



## Telling is not Tattling

In a time where there is so much talk about bullying and the effects that it has on students, parents and schools there is one major link that must be in place to stop the practice. Students must tell when something is going wrong. There are so many great adults in our school! You don't have to tell a principal, just tell someone you trust if you are be-

ing made to feel bad at school. There are policies in place and incidents are dealt with everyday to avoid potentially harmful situations. Bullying will not be tolerated, but if you don't let anyone know there is a problem it can't be fixed. No report is ignored and all efforts are made to stop the harassment. If you would like to be part of a solution to this is-

sue please join us for the development of a new Safe School Committee on Tuesday, February 21 in the Chitwood Center at 5:00. We want to invite students, parents and community members to get the dialog started for a safer school environment.

Children Come First!  
Donna Anderson

Congrats to our High School Avademic Team for getting Runner-up in the State Competition!!



These Art students are excited about Valentines day

# From Mr. Atwoods Desk Mrs. Knight says it right

As we turn the calendar page to February, we are gearing up for spring testing. It is very important for each and every student to be in school every day. Every day a student is in a desk is an opportunity to learn. Every day a student is gone, that student loses that opportunity that is very difficult to recoup. Parents, please be diligent in making sure your children are at school. Our academic teams are participating in their respective state playoffs and we want to congratulate them on great seasons. The basketball teams are beginning their playoffs also, and we want to offer a "good luck" to all those student-athletes. I would like to say thank you to Connie Ticknor for all she does for each of us at Bennington Public Schools. Everyone takes Connie for granted for all she does, and I would encourage parents, staff, and students to stop by and tell Connie thank you for what she does.

Jeremy Atwood

To Parents and Guardians:

Bennington School District cares about the safety and well-being of its students. We want to make sure it is the best place possible for students to learn. We want to reduce the number of bullying problems in our school while preventing new bullying problems from occurring.

Parents and guardians play a key role in this process. Your child needs to tell an adult at school or at home if he or she is bullied or sees bullying happening at school. It is very important that you take any talk of bullying seriously and tell your child's teacher or principal.

We are going to hold a Safe School Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 5 P.M. in the Chitwood Center. We encourage you to come share with us at this meeting. Having a safe school experience is something that all students should be able to enjoy. We look forward to partnering with you to make certain our school is that kind of place!

Parent/Teacher conference is this Thursday night from 3-9 P.M. Please set aside time to come and visit with your child's teacher. It is important that the school and home work together for the success of your child. I sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to visit and acquaint yourself with your child's work in school.

This school year is passing quickly and we only have a few weeks left before testing time. Please make sure your child is working daily and getting their assignments in on time.

Thanks for your support of our school. Mary Knight, Principal

## Senior Spotlight Weston Miller

**Do you have any big plans for your senior year?** Yeah, to graduate

**Tell me about your favorite class?** Ag because you can't beat Mr. Storey at being cool

**Tell me about your least favorite class?** Trigonometry, its like trying to figure out how to make fire underwater

**If you were given a magic wand to change one thing about this school what would it be... and why?** That every class would be like Ag class

**When you are finished with all your class work and everything is done, what do you do with your spare time?** Pull pranks on other students who are actually doing something

**What is the coolest place you have ever been?** Bucky's Pasture

**How would your teachers describe you?** A 2.0 kind of student, not showing off and not falling behind

**What teacher do you enjoy the most? Why?** Mr. Storey because I actually learn a lot that means something, that I use everyday

**Words of advice..** If you listen to me you'll be alright, if you don't, you won't

Happy Birthday

# Reporting vs. Tattling

A short guide to help children know when to tell and when to handle the situation themselves

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| Emily McFatrige  | 02/01  |
| Hope Thornton    | 02/03  |
| Monica Larkins   | 02/03  |
| Kody Pruitt      | 02/08  |
| Elaina Buchanan  | 02/09  |
| Clayton Williams | 02/09  |
| Desiree Flores   | 02/10  |
| Jaxon Pierce     | 02/10  |
| Wesley Lott      | 02/14  |
| Joshus Hawkins   | 02/15  |
| Roderick Allen   | 02/16  |
| Lane Jensen      | 02/18  |
| Michala Holloway | 02/18  |
| Mason Emert      | 02/20  |
| Zach Sant        | 02/21  |
| Naomi Lyday      | 02/21  |
| Myriah Womack    | 02/21  |
| Cadee Miller     | 02/21  |
| Kaylee Hicks     | 02./23 |
| Kelly Roox       | 02/25  |
| William McCurry  | 02/28  |

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| Purpose is to keep people safe     | Vs. | Trying to get someone in trouble |
| Need help from an adult to solve   | Vs. | Can handle by self               |
| Important                          | Vs. | Unimportant                      |
| Harmful and dangerous, threatening | Vs. | Harmless situation               |
| Behavior is purposeful             | Vs. | Behavior is accidental           |

## Hope for Homes

REI and Big Five Community Services are partnering to identify residents located in Bryan County that are in need of home repair. We are working with Group Cares Missing Trips of Loveland, Colorado who specialize in home repair faith based youth mission trips.

Church groups from around the country will spend one week in our community performing hands-on home-repair projects for veterans, elderly, low-income, and disabled families. The work at each home will be done by 5 young people, and at least one adult leader, representing many Christian denominations. Labor and materials are free to qualifying households. Eligible repair projects may include:

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| Porch repair/construction | Weatherization                      |
| Step repair               | Wheelchair ramp repair/construction |
| Exterior Painting         | Mobile home skirting                |
| Interior painting         | NO ROOFING                          |

To participate in the program, you must own your own home and have a household income at or below \$39,600.00

**Apply Immediately**, we will only be accepting 100 applications. Making an application does not guarantee that we will be able to work on your home.

Big Five Community Services

1502 North 1st Ave

Po box 1577

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(580)924-5331 (Phone)

(580)920-2004 (Fax)

## Faculty Birthdays!

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|------------------|------|
| Patricia Bodine  | 2/9  |
| Glenda Crocker   | 2/9  |
| Gracie Ferguson  | 2/11 |
| Glenda Vansickle | 2/17 |
| Debra Horner     | 2/28 |
| Sandra Redwine   | 2/29 |

## Harley Talks Fashion



Simple in the front, classical in the back Lauren Conrad knows how to mix it up with this comfort holding sweater touched by a classical feel to meet your style. This sweater can be found on Kohl's/LC.com.

## **NHS**

You see those great park benches outside the cafeteria? Thanks to the NHS we now have those! We would like to thank everyone for buying our candy that helped pay for them. We are currently saving money to buy a matching picnic table!

Don't forget to buy candy at lunch for 1\$!

## **JUNIORS**

The Juniors have been working hard on getting ready for Prom! We had a meeting with the Bella Vista and it's all set! We've secured the limo and picked out our invitations.

## **Bennington FFA News**

The Bennington FFA Chapter hosted a spring fundraiser that last two weeks of January, and the order should be ready for delivery on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. This is the first time the chapter has hosted a spring sale and it did very good. The Bennington Young Farmers hosted their annual BBQ on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January and had a good turnout. During the month of February the chapter has a few activities going on. On February the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the chapter will be attending the Choctaw Nation Livestock Show at Durant. The Local Livestock Show was scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> but it will probably be changed because of Districts Basketball games we are looking at the 13<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> it will just depend on how our Bears and Lady Bears do at Districts **GO BEARS!!!** Feb 18-25<sup>th</sup> will be National FFA Week, on the 20<sup>th</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class will be traveling to Oklahoma City to attend FFA day at the State Capitol we will be visiting with legislators and touring the State Capitol Building. The 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> is the Bryan County Junior Livestock Show Goats will show on Friday, Hogs on Saturday, and Cattle on Sunday and the Premium sale will be on Monday. On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Bennington FFA will be hosting its Spring Blood Drive.

## **ACT PREP OFFERED BY SOSU**

Offered by Southeastern Oklahoma State University / Continuing Education  
ACT PREP:

The ACT is a nationally administered, standardized test which provides college admissions personnel with an assessment to assist in the evaluation of candidates for admission. College admission officers agree that the ACT score is considered the second most important factor in the college application process in addition to the academic record of students. Learn the three keys necessary to be prepared including learning about the test, strategies for test-taking, and for this important test, familiarity with materials covered on the test.

Deadline to enroll is February 20<sup>th</sup>

In support of the April 2012 ACT test dates

Course #: 0215-2800 Date(s): February 26, March 4 & 11(Sun) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30pm

Instructor: Kathy Moore Location: UC215 Cost: \$80

In support of the June 2012 ACT test dates Deadline to enroll is May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Course #: 0215-2810 Date(s): May 20, 27 & June 3rd (Sun) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Instructor: Kathy Moore Location: UC215 Cost: \$80

## **2nd Grade News**

Fabulous February is here and learning is fantastic for second grade. The students were invited by the first graders to a Valentine's party on Valentine's Day. First and second graders are excited about this upcoming event. Second graders are working hard on the eight expectations of life which are our classroom rules. They are:

1. "We will recognize every effort and applaud it."
2. "We will cheer each other to success."
3. "We will value one another as unique and special individuals."
4. "We will use good manners saying please, thank you and excuse me and allow others to go first."
5. "We will help one another whenever possible."
6. "We will practice virtuous living using the life principals."
7. "We will encourage each other to do our best."
8. "We will not laugh or make fun of a person's mistakes or use sarcasm or putdowns".

If you see a second grader following these expectations, please tell them they are doing a great job.

Kay Boydston

## How to make a candle

There are a number of candle making crafts that are so easy that even children can take part in the fun. Additionally, if your business plan to sell your wares is already in place, this can be a way to use candle making crafts to teach your kids about how business works. It can even boost your sales, since many people love gifts made by the creative minds of children.

But whether or not you have kids that are involved, candle making crafts are a good way to get started in a business that can be rewarding and fun. The nice thing about candles is that there are techniques, but no set rules regarding creativity, only the chemistry that makes up the product.

Once you have worked out the proper ratios of fragrance, dye, and wax, you need to let out the inner artist. Working with wax, you can be as creative as you want to be because the basic technique is always the same. Candle making crafts are all based in the same science. The only difference between them is the research, development, and artistry of the candle. As you progress, the basic tenets of the craft will become second nature, and your artistic eye will become your most important tool.

The basics are simple. Apply heat through boiling water to a pitcher that contains the wax. In the big companies, there are large kettles that have a water barrier in which they melt the wax. If you can picture that you are simply working on a smaller scale than a manufacturer like Yankee or Old Virginia Candle Company, the rules for candle making crafts become simple and finite.

Next, the big companies are very specific in their measurements. This is not to reduce waste, although that is a byproduct. In most cases, the dye and fragrance used in candle making crafts are petroleum based. When mixed with wax, they actually create a suspension. If the ratios are inaccurate or the mixture is not performed properly, the result will not be what you want at all. If the dye isn't mixed right, the colors will be spotty in the finished product, or it may be duller than you expect. If the fragrance doesn't mix properly, as the candle burns the scent will be very strong at times and then nonexistent at others. So another trick is the prodigious use of stirring. Again, the big companies use yard sticks to constantly stir the mixture until its ready for pour. For this, you may want to consider buying a few paint stirrers from the local hardware store. The dye may bleed into the wood, so be sure to get several for different color varieties.

Finally, wick placement is a crucial part of candle making crafts. The way the wick sits determines how the finished product will burn. After the pour and as the wax sets, be sure to keep an eye on the wick from the top to bottom. Candle making crafts are not difficult or foreboding, but perseverance goes a long way in building beautiful candles.

## Top Video Game Releases for February 2012

By Rod Allen

NeverDead (Xbox 360, PS3) - February 3

Kings of Amalur: Reckoning (Xbox 360, PC, PS3) - February 7

Combat Wings: The Great Battles of WWII (Xbox 360, PC, PS3) - February 7

Inversion (Xbox 360, PS3) - February 7

SSX (Xbox 360, PS3) - February 14

Alan Wake: American Nightmare (Xbox 360) - February 15

I Am Alive (PS3) - February 21

Syndicate (Xbox 360, PC, PS3) - February 21

Binary Domain (Xbox 360, PS3) - February 28

Mortal Kombat: Complete Edition - February 28

# Reel Views with Raven



Three high school students make an incredible discovery, leading to their developing uncanny powers beyond their understanding. As they learn to control their abilities and use them to their advantage, their lives start to spin out of control, and their darker sides begin to take over.

Rating: PG-13



Oskar is convinced that his father who died in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, has left a final message for him hidden somewhere in the city. Feeling disconnected from his grieving mother and driven by a relentlessly active mind that refuses to believe in things that can't be observed, Oskar begins searching New York City for the lock that fits a mysterious key he found in his father's closet.



A young lawyer (Radcliffe) travels to a remote village where he discovers the vengeful ghost of a scorned woman is terrorizing the locals.

Rating: PG-13

## 10 Things High School Students Should Never Post on Facebook

- 1. OVER-THE-TOP PARTY PICTURES-** You may be proud of what you see as your wild ways now, but you probably won't be in a few years.
- 2. STUPIDLY INSENSITIVE JOKES-** You might think that a certain racially charged joke is just hilarious, but not everyone is likely to feel the same way.
- 3. R-RATED MEMES-** No one with any common sense is going to suggest that high schoolers only access age-appropriate, squeaky-clean content online. But that doesn't mean you should force everyone else to see the gross and weird stuff you see online by posting it in your Facebook feed. This is especially true if you have younger siblings or friends who might be upset or disturbed by what you posted.
- 4. RELATIONSHIP DRAMA-** Ah, young love. Nothing seems as urgent or important. Keep the sordid details to yourself.
- 5. INSULTS ABOUT TEACHERS-** It's not unheard of for students to get in trouble for stuff they've posted online. You might feel the need to vent about a teacher, but it's best to do that in a way that can't be recorded and used as evidence in punishment.
- 6. BULLYING CLASSMATES-** It can be easy to gang up on people online, since it is indisputably easier to insult someone when you don't have to look them in the eye.
- 7. ANYTHING YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR PARENTS TO SEE-** This is a pretty good general rule of thumb - you might think your posts are completely protected, but most parents have Facebook these days.
- 8. ANYTHING YOU WOULDN'T WANT A COLLEGE ADMISSIONS BOARD TO SEE-** Again, you might think your Facebook is totally safe from prying eyes, but it's always possible that you forgot to finalize a certain privacy setting. Why put stuff out there in public that's going to make you look like an idiot?
- 9. LINKS TO QUESTIONABLE WEB CONTENT-** You might think that 'NSFW' link is hilarious, but your older sister - who happened to click that link while at work - might not share your opinion.
- 10. GOSSIP-** Like bullying, gossip is particularly easy to spread online. But there's no way to backpedal when everyone saw you post something with your name and picture right next to it.

## Love Notes

### **Top Ten Romantic Movies to watch on Valentines day**

1. *Casablanca* (1942) - Super romantic wartime film, is the quintessential Valentine's Day movie. Humphrey Bogart is charismatic and cool and Ingrid Bergman stunning in this movie that beautifully marries the love and war.
2. *'Sleepless in Seattle'* (1978) - Based off the 1957 film 'An Affair to Remember,' this romantic comedy is a classic Valentine's Day film. Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan are adorable and loveable.
3. *'Shakespeare in Love'* (1998) - The tale behind Shakespeare's own love story and winner of 7 Oscars, this romantic movie stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes and Geoffrey Rush.
4. *'Serendipity'* (2001) - Starring John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale, embraces love and destiny.
5. *'The Princess Bride'* (1987) - A classic romantic fairy tale in which true love never dies.
6. *'Some Like it Hot'* (1959) - A couple of guys escape after witnessing the St. Valentine's Day massacre and pose as members of an all-girl band, where they both fall for the sensuous Sugar Kane played by Marilyn Monroe.
7. *'Breakfast at Tiffany's'* (1961) - Winner of two Oscars, this romantic comedy stars Audrey Hepburn as an eccentric New York City playgirl involved in a romance with a neighboring writer.
8. *'Annie Hall'* (1977) - Woody Allen's celebrated film examines a romance between a Manhattan comedy writer and an aspiring singer. Winner of 4 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.
9. *'Love Actually'* (2003) - Love is definitely in the air in this romantic movie following the love lives of eight different couples from all walks of life.
10. *'When Harry Met Sally'* (1989) A classic romantic comedy chronicling two friends (Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal) who fall in love.

## Pick-Up Lines

Lines to help you score a date

What does it feel like to be the most beautiful girl in this room?

If you were a burger at McDonald's you'd be the McGeorgeous

Do you have a Band-aid? Because I just scraped my knee falling for you.

Are you accepting applications for your fan club?

If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together

Are you a parking ticket? (What?) You got fine written all over you.

Can i get your picture to prove to all my friends that angels really do exist?

If you were a library book, I would check you out.

Your daddy must be a terrorist, because baby-you da bomb!



Happy Valentines day from the Staff of BB INK

## Romantic Movie Quote Quiz

1. "Kiss me. Kiss me as if it were the last time."

2. A. Gone with the Wind B. Casablanca C. Some Like it Hot D. It Could Happen to You

2. "I love that you get cold when it is 71 degrees out. I love that it takes you an hour and a half to order a sandwich."

A. Sleepless in Seattle B. When Harry Met Sally C. You've Got Mail D. Joe Versus the Volcano

3. "It was an improbable romance. He was a country boy. She was from the city. She had the world at her feet, while he didn't have two dimes to rub together."

A. The Notebook B. Legends of the Fall C. Pretty in Pink D. One Fine Day

4. "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

A. Gone with the Wind B. Casablanca C. Some like it Hot D. It Could Happen to You

5. "Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me, aren't you?"

A. The Graduate B. While you were sleeping C. Sabrina D. Rumor Has it

6. "Kimmy says if you love someone... you say it! You say it right then, out loud. Otherwise the moment just... passes you by."

A. My Best Friend's Wedding B. Hitch C. Failure to Launch D. Pretty Woman

7. "Love? Above all things I believe in love. Love is like oxygen. Love is a many-splendored thing, love lifts us up where we belong, all you need is love."

A. Moulin Rouge B. The Princess Bride C. It Happened One Night D. Singin' in the Rain

8. "Don't forget. I'm just a girl standing in front of a boy...asking him to love her."

A. Love Actually B. Notting Hill C. Romeo and Juliet D. About a Boy

