
Last day to order Yearbooks @ \$23 – price increases to \$32 thru April 13
- 21 Early Release 12:30PM/ State Furlough day
- 22 Spring Pictures (New students, band, leadership)
Spring Band Concert 7PM/Commons
- 23 Progress Reports/newsletter go home
- 27 Amboy Open House 6:30-8PM
- 29 Yacolt Dessert Social 6-7:30PM

April 2 ~ April 6 Spring Break!!!!

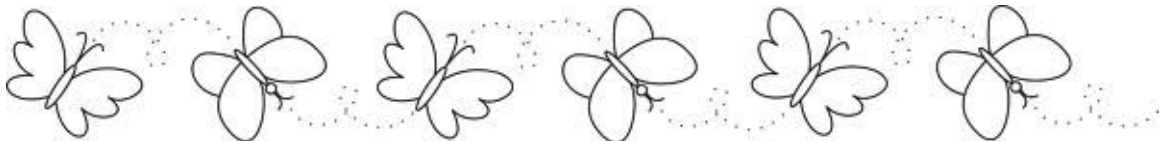


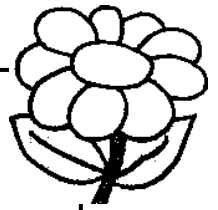
April

- 9 School Resumes
- 12 PTA meeting @ Amboy 6PM
- 14 Special Waste Collection(AMS 9-11AM) (YPS 2-4PM)
- 18 Early Release 12:30PM/ State Furlough day
- 25-27 Early Release 12:30PM/Parent/Teacher conferences

May

- 1-10 Measurement of Student Progress Testing
- 7-11 Staff Appreciation Week
- 18 Progress Reports/newsletter go home
- 19 Hazel Dell Parade, Amboy Band will perform
- 24 Jazz Night at BGHS
- 28 NO SCHOOL/ Memorial Day





Healthy Tips from the Health Room~

Thank you for keeping sick students home and following guidelines, this has really helped decrease the spread of many illnesses. Even though it is spring time, we will continue to see Influenza (H1N1), Strep Throat, and other illnesses. **Please** remember to keep **ANY** child home with the following:

- A stomachache and/or headache in combination with cough or sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, low grade temp of 99-99.9 degrees, and/or pale in color
- A temperature over 100 degrees
- A red eye/eyes that may have drainage or crusting; possible pink eye
- Any unknown rash that also has a temperature/fever or itching associated with it
- A known communicable condition such as: Lice, Chickenpox, Measles, Flu, Influenza
- Students **MUST be fever and symptom free for a full 24 hours before returning to school;** they are still contagious during this phase.

Band News from Mr. Bong~

We have finished the first half of our year with the bands. It's been busy with a parade for Veterans Day, an instrumental recital, a Holiday Concert, beginners getting off to a great start, Jazz Band meeting after school. In addition, the 8th graders headed to the high school to perform with other future Battle Ground band members and high school musicians as a Pep Band for a basketball game. We've been busy!

For next semester we will enjoy a Spring Recital on March 19th, an early Spring Concert on March 22nd. (a change from the March 29th date published earlier). This year the Hazel Dell Parade on May 19th, Jazz night at Battle Ground HS on May 24th and many performances will be at the end of the year. The Advanced Band will be traveling to Prairie HS for the annual district band festival on March 8th. This involves the 7th and 8th graders as well as selected 6th graders.

As you can see we have a lot to look forward to. Join us at our performances and hear how hard these musicians have worked this year.

