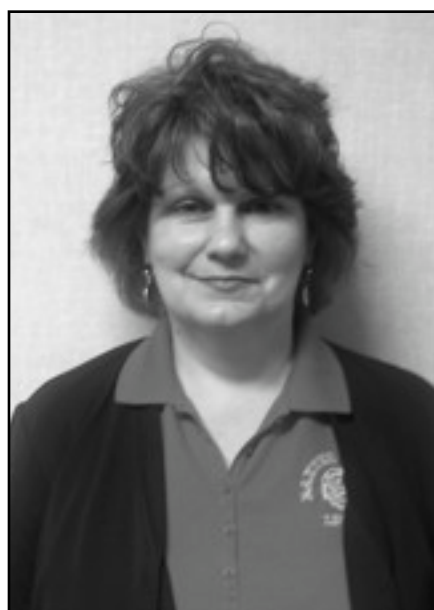


# The Lion's Mane News

## Teacher Feature

by Charles Hawes

This issue's Teacher Feature is Mrs. Martin. She teaches sixth and seventh grade science. She was born in Joplin, Missouri in 1955.



Mrs. Martin went to college at Pittsburg State University. Her hobbies are growing flowers and reading. Mrs. Martin has some birds and a dog as pets. She also likes to go to church. She enjoys being outdoors, walks along rivers, streams, or creeks. If she could have any other career

"It would have to be to go back to school and learn how to make jewelry or stones to keep or sell for money," said Mrs. Martin.

She became a teacher because she gave demonstrations in college

and was used to speaking in front of people. Teaching seemed natural to her.

Mrs. Martin also finds and collects fossils to keep or show in her classes. Congratulations Mrs. Martin for being this issue's Teacher Feature. If you know a teacher you would like to nominate for Teacher Feature, give their name to Mrs. Hunt.

## Are you a bully?

by Shelby Smith

Bullying is when you tease someone and make fun of him or her. It happens to people of all ages and is a serious problem in schools. The basic types of bullying are physical, verbal, cyber bullying and relationship bullying.

Physical bullying is coming in physical contact with the victim and includes punching, kicking, slapping, spitting, flushing their head in a toilet, or pulling hair. Physical bullying is also known as hazing.

Verbal bullying is making fun of a victim with hurtful words by name-calling, teasing, insulting, and gossiping. Gossiping is the number one thing that girls do to hurt one another. It doesn't take much to hurt someone with just one

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word. People, all it takes is one time!

Cyber bullying uses technology to say mean things to hurt someone. These kinds of bullies will use e-mails, texts, blogs, make hurtful websites, and use instant messaging.

Some people can tell a bully by what they look like, but in Mrs. Kellum's case she can't. "I can't tell a bully by what they look like because a bully could be the quietest, sweetest, cutest thing but still can be a bully," said Mrs. Kellum.

At BMS, we see relationship bullying the most. Relationship bullying is refusing to talk to a certain person. You purposely leave them out so you can be mean. It also includes spreading rumors and lies, or making someone do things they don't want to do. Just because you don't like someone doesn't mean your coterie, or clique, has to dislike him or her too.

Bullying can seriously hurt someone. You can tell if someone is being bullied because of signs. Victims are usually silent, don't tell anyone because the fear or future threats, go anorexic, don't come to school, or go crazy. You can seriously hurt someone by being a bully.

If you see someone getting bullied go tell a teacher or a counselor. If you're the victim standup for yourself, and go tell a teacher or counselor.

### **Reason kids bully**

- **To fit in**
- **Peer pressure**
- **They were raised that way**
- **Don't get a lot of attention**
- **Don't know other ways to deal with it**
- **For the happiness they feel while doing it**
- **Some are rude and inconsiderate**
- **Like to watch people suffer**

### **Characteristics of bullies**

- **Low self-esteem**
- **Poor self-image**
- **Come from abusive homes**
- **Popular**
- **Stuck up**

## **Fun Facts**

by Harliegh Graves  
[www.factaboutanimals.net](http://www.factaboutanimals.net)

- There are 30 different breeds of cats.**
- Cats can have 2 litters of kittens a year.**
- Cats can have up to 10 kittens.**
- Garlic can kill fleas if your pet has fleas.**
- Cats with pure white fur and pure blue eyes are very rare.**
- The cat breeds Manx can either have no tail, half a tail, or a full tail.**
- There are 50 types of kangaroos.**
- A woodpecker can peck 20 times a minute.**
- Ants do not sleep.**
- Bengal tigers are the only cat that loves water.**
- A humming bird can fly backwards.**

## **Must-Read Books**

by Shelby Hess and Karodyn Thompson

1. **THE CLIQUE SERIES**  
BY LISI HARRISON
2. **HARRY POTTER**  
BY J.K. ROLING
3. **THE TWILIGHT SERIES**  
BY STEPHANIE MEYER
4. **DETOUR FOR EMMY**  
BY MARILYN REYNOLDS
5. **THE LUXE SERIES**  
BY ANNA GODBERSEN

## **New Movies**

by Charles Hawes

For more titles go to  
[www.moviefone.com](http://www.moviefone.com)

1. Percy Jackson and the Olympians The Lightning Thief, PG
2. Valentine's Day, PG-13
3. Dear John, PG-13
4. The Tooth Fairy, PG

5. A Christmas Carol, PG
6. Two Thousand Twelve, PG-13
7. Planet Fifty-One, PG
8. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs, PG
9. Nine, PG-13
10. Extraordinary Measures, PG

## Track

This year BMS has 56 students in track. The coaches are Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Avery.

### MARCH 30

#### GALENA QUAD

### APRIL 1

#### SOUTHEAST INVITATIONAL

### APRIL 6

#### GALENA INVITATIONAL

### APRIL 15

#### RIVERTON INVITATIONAL

## *Editorial*

### **PUMP IT UP!**

by Shonna Boyd

This issue's editorial is about weight lifting. I think weight lifting is a fun thing to do in your free time. One of the best benefits is building up muscle, which improves your strength. In most sports you need strength, so a lot of athletes are in weight lifting. Some people lift weights for fun. In fact, weight lifting is a type of sport.

Another good thing about weight lifting is it can help someone get physically fit. Weight lifting works out all parts of the body from the neck muscles all the way down to your leg muscles.

But weight lifting has some bad things about it too. If you don't work out right then you could pull a muscle or not get any results at all. Another disadvantage is if you don't have someone watching you while you lift weights, then you could get seriously hurt. So, make sure you have a spotter (a person who helps you if you're having trouble lifting).

In P.E. students work out in the weight room every other day of the week except Friday. Girls work out

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Boys work out Mondays and Wednesdays.

There are a lot of ways you can work out your muscles, my favorite is bench-pressing. Some people may like the French curls or core work out better. There are many positive parts to lifting weights and there is an exercise that is right for every person. Give it a try!

## **POLL**

### **OU vs. KU**

by Craig Karnes

Three out of five 6th graders said the like Kansas over Oklahoma.

Four out of five 7th graders like Kansas over Oklahoma.

Three out of five 8<sup>th</sup> graders like Oklahoma over Kansas.

## **The Turkish Angora**

by Harliegh graves

The Turkish Angora is a rare breed of cat that originally lived in Turkey. Most of the angoras are white, but some are pure black, white or gray. They have gold, blue, and green eyes. If an angora has blue eyes and it looks at the light, its eyes turn red, but that only happens to the blue eyed cat. Most of the angoras are long-haired with soft fur and can have up to 10 kittens in a litter they will have two litters a year. Along with the Turkish Angora, there is the Turkish Van who is a very fluffy cat and they come in black and white mixed with some gray. Most angora breeders hope their Angora will have blue eyes due to the fact very rare and worth a lot of money. They are the most likely to win a cat show.

The Turkish Angoras are mild tempered and nice, but some times when they turn six years old they get a little grumpy and they are very protective of their kittens and other cats they live with.

They are a strong breed with little health problems. The worst thing you have to worry about is fleas, because they are hard to

get rid of due to their long fur. They really hate water, but some Angoras like it.

All in all, they are a good breed to have. They are good with kids and adults. They are mostly calm, tame, and overall kind.

## ADVICE

by Karodyn Thompson

Even though we are young, many of us have lost people who are close to us. Sometimes they pass away and other times they move. In my life I have experienced both.

In pre-K I lost my Grandma Bramlett. When she was healthy we would cook, and sew rags. When she got worse she was in bed all the time. I would lay in bed and read or talk to her. I miss her a lot.

I lost my best friend in 6<sup>th</sup> grade because she moved away. She stayed with me before she moved. When we dropped her off at her family's house she told me "I wished I lived with you." That was the last thing she told me. After she moved, she and a friend were walking around down by a bridge and they were shot. She is always in my heart. But, I will never see her on earth again.

2.20.2010- that may not be an important date to you, but it plays a big part in my life. That's the day my dad called and told us we needed to come up to Springfield, MO. I cried all the way because I knew exactly what was happening. That's the day my Grandpa Pops passed away. He was watching TV and was fine, then all the sudden he wasn't. It all happened so fast. No one saw it coming that fast. At least he is in peace now. I am very happy about that. I'm sad that he is gone now. It is the hardest thing I have gone through. My grandpa and I were close too. We talked and did every thing together.

My point is that you really don't know what you have until

it is lost. Live your life to the fullest! Do every thing that you can in school, with friends and family. Take advantage of every thing that comes your way like FOOD, FRIENDS, BOYFRIENDS, GIRL FRIENDS! It's YOUR FUTURE! They are all good in their own way. So, don't wait until it's not there to do something about it. Instead, take a chance while it's still there.

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS?

By Craig Karnes

- 70% of 8th graders know their rights
- 60% of 7th graders know their rights
- 50% of 6th graders know their rights

Some of the rights that BMS students knew where the right to bear arms, right to assemble peacefully, freedom of the press, freedom of religion and the right to petition the government.

## School Likes and Dislikes!

by Ashley Greenlee

Here are some of the *opinions* BMS students had about school.

- \* Cory Seller, 7<sup>th</sup>, said, "I like all the nice teachers, but drama is not one of the things I like."
- \* Shelby Sabatoochi, 7<sup>th</sup>, likes going to P.E., but Fitness and Nutrition is not her favorite class.
- \* Austin Hartman, 8<sup>th</sup>, said, "I don't like all the bullies that are at school."
- \* Alisa Whitiker, 8<sup>th</sup>, said she liked getting good grades and hanging out with friends.
- \* Annika Slavens, 7<sup>th</sup>, said that one of her least favorite classes is fitness and nutrition.

## Sweet Heart Dance

by Cheyenne Lewis & Aleigh Grimes

The Sweet Heart Dance was on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> at the BMS

gym. It was a hit and Student Council raised over \$500. "I



think it was very successful and that everyone had fun and that more people danced," said Mrs. Kellum. She also says that the song dedications worked very well "We will give \$100 from what we raised to the Baxter Springs Chamber of Commerce, they always give money to our school



and help the best that they can."

The heart grams worked very successively. They were hearts with suckers taped to them. Students sent them to their favorite teacher, boyfriend or girlfriend, or just a friend.

Stu-Co sold out of concessions less than an hour into the dance. The dedications for a dollar worked very well too. This was the last dance for all grades to attend. The eighth grade will have a dance towards the end of the year.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

by Caitlin Roberts

This issue's Student Spotlight is Tawny Berry. She was born at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, MO on December 5, 1995. Her parent's names are Denisa and Ronald Berry. She has two brothers and one sister. Berry's hometown is Baxter Springs, KS.

Her favorite food is Chinese.

Her favorite colors are hot pink, lime green, and light blue. Her hobbies are playing sports (basketball, softball, volleyball), taking pictures, and singing. Berry likes playing softball for the Shenanigans. She also likes the University of Arizona, Texas and KU.



Berry's dislikes are rumors, drama, dark pop, ice cream, and OU. Berry's favorite holiday is between Christmas and Valentine's Day. Her favorite thing about school is going to Mr. Rectors Digital Photography class. "I love his class and he makes it really fun," said Berry. If she could go anywhere in the world, she would want to go to Paris, France.

Her all time favorite book is November Blues. Berry likes to shop at Aeropostale, but she loves the

smell of Hollister. The furthest place she has traveled is Colorado. She went there for the 14 and under Softball World Series. In her free time Berry likes to hang out with her friends, read, text, take pictures, and practice for softball.

Berry said her mom inspires her. "She always tells me to try my best and never give up," and to never say you can't, because you really can." Her mom always tells her "to give 110%, because she rather see me try and fail then to see me never try at all."

Congratulations Tawny Berry!! If you have anyone that you want to nominate for next or any issue's Student Spotlight, please inform Mrs. Hunt.

## Dress Code

By Chloe Leandrea & Shayna Spaulding

The dress code at BMS is liked by some people, but disliked by more people. According to girls at the middle school, the dress code is too strict. The boys here at the middle school think that it is a little too strict as well.

Mrs. Kellum, the BMS counselor, likes the dress code. "If we didn't have a dress code," said Mrs. Kellum, "everyone would wear inappropriate clothing every day."

According to the dress code for boys, Mrs. Kellum thinks that the idea is great of not allowing boys to let their pants sag. "When boys bend over, people don't want to see anything that belongs inside of their shorts/pants," said Mrs. Kellum. The girls dress code is similar. "If they didn't have one, who knows what they would wear. No one wants to see cleavage."

Brendan Novak, 7<sup>th</sup>, dislikes the dress code because the code says no tank tops. Deanna Korathals, 6<sup>th</sup>, dislikes the dress code for the same reason.

Mrs. Kellum likes the fact of a school uniform. But, she doesn't think that we will ever have them.

Do's for girls and boys:

1. Must wear shoes, boots, or any other type of footwear.
2. Shirts must have sleeves.
3. Shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. are allowed as long as they are no shorter than mid-thigh.

4. Make-up is allowed, as long as it is not heavy amounts.
5. Jeans can be torn, but may not be above mid-thigh (as explained in #3)

Do Not's for girls and boys:

1. No excessively baggy, loose, or tight pants or shirts are not allowed.
2. Facial, tongue, nose, or body piercing (except for the ear) will not be allowed.
3. No hats, or head coverings are allowed (this goes for everybody).
4. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside of the building.
5. Wallet chains are not allowed.

## Sudoku Puzzle

Directions: Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

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### Answers

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