

BMS Principal's Report
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NAEP – The National Assessment of Educational Progress Once again this year BMS was selected as a “host site” for the Grade 8 NAEP Testing. The NAEP, also known as “The Nation’s Report Card, is the measure to that the federal government uses to compare student achievement . This test does not yield either individual or school scores, but a combined state average for a national comparison.

Motivational Speaker: Travis Roy, a former collegiate scholarship hockey player who was paralyzed within eleven seconds of his first game spoke to our students on the importance of accepting challenges in life. Mr. Roy’s message was powerful and very well received by our students. Our thanks to the Bow Boosters and Linda Bucknam for funding and arranging his visit.

High School Course Registration: During the weeks of February 7 & 14, various members of Bow High School visited our eighth graders, shared course information, and helped students with the registration process. They also hosted a parent information night on February 16, 2011 to help answer questions about the transition process and programs.

Infinite Campus: BMS faculty members continue to participate in various trainings designed to facilitate the use of our new student information system, which went “live” on February 7, 2011. Work is progressing smoothly and teachers are enthusiastic about the new system.

LIP Performance: Our Leaders in Prevention group produced their annual play titled “Rewind” on February 17, 2011. The LIP program, coordinated by our guidance department, continues to be an active and growing part of our school population.

Sargent Camp: The eighth grade spent two weeks in February raising funds to support their annual trip to Sargent Camp. They have held several fundraisers this year to help defray the cost to parents of attending camp.

Student Council: Each year during the month of February, the Student Council coordinates for “Spirit Week” activities. This celebration provides daily opportunities for our students to demonstrate their school spirit, and to have some fun. A highlight of each year’s Spirit Week is the talent show. Who knows? Maybe one of this year’s participants could end up as the lead in a Broadway show!

NECAP Test: The BMS Data Cohort Team meets monthly to drill down into BMS NECAP scores for areas of relative strength and weakness with an eye toward making recommendations for instructional adjustments. Data leaders also share expertise with classroom and special education teachers.

Respectfully submitted by:

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