

# OCTOBER

## Monthly Newsletter

*From the Desk of Mrs. Herrick*



We are off to an exciting start at Bloomer Middle School! Students returned to school rested and ready to learn. We're proud of the ambitious way in which they have approached the new school year and grateful for the energy they bring to BMS each day.

Staff members at Bloomer Middle School believe in the value of building relationships with students and creating community in their classrooms. Creating a sense of belonging for every Bloomer Middle School student is our first priority. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you have throughout the school year.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with events happening district and school wide. Check out our website where you will find your child's daily homework and contact information for each of his or her teachers. We encourage you to utilize your Skyward access to check your child's grades and look for any missing assignments.

*Students who **attend school regularly** are more likely to graduate and find good jobs.*

*In fact, a high school graduate makes, on average, a million dollars more than a dropout over a lifetime.*

Our all-school goal, during this first month of school, was to minimize the number of students arriving late each morning. Congratulation to grade eight for having the least number of students tardy during the month of September. The number of students tardy was minimal for all grades.....Kudos to kids at BMS for arriving to school on time, rested and ready to learn!

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# Nurse Notes

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## Medication

Just a reminder if your child is in need of medication that might need to be administered at school.

*Supply:*

The medication to the school

Medication form with parent signature

If medication is a prescription we need Dr.'s order and signature.

We want your child to be able to stay in school as much as possible. We can not administer a medication that is not here or we do not have signed consent from you to give. We have these checks to make sure that your child receives the needed medication, properly.

If your child had medication here last year, we can not carry that over to the new school year. We need new orders and medication.

## Vaccinations

*Just a reminder:*

Please make sure that your child has had the necessary vaccinations for age and grade level. The school is required to follow the law. If your child is not up to date we will be sending out letters to let you know what they are missing and the time frame you have to get them.

If you do not wish to have your child vaccinated or can not do it in the time frame, a waiver needs to be signed.

The requirements are:

Ages 2-4 – 4 DPT, 3 polio, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 MMR, 1 Varicella

Kg - booster of Polio, MMR and Varicella

6<sup>th</sup> Gr. – a TDaP

Please remember - vaccinating your child now could save them from having a nasty disease in the future.

# Nurse's Note

## Lice

This notice is to increase head lice awareness so that you may take steps at home to help prevent your child from becoming infested with head lice. Any time children come together, particularly at the start of the school year or any social grouping like Girl/Cub Scouts, Brownies or Little League, head lice cases commonly increase. Please encourage your child not to share or trade personal items such as hats, combs, brushes, headbands, barrettes, helmets or foam ear piece headphones.

Direct, physical, head-to-head contact is the usual method of transmission. Lice do not jump, fly or swim. They are, however, good crawlers. Check your child's head weekly for lice and/or nits (eggs). Mature lice, which are no bigger than a sesame seed, avoid light and are hard to see. Lice eggs or "nits" are usually found close to the scalp – usually within ¼ inch. They appear as tiny whitish ovals that are "glued" to the hair shaft. They cannot easily be flicked away as dandruff can. Head lice do not transmit disease and are not a serious medical condition. They cannot survive on your pets. If you find head lice on your child, please notify the school and keep him or her home until properly treated. Continue to examine all family members for 3 weeks and treat if live lice or nits close to the scalp are found.

**Check Regularly – Treat Quickly**  
**Help Keep Head Lice Off Your Child**

For more information regarding head lice or its treatment, please feel free to contact the school nurse, your local health department, or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Thank you for your help and support.

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