



BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B³)

October 2017

Week of October 9

Parent Teacher Conferences

Fall Conferences: Wednesday, October 11: 4:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday, October 12: 12:00 – 3:00 PM



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Box Tops Challenge!

It's the battle of the 4th hours!!

The 4th hour class to submit the most Box Top\$ will win a Davidson Breeze Freeze from the Pit Stop and bragging rights!! The competition will begin October 13th and run through October 27th! It's easy! Simply clip Box Top\$ from participating products. Expired Box Top\$ are not accepted. Return your Box Top\$ to your 4th hour teacher. Then, teachers will return them to the office in the envelope provided by OCTOBER 27TH!! The volunteers will mail them off, and Bemis receives a check to benefit our students!! GOOD LUCK!!



Builders Club



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began 66 years ago as a way to help kids still affected by World War II. Since then, millions of children across the United States have gone door to door on Halloween with UNICEF collection boxes, calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!" The annual tradition of Kids Helping Kids® — involving donations big and small — has helped to raise more than \$175 million since 1950. Today, a \$5-donation to UNICEF buys five days of food for a malnourished child; \$100, measles protection for 100 kids; \$400, a pump to give an entire village water. Here at Bemis, Builders Club students are carrying around their little orange UNICEF boxes ready to collect for this cause.



If you would like to donate please give your change to a Builders Club student. Or you may contact Mrs. Ivezaj at lindita.ivezaj@uticak12.org. Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Spirit Days



October 13: Health and Fitness Day
October 16-20: Red Ribbon Week (See Below for Spirit Days!)
October 20: Halloween Costume Day (and Dance)
October 27: Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 31: Halloween- Wear Orange/Black

Red Ribbon Week



Bemis Jr. High will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, October 16 – 20. Red Ribbon Week represents the awareness of drug and alcohol abuse. Each day we will have an activity to remind students of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

All are encouraged to participate in the themed activities throughout the week:

Monday 10/16 – Pledge to be drug free! – Wear Red

Tuesday 10/17 – Black out white out drugs! (8th grade wears black, 7th wears white)

Wednesday 10/18 – You have the power to stay drug free! - Super Hero Day

Thursday 10/19 – Follow your dreams, don't do drugs! – Pajama Pants Day

Friday 10/20 – Hocus Pocus Drugs aren't my focus! – Wear Halloween Costumes

*Dress code rules apply to all spirit days

Halloween Dance



Student Council will host a Halloween Dance, on **Friday October 20** from 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM. Students are encouraged to wear a costume to the dance. Make sure you have your dancing shoes on too! Tickets will be on sale during lunch Mon Oct 16 – Thurs Oct 19 for \$4.00.

You must follow the school rules while at the dance and follow the dress code set forth in your student handbook.

- Gang related apparel is not allowed
- Beach wear, low cut tops, tank tops, see through clothing, short skirts, short shorts and clothes exposing the mid-section are NOT allowed. Shoes must be worn.
- Clothing that promotes illegal substances or drugs, illegal activities, violence, tobacco or alcohol is prohibited.
- Students are not permitted to bring to school or on the bus any toy that resembles a weapon or device that could be used to shoot a projectile or harm others in any way.

You will not be allowed into the dance if your costume does not follow the dress code. If you have any questions about costumes, please see Mr. Misovski before 3:00 on Friday, October 20.

Student Clubs

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SWAT Homework Club – Need a permission slip from the counseling office. Will meet every Tuesday in the Media Center from 3:05-4:00.

Builders Club – Oct 26 before school at 7:30 AM in Room 43.

Ecology Club – Next meeting will be announced soon and will meet after school until 3:30 PM in Room 29.

Forensics Club – Every Friday after school until 4:00 PM in Room 39.

Static Club - Every Thursday after school from 3:15-3:45 PM in the Room 38.

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Science Fair Club- Club is for those competing at the fair. Next meeting will be announced soon and will meet from 3:00-3:45 PM in Room 29.

[Click here](#) for more information about the clubs at Bemis.

Bemis Parent Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, November 14	Tuesday, March 13
Tuesday, December 12	Tuesday, April 10
Tuesday, January 9	Tuesday, May 8
	Tuesday, June 5

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October 6: Ford Falcon Day (Homecoming)

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Strive Homework Club

Bemis Strive homework club began **Monday, September 18**, in the Library. Strive drop-in club will run on Monday's and Wednesday's from 3:05-4:00 pm. Students must stay the entire hour. Students are to go to their locker to get the work they need help with, and then go directly to the Library. They are to sign in and find a seat to begin quietly working. They will raise their hand to ask a teacher for support with any subject that they need help with (no Language support). At the end of the hour they are to return to their locker to get their coat and backpack, and then leave the building immediately. All students must have a ride arranged if they use the bus. Mondays – Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Finkbeiner will be available to help and Wednesdays – Mrs. Forsyth & Ms. Montgomery will be available to help. Any questions, please ask Mr. Mastrogianis in the Counseling Office.

SWAT Homework Club

SWAT homework club (Students Working to Achieve Together) began on **Tuesday, September 19** from 3:05 - 4:00 pm in the library. At Bemis Junior High School, we are taking positive steps to help your child have a successful school year. At this time, we would like to invite your student to participate in SWAT (Students Working to Achieve Together), an after-school tutoring and mentoring club. This program will be facilitated by Mr. Mastrogianis, Bemis Counselor, and Mrs. O'Green, teacher, with tutoring by highly motivated and gifted students from the Ford High School Honor Society and MST programs. The program will start on September 19, 2017 and will be available on Tuesdays throughout both semesters, from 3:05 to 4:00 in the school library.

Your student will be expected to bring all necessary materials and books to the library during all tutoring sessions by 3:05 p.m. and remain until 4:00 p.m. Parents need to arrange to pick up their student by 4:10 p.m. If you would like your child to participate in this program, please complete the [permission form](#) and return it to the counseling office prior to your child's first date of attendance. Students who sign up must remain in the club through the semester.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mr. Mastrogianis at 797-2593.

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Sporting Events



The first home 7th grade football game is Thursday, October 4 at 4:00.

Click here for the entire [football and volleyball schedules](#).



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Unplugging Cyberbullying

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UNPLUGGING CYBERBULLYING

Spotting It

A child who is being cyberbullied may

- ▶ Avoid using the Internet
- ▶ Seem stressed when getting an email, instant message, or text
- ▶ Withdraw from family and friends
- ▶ Resist attending school and social events
- ▶ Show signs of low self-esteem like depression or fear
- ▶ Have declining grades
- ▶ Stop eating or sleeping
- ▶ In serious cases, consider suicide

Dealing with It

If your child sees someone being cyberbullied, tell them to

- ▶ Not forward embarrassing photos or messages
- ▶ Not comment on insulting or harassing posts
- ▶ Report it to the website or app
- ▶ Tell a teacher at school if it involves a classmate
- ▶ Support the victim by being a good friend and showing the cyberbullies they won't join in

If your child is being cyberbullied, teach them to

- ▶ Not respond
- ▶ Save the evidence
- ▶ Report it to the website or app

If your child is being cyberbullied, you should

- ▶ Meet with school administrators to discuss a plan of action and their bullying/cyberbullying policy
- ▶ Talk about the situation with the bully's parent or guardian
- ▶ Contact your local Police Department.

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Bemis Calendar



Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website [CALENDAR](#). Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.

Backpack Policy

Bemis students can no longer carry full-size backpacks during the school day from class to class. These backpacks have become a safety issue in both our hallways and classrooms. Backpacks must remain in student lockers during the school day. If a student chooses to, he/she may carry a nylon drawstring tote from class to class. These hold a maximum of two (2) books and can hang on the back of student chairs. These nylon drawstring totes are available for purchase in our school store, The Pitstop. They are also available at stores throughout the community.

Dress Code

Bemis follows the dress code located in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#). This dress code does differ from the elementary school dress code. Student conduct is affected by student dress. Bemis strives to maintain a comfortable learning environment and our staff appreciates parental support in guiding appropriated dress for school. Students not conforming to the district code will have to call home for a change of clothing or wear a clean t-shirt and/or sweatpants provided by the school for the day.

Junior High School Parent and Student Handbook

The Utica Community Schools Parent-Student Handbook serves as quick references for families seeking answers to school policies, procedures and district activities. UCS Handbooks are published for elementary, junior high and senior high schools. Each handbook is created with student learning and parent partnership in mind.

You are encouraged to download a copy and find the answers you seek at your leisure. Save a copy for future reference or go back and visit again. Remember: Handbooks are updated each year. Please click here to find the [2017-18 Handbook](#).

PowerSchool

Parents and students can view their student's schedules, attendance and grades. [Click here](#) to access the PowerSchool Portal. Parents with multiple UCS students can now create an account to access all of their data with a single login. Parents will need the access ID and access password for each student. Access IDs and passwords follow students from year to year. Please contact the main office with any questions.

Bemis Attendance Line

Parents are reminded to call the school attendance line, 586-797-2599, to report their child's absence or tardiness. In order to be excused, all late/tardy students must be called in by a parent. A doctor's note **must** be provided to excuse late/tardy arrivals. Bemis Attendance line is available 24 hours a day. All late arrival/tardy students must report to the Main Office upon arrival to receive a late pass. If your child is absent and we have not received notification, we will call the parents.

Early Dismissal

Students who need to be excused during the school day should bring a signed note from their parents to the Main Office before school begins that morning. The note should include the date, time, and reason for dismissal as well as who will be picking the child up. By doing this, we keep classroom disruptions to a minimum as well as have your child waiting for you in the Main Office when you arrive. PLEASE NOTE: Anyone signing a student out, must show identification and that person must also be on the students' yellow Emergency Card. Students will not be released to anyone that is not listed on the Emergency Card.

Homework Requests

Homework requests are not accepted until the third consecutive day of absence. You may request your child's homework on that third day by emailing your child's teacher. You can find a list of email addresses by clicking here.

Use of Electronic Communication Devices is Prohibited

The personal use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECD) by students is prohibited at any time while in school or in a district vehicle. Students may carry ECDs during the school day, but they cannot be displayed or used without permission from a teacher or administrator for educational purposes. Personal use of the device shall be limited to the time before and after the school day and only when students are outside the building. ECDs shall not be used during instructional time, lunch, passing time between classes or on any school bus without permission of a school official. The use of an ECD's picture-taking or internet connection capability is not permitted without permission of a teacher or administrator. Utica Community Schools will not be responsible for the theft, loss or damage of any ECD. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against students who violate the policy regulating ECDs.

If a student's ECD rings/vibrates during the school day, the ECD will be confiscated and must be picked up in the main office by the student's parent. Should this occur a second time, the student will receive a one day suspension. If a student uses an ECD anytime inside the school, the ECD will be confiscated and the student will receive a one day suspension.

2018 Bemis Yearbooks



Order your 2018 Bemis Yearbook today at jostensyearbooks.com.

The Pit Stop – School Store

The Pit Stop will be open every day during 4th hour lunches. Students may buy string backpacks, school supplies, and so much more!

Breakfast – Start the day right – come join us for breakfast!

A nutritious breakfast is available for students starting at 7:45 AM. The cost is \$1.75, milk included. Milk alone is \$0.45. For students with an approved free or reduced price application on file, the price is \$0.30 or free. A variety of food choices are offered. We look forward to serving our students the most important meal of the day!

Lunch

Full lunches are \$2.75 for elementary students, \$2.90 for junior high students and \$2.95 for high school students. Milk is \$0.45 at all levels. [Click here](#) to view how to apply for free lunch, put money in your student's account, and more. Applications for free & reduced lunch must be filled out every year.

Food and Nutrition Service Meal Policy

A new meal charging policy is in effect this year in an effort to provide clear and consistent meal account procedures, including the charging of meals and handling and disposition of negative meal balances. When a student meal charge creates a negative balance, prompt repayment is expected. To bring the meal account up to date, families can make deposits online, send cash or a check to school with the student's full name on the memo line (checks made payable to Utica Community Schools).

By establishing an account with [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) through the food and nutrition service link on the district website (<http://www.uticak12.org/foodandnutrition>) or app, families/parents can monitor balances and receive low balance email alerts on their students' account. Students who pay for meals may only charge (have a negative account balance) up to five (5) meals (breakfast and/or lunch). If a student has a zero or negative account balance, they will not be allowed to make any a la carte or beverage purchases. After the fifth charge, students will not be able to make purchases of any kind in the cafeteria using their meal accounts. Instead students will be offered a regular meal (alternate meal).

Alternate meals are provided at no charge and include all the components federally required to qualify for a reimbursable meal. Alternate meals will continue to be offered while the negative balance is being resolved. For elementary school households, auto-messages from the school regarding negative/low balances are initiated weekly each Thursday (by email if provided or letter sent home). When an account balance is low or negative, cashiers will share that information with the student in a respectful age-appropriate manner. Please contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at 586-797-1180 for further assistance.

Parents and Visitors

Everyone who enters Bemis Junior High must report to the Main Office. This is a school district policy. You will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you.

Body Spray

Bemis Junior High has several students and staff members who have allergic reactions to strong perfumes, after-shave and men's cologne. The reactions range from mild to severe headaches that can result in nausea and being sent home from school. In addition, strong perfume smells can trigger asthma attacks. Junior high is filled with a variety of smells ranging from strawberries to old spice. When those smells dominate the hallways, problems do occur. We are asking students to put on your favorite fragrance once in the morning before school. Please do not bring in bottles and sprays of cologne, after-shave and perfume to re-apply throughout the day.

Recycle for Charity at Bemis



Look for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Donation Bin, located in the receiving driveway on the east side of Bemis Junior High. All items will go to the Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization located in Westland. Tax receipts can be found in the office. Donate your gently used clothes, shoes, toys, and small house appliances. DAVThriftMichigan.com

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Parking Lot Usage

Welcome to Bemis Junior High! I am writing today about the student drop off and pick up procedures in the school driveway and parking lot. I have attached a diagram of our driveway and parking lot to this email and I will be referring to it within this message.

If you will be dropping off your student between 7:40am and 8:10am, please refrain from driving in the bus loop, which is the main drive in front of the school and is identified on the diagram as "buses only." Buses need to be able to access the drop off area and cannot do so when cars are using/blocking the driveway. As you look at the diagram, please note the rows in the parking lot. The traffic flow is indicated by the arrows on the diagram.

When dropping off your student please drive down any of these rows. The cars do back up, but please only let your student exit the car when you are at the end of the row before you enter the driveway to exit the campus. Please have your student cross the driveway, carefully, at the end of the row before you depart. It is important that your student does not leave the car and cut between the rows to get to the school.

After school pick up: The buses line up in the bus loop as early as 2:40pm. They park close together to prevent students from walking between the buses. Please don't drive or park in the bus loop while buses are present. Please line up in the parking rows to pick up your student. We ask the students who are being driven home to walk to the end of the row and cross the driveway at that point and proceed to your waiting car.

Due to the configuration of the parking lot and need for the buses to access the bus lane, a little bit of waiting is required to drop off and pick up students. I am asking for your help in making the students understand the importance of being careful in the parking lot and not to dart between cars for their own safety. We would much prefer to have a student arrive a little late, but safe in the morning and to your waiting car at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding and patience during the morning and after school transportation routine.

Thomas Yaw, Principal

