

The Rambler Link



Working Together for School Success

OCTOBER ISSUE

MCBAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL 2011

LEADERSHIP SCOOP:



Student Council elections were held on Friday, September 23 and Monday September 26. The following

Middle School officers were elected:

President – Justin Veltema

Vice President – Austin Lucas

Secretary – Michaela Koopman

Treasurer – Maggie Eisenga

5th Grade Reps – Olivia Koopman
Brianna VanHouten

6th Grade Reps - Cole Sieland
Brooke Richards

7th Grade Reps - Maggie Thom
Alex Kaspriak

8th Grade Reps- Ally Richardson
Mariah VandePol

Mrs. Thom is the new Student Council Advisor. She has many exciting and engaging activities planned for our MS this year. Thank you to all the wonderful students who ran for the council this year.



IN FOCUS:

PARENT TIP – CHANGE

Consistent Agenda Use

When your teen regularly uses his or her agenda to record and plan assignments and activities, you should expect to see: completed homework, improved study skills, better organization, and less stress over schoolwork.

We suggest that you get involved in your teen's learning to organize schoolwork, manage time, and set goals. Encourage your child to bring the agenda to school every day, and to use it. Review your child's agenda often and talk about work that needs to get done, upcoming projects, and tests and quizzes. Research studies have evidenced that agenda usage does help students be more successful in school; **creating a noticeable change.**



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

We're off to a superb beginning in the middle school! We welcome 23 new students to our middle school and I understand from staff comments and my observation that they are experiencing a smooth transition into MMS. Fifth and Sixth grade orientations were well attended. It was wonderful to have such great participation for both the Open House and Orientation. Parents, stay connected with school and activities. We need your support to work together for continued successes. Do not hesitate to contact me if a problem comes up. I will continue to always keep my focus on what's best for kids and their educational, social, emotional, and physical needs. As I stated in the agenda, as a principal, it is my job to ensure that students are provided with those opportunities to become well educated (subject matter and good values). Looking forward to a great school year!



WANTED: Middle School Parents!!

Who are interested in becoming part of the Middle School ATP (Action Team for Partnerships) this group of parent volunteers will work to find activities to strengthen parenting, communicating, volunteering, learning at home, decision making and collaborating with the community. This new group of parents will be led by Deanna Lucas as president. They will meet Monthly and seek to find ways to get more parents involved at MMS! Everyone is welcome! Please join us on Tuesday, October 18 in the elementary cafeteria from 7:00-8:00. The first meeting will be informational so come find out what

the ATP will be all about! Hope to see you there!

MIDDLE SCHOOL REMINDERS:



Fri. Sept.23 – MS Fundraiser Kick-off
-- Student council Elections

Mon. Oct.3 – Turn in **ALL** Fundraiser money
and orders

Wed. Oct.6 – Progress Reports mailed home

Oct. 11 – 28 – MEAP Assessment Window

Thurs. Nov. 10 No School - Parent/Teacher
Conferences (1:00-5:00 and
6:00-8:00 PM)

Mon. Nov. 14 Delayed start

Tues. Nov. 15 No School – Deer Day

It's MEAP Time AGAIN!

The first of our MEAP tests will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12 and will test your child's progress towards meeting the benchmarks for Reading. Thursday, October 13 we will assess the 7th grade on their writing skills. October 18 all students will be assessed in Mathematics. October 19 will be the final assessments for Science for fifth and eighth graders and Social Studies for sixth and ninth while Seventh grade finishes Day 2 of writing. All make ups will take place during the week of October 20-28. All students must take the MEAP. We ask that parents do their very best to have their child in school on these mornings. A free nutritious breakfast will be available

on each of these dates in the multi-use room.

Attention Parents of Middle School Children! You are Invited!

The Wexford County Teen pregnancy Prevention Initiative is excited to announce that they have been selected to host the *Talk Early & Talk Often* parent workshop.

Talk Early & Talk Often is a nationally recognized parent workshop aimed at helping parents of middle school youth talk with their child about abstinence and sexuality. The workshop helps parents recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation, listen and respond with greater confidence and skill and to feel comfortable seeking outside sources of information.

This state sponsored initiative was developed with support from several state agencies working with the area of teen pregnancy prevention. Since its roll out in 2005, *Talk Early & Talk Often* has received high praise from parents.

The Workshop is free; however, space is limited so please call early to reserve a spot.

Date: October 26, 2011

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Cadillac YMCA, 231-775-3369

Any questions call Cathy Booher @ 231-876-3851

MS SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS: MS Cross Country Team



Members of this year's team are Carrie Long, Shelby Whitt, Riley Vandenbos, Chrisha Zinger, Craig Sterk, Alex Kaspriak, Dylan Schryer, and Gage Pollington. The Middle School Cross Country Ramblers are coached by Mr. Vandervelde. Also pictured are 6th grader Ryan Boersma and second grader Tucker

