

10.18.22 MS Council Meeting

President, Deirdre Doheny

Dr. Montesanto, Superintendent

- No new updates on superintendent search
- Board holding preliminary interviews in Nov
- Timeline for permanent hire: July
- Jan: Rachel Kelly will be interim Superintendent (28 yrs in BXV Schools)
- Board working on strategic plan - how to remain distinctive over next 5-10 years; what needs to be explored expanded w/ BXV Promise

Katrina Nay, BXV Foundation

- 30 member board of parent volunteers
- Supports ES/MS/HS
- Funded \$12mm in grants since inception
- 100th anniv - helped fund build out of dedicated outdoor classrooms
- Community Drive kicking off - looking for 100% participation from school families
- Visit www.Bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org
- IG: @bronxvilleschoolfoundation

Character & Community, Amy Brown

- This Saturday - host Westhab playgroup at RCNS Harvest Moon: Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daaad2aabfc1-westhab>
 - Looking for parent chaperone
- Ongoing volunteer Opportunities:
 - Westhab playgroup on Saturdays
 - Bundles of Joy sorting on Thursdays
 - Parent volunteering opportunities

8th Grade Update, Alanna Leavell

- Snowflake ball - January
- Special graduation party in June
- Had a meeting with Mr. Mercora and Mr. Agnello to go over trips
 - Overnight to Williamsburg in the spring
 - Great day trips throughout the year

7th Grade Update, Jen Heathwood

- Williamsburg trip coming up
 - Register on FamilyID
 - Scholarships available - see Mr. Mercora; it will be anonymous
 - Roommate selection forms due tomorrow
 - Mr. Agnello holding informational session on 10/27 via Zoom
- Teen Center 11/4

- Planning year end pizza party/yearbook signing

6th Grade, Zahabia Branch

- Teen Center Friday 10/23 - please reminder to please sign up via Membership Toolkit
- Reminder to send in pumpkin with your child - decorating during advisory. Judging on 10/27

Teen Center, Laura Busker

- 6 Teen Centers throughout year (3 x 6th grade, 2 x 7th grade, 1 x 8th grade)
- 115 8th graders attended last Friday
- 6th grade coming up 10/23
- 7th grade 11/4

Arts Council, Jenny Jacquette

- Brand new council
- Organized Spring in the Arts and 2nd Annual BXV Arts Festival in the spring
- Please support your classmates at these upcoming events:
 - Please support the HS Play - 11/3-11/5 7pm
 - Band solo recital 11/15 7pm
 - Orchestra solo recital 11/17 7pm
 - Choir solo recital 11/21 7pm
- Welcome to Mr. Dell - new orchestra teacher

Modified Sports/Athletic Council, Sara Kenny

- Winter sports registration kicks off on 10/29 via Family ID
 - Hockey
 - Boys swim
 - MS squash
 - Indoor Track
 - Varsity ski program - reach out to Athletic Dpt; no modified program
 - Basketball - travel league and house league
 - Tryouts 11/28
 - If make travel team, play vs other schools in area
 - House - intra league program
 - 2 new varsity coaches - in discussions on how to enhance the program
 - Preseason workouts (grade 7-12); schedule is generally boys T/Th/Sat; girls W/Sat
 - Qs? Please contact Sara or Joe Haven
- Winter sports starts Monday 11/28
- Please support teams this weekend and Monday!
 - Boys soccer 2pm
 - Boys football 5pm
 - Girls Field hockey Monday 5pm
- Looking for volunteers for Broncos Barn

Principal's Update, Mr. Mercora

- Held 3 x grade level assemblies at start of the school year
- MS Advisory Program
 - Establish norms of discussion e.g. listening, be kind, be open minded
 - Will address themes like bullying, building empathy etc. while teaching the students coping skills
 - FAST skills - fair/apologize - don't over/under apologize for sticking to your principles or being you/stick to your values/be truthful
 - THINK skills - is it True/Helpful/Inspiring/Necessary/Kind?
- Williamsburg Trip - leave 11/15 return 11/18
 - Thanks to Mr. Agnello for all the trip planning
- Oct. 31st - Halloween. Students can dress up (appropriate attire)
- Upcoming November grade assemblies w/ Mr. Mercora
 - Theme of Thankfulness
 - Random acts of kindness contest - who can do the most in a month?