



Calendar of events...

Monday, February 6th – **No school** staff/students.

Activity Night – Friday, **February 10th** sponsored by Student Council.

Snow Ball. **Saturday, February 11th 8-11pm.** Dance held for middle school students at BHS – sponsored by the Girls Scouts. Proceeds to benefit Belding PTO and the B Foundation. Interested students can get more information from the flyers located in the middle school office and outside the office on the event board. \$7 student.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – **Monday, February 13th** from **5-7:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, February 15th** from **4-6:00 p.m.** No pre-registration necessary. Parents can meet with teachers on a first come, first serve basis. Conferences will be held in each teacher's classroom. Parents – please pick up your student's progress report from the gym lobby before attending conferences.

Mid-Winter Break No school Friday, **February 17** – Monday, **February 20th.**

BMS Drama production – **Wednesday, February 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the BMS Drama Room.** – comedy skits, anti-bullying skits. Donations for admission accepted.

End of Trimester 2 – **Friday, March 9th.** ½ day for students & staff.

No School for Students – **Monday, March 19th** – Professional Development Day.

Spring Break – Friday, **March 30** – Monday, **April 9th.** Return Tuesday, April 10th.

***Yearbook Pictures.** If you have any pictures from middle school sporting events or activities from this school year that you would like to share with the school, please send them in with your student on a CD. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs. Jenkins jenkinsm@bas-k12.org or Mrs. May maym@bas-k12.org. Thank you.

***CHANGE IN CUT SCORES FOR THE MEAP** In the next couple of months you will be receiving your child's MEAP Scores for 2011. In all likelihood, your child's scores may look lower than they have in the past. This is due to the change in *cut scores*. The *cut scores* are the bar by which student's scores are measured against to determine whether or not they are proficient in reading, writing, math, science, and/or social studies. To understand more about the change in *cut scores* and what this means for your child and Belding Middle School, please check out the following website:

<http://www.mistreamnet.com/vidflv.php?who=resa121611>

As always, the staff at BMS is dedicated to making our students receive the highest quality education so they are prepared for tomorrow and beyond. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joel Olson, Belding Middle School Principal.

***Live@EDU by Microsoft.** As we get ready to give each middle school student a **Netbook** for the 2012-2013 school year we are launching a new service called Live@EDU by Microsoft. This service will give our students email, storage space on the web, and access to Microsoft Office programs online. Before we give your student access to this system we need you and your child(ren) to read and sign the *Student Code of Conduct Agreement*. This needs to be done **ASAP**. For further instructions please go to the middle school web page at:

<http://www.bas-k12.org/index.php/news/article/onlineregistration/>

You should log onto your SKYWARD account and click the link "Register for 2011-12" to complete this task. We prefer that you register on-line but we realize that it is not possible for each household to register that way so we sent paper forms home this week for those families that do not have internet connection at home or on their cell phone. Please contact our technology department at 794-4553 if you have questions.

****New calendar item**