

BB Ink

Let's Buckle Down

Welcome back from Christmas Break! It seems the Fall semester just flies by and before you know it we are in the Spring semester looking toward summer break. In the next few months we will be working diligently to raise some of our test scores. I would like to ask that everyone make it a priority to discuss the importance of taking the tests seriously. These scores are a sampling of our ability

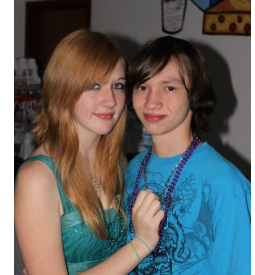
to educate children and it is my desire to be in the top ranking schools in Oklahoma. We have all the ingredients for success. Great students, teachers, staff, and parents, so this should be a piece of cake! Testing is a few months away but we have to start now to ensure that we have some great scores. Scores are just one of the many indicators we have for excellence in education, but they are

the cornerstone for the State to look at to determine the achievement of Bennington Public School. Let's work together to insure BPS is a top 20% school in Oklahoma.

Children Come First!
Donna Anderson

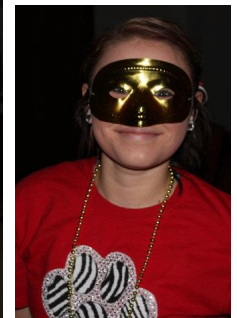
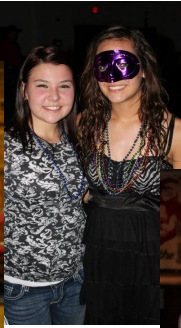
Good Luck to the High School A-Team who travels to Area this Saturday!

Attention Parents!!
There are quite a few coats that were donated and if your child needs a warm coat, please come to the school so we can help you with that!! We especially have a lot of elementary size coats!! Thank you!!



The Nice thing about TEAMWORK is that you always have others on your side.
Margaret Carley

Bennington Homecoming!!!!



More Pictures can be viewed on the web-page!!!

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From Mr. Atwood's Desk Mrs. Knight says it Right

It has been a great start to the second semester. I hope everyone is back into the swing of school. As we approach spring testing, it is very important that each and every student is at school and attending classes to get the full classroom experience. I would like to welcome everyone back and good luck in the new year.

Jeremy Atwood

Special for February's Newspaper!!!

If you have someone that you would like to send a special note to for Valentines day, we can help you!!! For the month of February, we will be putting notes from you to whomever for \$1.00!!! See Mrs. Sexton for more details. All notes due by February 1st.

TO: All Parents and Guardians

We appreciate your help this year as a supportive parent. Working with your child at home helps them to grow and develop into a productive citizen. The teachers are working hard to make sure that the students have the skills needed to pass the spring assessments. We need your help to make sure that they are doing their assignments at home if they do not complete them in class.

Beginning Friday, January 13, 2012, our school will be doing the magazine brochures for our school. Please take a few minutes to complete them. The class who has the most turned in (percentage) will be rewarded with a Pizza Party. Each child will also receive a whistle bracelet and a flashing ring as a token of their appreciation for completing the forms. If two people buy from the brochures, that child will also receive a free Sponge Bob t-shirt. Every child who returns their completed brochure will also be in a drawing to receive a ROBOT. All booklets need to be turned in by Thursday, January 19th. The drawing for the ROBOT will be Friday, January 20th.

Your child will also be bringing home a T-Shirt brochure. This is the same brochure we sold in the Fall but everything has been marked down. If you would like to purchase from this brochure please complete and send order form with money back to your classroom teacher by Thursday, January 19, 2012. If you do not have an opportunity to see the brochure, you may contact Mrs. Knight to receive one.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Mary Knight, Principal

Just Me-Published by Teenager's Soup

Submitted by Morgan Myers

From the time I was little, I knew I was great, because the people would tell me "you'll make it. Just wait" but they never told me just how great I would be.

If I ever played someone who was greater than me,. When I'm in the back yard, I'm king of the ball.

To swish all those baskets is no sweat at all, but all of the sudden there's a man in my face who doesn't seem to realize that I'm king of this place.

So the pressure gets to me: I rush the ball my passes to my teammates could go through the wall, my jumpers not falling, and my dribbles not sure. My hand is not steady, my eyes are not pure, and the fault is my teammates: they don't understand.

The fault is my coaches: what a terrible plan, the fault is the call by the blind referee, but the fault is not mine: I'm the greatest you see.

Then finally it hits me when I started to see that face in the mirror looked exactly like me.

It wasn't my teammates who were dropping the ball; it wasn't my coach shooting bricks at the wall.

That face in the mirror that was always so great had some room for improvement instead of hate.

So I stopped blaming others and I started to grow, my plays got much better and it started to show.

And all of my teammates didn't seem so bad. I learned to depend on the good friends that I had. Now I like myself better since I started to see, that I was lousy at being great, I'm much better at being me.

Superintendent's Honor Roll

2ND GRADE

EMILY FISHER
HALLEE HALLECK
JULIA MCALISTER
BRIANA MYERS
CARLY RUSSELL

4TH GRADE

CASON ATWOOD
TALON MCWILLIAMS

6TH GRADE

MADISON CURRIE
TUCKER MCWILLIAMS
JOSEPHINE SINGLETON

7TH GRADE

CHRYL MCWILLIAMS
KINDAL STRICKLEN
HAILEY TOM

9TH GRADE

TREVOR
MCWILLIAMS

10TH GRADE

CRYSTAL TATE

11TH GRADE

CHRISTINA WEGER

12TH GRADE

MARYSSA MAYS
ELIJAH MOSS



Principal's Honor Roll

2ND GRADE

RAVIN HAISLIP
ALEXIS MILLER
ANGELICA ORTEGA
GAVIN PIERCE
JOSHUA ROBERTS

3RD GRADE

KAYDEN DRISKELL
BRIANA HAISLIP

CARLIE MCDANIEL

4TH GRADE

KENNETH MCDANIEL
MADELYNN PHILLIPS
ANHELICA RUBIO
KERVIN WYLIE

5TH GRADE

AKYLEE CHAPPELL

ETHAN COKER

DEVIN EMERT

ANTHONY HALLECK

THOMAS ORTEGA

RHONDA WILLIAMSON

6TH GRADE

BILLY RUSSELL

7TH GRADE

ARYEAUNNA CHAPPELL

8TH GRADE

JAMES CLARK
TAYLOR DANCER
MASON EMERT

9TH GRADE

CALLIE CLARK
HAYLEH HILL

WHITNEY MCGEE

10TH GRADE

HANNAH DURST

11TH GRADE

MARYNNA MAYS

12TH GRADE

SPENCER NOLAND

General Knowledge Trivia

- 1> In what year was the first televised Major League Baseball game broadcast?
- 2> What carries blood away from the heart?
- 3> Famous fictional detective Sherlock Holmes was created by what author?
- 4> In what movie does Jack Nicholson utter the line "You Can't Handle the Truth!"?
- 5> What U.S. state has the longest border with Canada?
- 6> What is the longest bone in the human body?
- 7> Who wrote "A Brief History of Time"?
- 8> The line "I'll be taking these Huggies, and uh whatever

- cash you got" is from what movie?
- 9> What band has hits including "TNT", "For Those About to Rock We Salute You" and "Big Balls"?
- 10> Carolina is the state song for what state?
- 11> What country did the US buy Louisiana from in 1803?
- 12> How many states have names consisting of 4 letters?
- 13> Which was the first US TV network to broadcast in color?
- 14> In what decade did American Bandstand debut?
- 15> What was Rapper Stanley Burrell better known as?

JOM News

Bennington Public School will be having a Public Hearing on Monday, January 16, at 6:30pm in the Library. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposal and needs pertaining to the Title VII, and VIII, and Johnson-O'Malley programs for the 2012-2013 school year. All parents of Native American Students, Tribal leaders, and any other interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. Sandra Redwine- JOM Coordinator

Harley Talks Fashion



This Navy Blue shirt, accented by a thin brown belt and gold bangles, is a Fashion DO!



This double shoulder bow tied shirt, accented by gold bangles, is a Fashion DON'T! You always want to try hard, but you never want it to show.

Student Council

We had an awesome turnout of Homecoming. The 2012 Homecoming King and Queen were Spencer Noland and Maryssa Mays. Thank you to everyone who helped with the dance. A special thank you to Leah Harrelson and Jennifer Hawkins without whose help things would not have run so smoothly.

Junior News

The junior class has been working hard on Prom. We have already booked a venue, now we are working on decorations, theme, and favors. Thank you for supporting the Jr. Class!

NHS News

We are currently trying to purchase a park bench which will be available for the students to use during their lunch break. We are hoping to have it purchased by the end of this month.

Spirit and Pride

Bearwear

If you are interested in purchasing spirit wear, forms are available online or you can see Mrs. Knight!

Sophomore News

The Sophomores will begin their second fundraiser for the year, and will begin selling Scentsy at the end of this month! Support your Sophomores by purchasing some of the Scentsy products from us!

Young Farmers

January the 28th the Bennington Young Farmers is hosting their annual BBQ from 5- 8 pm in the Chitwood Center. They will have a pie and cake Auction at 6pm. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or from any Young Farmer member. All proceeds go toward Premium Sale animals at the County Livestock Show



Bennington FFA News



On December the 10th and 11th Ryan Perry and Austin Dennis attended Advanced Leadership Development Conference in Oklahoma City. The Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) conference is intended for junior and senior FFA members. This conference developed better leaders that build stronger FFA chapters. ALD conference introduced FFA members to the concept - leadership is influence, in a real-life and purposeful way. The students worked in small groups to solve challenges, had discussions and planned for success of their local FFA chapter as they learned about team building, problem solving and service to others. The chapter also has some fundraising stuff left; we have a pecan and peach cobbler, a peanut butter and sugar cookie. Let me know if you would like one of them. On January the 14th and 15th the chapter will be attending the Colbert Jackpot Pig and Calf Show at Durant. On the 26th of January the Chapter will be attending the Southeast District Swine Show at Wilburton and on the 28th the Southeast District Cattle Show.

Perfect Attendance!

PRE-K

JOSEPH HAISLIP
LADONNA KNIGHT
BRYCE VANDENBERG

KINDERGARTEN

DANNI BLAIR
KYLIE HOYLE
SUMMER NOLAND
JAXON PIERCE
PAYTON VANDENBURG

1ST GRADE

ALEX BAILEY
EMMA INGRAM
CHRISTOPHER OLIVE
ELIZABETH OLIVE
KODY PRUITT
TOBY ROCHELLE
SETH STOREY
DAKOTA TOM
MAIYA WINGFIELD

2ND GRADE

EMILY FISHER
RAVEN HAISLIP
HALEE HALLECK
JULIA MCALISTER
JAZMINE MCCURRY
ALEXIS MILLER

JACOB MILLER

GAVIN PIERCE
MACKENZIE WRIGHT
3RD GRADE

JOHN BLAIR

KAYDEN DRISKILL
KAYLEE FOLSOM
BRIANNA HAISLIP
JIMMY MCDONALD
KARLEE ROBISON

4TH GRADE

HAYDEN BODINE
MILEY CAMPBELL
MCKAYLA MCCANN
TALON MCWILLIAMS
EMILY MILAM
KERVIN WYLIE

5th Grade

ASHTON ANDREWS
ETHAN COKER
DEVIN EMERT
TRENT HAISLIP
LEVI MILAM
BAYLEE MILLER
SAMANTHA OWENS
WYATT RHODES
JOSHUA TAYLOR

6TH GRADE

MONICA LARKINS
TUCKER MCWILLIAMS
JOSHEPH ROCHELLE
KEVIN ROOX
JOSEPHINE SINGLETON

7TH GRADE

NICOLE MCWILLIAMS
HAILEY TOM
KIMBERLY VANDENBURG

8TH GRADE

JAMES CLARK
BRANDON OWENS
MICHAEL ROCHELLE
KELLY ROOX

9TH GRADE

PAIGE HICKS

MICHALA HOLLOWAY

TREVOR MCWILLIAMS
BRANDON SEAL

10TH GRADE

ANNA FOLSOM
CHANCE HAISLIP
ALLISON SHAFER

11TH GRADE

RAVEN HARP
GARRETT LANGSTON

12TH GRADE

KENNETH OLIVE
JESSIE SMITH

YOU

ROCK!

Happy Birthday!!

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| EVERETT BRODY | 01/03 |
| KELSEY WRIGHT | 01/06 |
| JACOB NICHOLS | 01/10 |
| RYAN HARRELSON | 01/11 |
| TY CAHILL | 01/13 |
| CHRISTOPHER OLIVE | 01/14 |
| RYAN LOTT | 01/15 |
| MILEY CAMPBELL | 01/23 |
| CARSON ATWOOD | 01/23 |
| SUMMER NOLAND | 01/26 |
| CATHERINE BRAGG | 01/29 |
| TYLER HARPER | 01/29 |
| TREVOR MCWILLIAMS | 01/29 |
| BRANDON OWENS | 01/30 |
| PATRICK HAWKINS | 01/30 |
| ARYEAUNA CHAPPELL | 01/31 |

Happy Birth- day to our Faculty!

Stephanie Philips
Stormy Lewis



Answers for General Knowledge quiz on page 3:

- 1> 1939 - It was between the Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers.
- 2> Arteries - The blood traveling away from the heart is usually oxygenated.
- 3> Arthur Conan Doyle - Robert Downey Jr. played Holmes in the film adaptation.
- 4> A Few Good Men - The movie also starred Tom Cruise
- 5> Alaska - Alaska has less than a million inhabitants.
- 6> Femur - The Femur is also known as the thigh bone.
- 7> Stephen Hawking - The subtitle of the book is "From the Big Bang to Black Holes".
- 8> Raising Arizona - The line was spoken by Nicholas Cage
- 9> AC/DC - AC/DC were formed by Malcolm and Angus Young.
- 10> South Carolina - South Carolina is between Georgia and North Carolina.
- 11> France - It was purchased for 15 million dollars.
- 12> 3 - Iowa, Utah, and Ohio.
- 13> NBC - NBC stands for National Broadcasting Company.
- 14> 1950's - Dick Clark was famous for hosting American Bandstand.
- 15> MC Hammer - Hammer is best known for "Can't Touch This".

Reel Views with Raven

Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) has always been the smartest man in the room...until now. There is a new criminal mastermind at large-Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris)-and not only is he Holmes' intellectual equal, but his capacity for evil, coupled with a complete lack of conscience, may actually give him an advantage over the renowned detective. When the Crown Prince of Austria is found dead, the evidence, as construed by Inspector Lestrade (Eddie Marsan), points to suicide. But Sherlock Holmes deduces that the prince has been the victim of murder-a murder that is only one piece of a larger and much more portentous puzzle, designed by Professor Moriarty. The cunning Moriarty is always one step ahead of Holmes as he spins a web of death and destruction-all part of a greater plan that, if he succeeds, will change the course of history.

Beauty and The Beast- 3D

Walt Disney Animation Studios' magical classic Beauty and the Beast returns to the big screen in Disney Digital 3D(TM), introducing a whole new generation to the Disney classic with stunning new 3D imagery. The film captures the fantastic journey of Belle (voice of Paige O'Hara), a bright and beautiful young woman who's taken prisoner by a hideous beast (voice of Robby Benson) in his castle. Despite her precarious situation, Belle befriends the castle's enchanted staff-a teapot, a candelabra and a mantel clock, among others-and ultimately learns to see beneath the Beast's exterior to discover the heart and soul of a prince.

Senior Spotlight

Wesley Lott

Do you have any big plans for your senior year? Graduating and starting my career as massage therapist
Tell me about your favorite class? Drama, because we have a lot of fun and inside jokes
Tell me about your least favorite class. Drama, because people like to make fun of me for something I did one time
If you were given a magic wand to change one thing about this school what would it be... and why? More naps
When you are finished with all your class work and everything is done... What do you do with your spare time? Aimlessly roaming the halls and staying in touch with friends via text message, Facebook, Twitter, phone calls, and smoke signals
What's the coolest place you have ever been? The walk-in freezer at Taco Bell
How would your teachers describe you? The songbird of our time
What teacher do you enjoy the most? Why? Coach Shepard, and his general knowledge of smurfage
Words of advice... Ask not what Wesley can do for you, ask what you can do for Wesley!

Check out the Bryan County Tournament Bracket online. [Www. Benningtonisd.org](http://Www.Benningtonisd.org) and click Sports!

JH Academic Team Schedule

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| Wednesday, January 4 | vs. Colbert | Home |
| Wednesday, January 11 | vs. Calera | Away |
| Wednesday, January 18 | vs. Caddo | Home |
| Wednesday, January 25 | vs. Boswell | Away |



JH Basketball Schedule

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|---------------|-------------------------|------|------|-----|
| January 3 | Boswell | Away | 4:00 | 5-8 |
| January 3-7 | Milburn JH Tourney | TBA | | |
| January 13-14 | Bryan County JH Tourney | TBA | | |
| January 16 | Soper | Home | 4:00 | 5-8 |
| January 23 | Rock Creek | Away | 4:00 | 5-8 |
| January 30 | Lane | Away | 4:00 | 7-8 |

High School Basketball

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| January 3 | Moyers | Home | 6:30/8:00 |
| January 6 | Wapanucka | Home | 6:30/8:00 |
| January 10 | Pittsburg | Away | 6:30/8:00 |
| January 12 | Milburn | Away | 6:30/8:00 |
| January 13 | Caney | Away | 6:30/8:00 |
| January 16-21 | Bryan County Tournament | TBA | |
| January 24 | Calera | Away | 6:30/8:00 |
| January 26 | Tushka | Away | 6:30/8:00 |

Laugh out Loud Jokes

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| What shoes should you wear when your basement is flooded? | Pumps |
| What kind of a house weighs the least? | A Lighthouse |
| What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long? | Polaroids. |
| What do you call a dog with no legs? | Doesn't matter... he won't come to you anyway! |
| Have you heard the joke about the bed...? | It hasn't been made up yet |
| What do you get when you cross a midget with a computer? | A short circuit. |