



**BOOKER MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

SEPTEMBER 2017

THE TORNADO WATCH

Let's Win!

Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

We are thrilled that the 2017-2018 school year has gotten off to a great start. We are also grateful that you have chosen to allow us to educate your student(s) and happy to report that Booker Middle's student enrollment is up. We look forward to a great school year.

Henry Adams honored all educators by stating, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops..." The thought that what we do as educators may have implications weeks, months and years later is sobering. This is what makes us great. This is what gives us the determination to strive. This is what gives us the dedication to want to win.

How can you help us inspire your student to do their best and achieve all of which they are capable? There is one key element and its available to all of us. **Enthusiasm!** As a parent, enthusiasm is the key factor in all inspiration. If you remain enthusiastic about communicating with teachers, volunteering, showing up to teacher/parent conferences, assisting with homework, encouraging your child to participate in school activities and urging them to do their best at all times, there will be something catchy about your enthusiasm. If you are on fire, your students cannot help but feel the heat. Like you, we are ready. We are willing. We are able. Now let's go out there and win!

Dr. LaShawn Frost

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Principal

STAY INFORMED!

Website: www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/bookermiddle

VPA Website: www.BookerMiddleSchoolVPA.weebly.com

VPA Facebook: Booker Middle School Arts

VPA Instagram: @BookerMiddleVPA

VPA Twitter: @bookermiddlevpa

DON'T MISS!!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday Sept. 7th

6:00-7:30

Guidance Corner

Tracy Clark, student last name alpha A-Me
Cheryl Thomas, student last name alpha Mi-Z

How to Help your Child Succeed in School

Parental involvement and support are the keys to student success. To help your child succeed in school:

- Share your expectations
- Help your child set academic goals
- Be involved
- Make education a priority

Children’s attitudes about school are greatly influenced by what their parents say and do. Through your words and actions, show your child that you:

- Believe education is important
- Are interested in your child’s academic progress
- Support the teachers and administrators at your school

SOURCE:
Woodburn Press
Parent infoGuide
Help Your Child Succeed in School

Strategy of the Month

School-Wide Monthly Focus on Reading/ Writing Skills

Determine the Meaning of Words

Determine the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words or phrases, choosing flexibility from a range of strategies.

Exercise:

Find a word used in a sentence that your student doesn’t know. Have them walk you through some of the clues they can find in that sentence as to what the word might mean.

ESE Corner

TEST TAKING

Sometimes our students get very anxious about taking tests. It is a normal reaction for a lot of us, no matter how old we get. I have found that it may be helpful to some students to do a “debriefing” or a review of how they did on a test when it is returned by the teacher.

Here are some questions that students can answer for themselves, and perhaps start to become more independent with test taking skills that they are going to need throughout their life....

1. Did I study the right things?
2. Did I look over/survey the test and plan my response?
3. Did I use the time allotted effectively?
4. Did I answer the questions I knew first?
5. Did I look over my answer and correct my mistakes?

Coach’s Corner



Our athletic department is in the middle of an awesome fundraiser called Fancloth. Until Sept 4th students, staff, and parents will be able to purchase Booker clothing with a portion of the proceeds going straight back to our athletic teams. You can access the website via the info below. Thanks for your help!

<https://shop.fancloth.com/34234/296949>

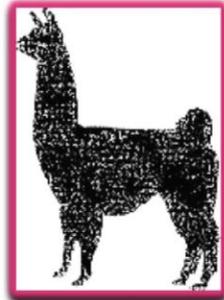
OR

text 296949 to (559)900-3222

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students of the Month

COMING
NEXT
MONTH!



SEP. 15TH-OCT. 15TH HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH @ BMS

The Hispanic culture keeps growing & seasoning “the melting pot”. Whether from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico or other countries, immigrants have been coming to the United States to improve their life standards. Latinos bring plenty to share with us while they root in different states of our country.

In 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson established the Month of Hispanic Heritage as a festival of the Spanish speaking world. A celebration to honor the cultural, historical and traditional offerings that this community has given to our country.

Food tasting, music, art exhibits and traditional dances original from Spain and the Latino community are part of the Hispanic Heritage Month’s celebration in the U.S. Let’s celebrate our cultural diversity!

Fact: Nearly six-in-ten Hispanics are Millennials or younger (ages 18 to 33 in 2014) * Pew Research Center APRIL 20, 2016



ARTS CORNER

VPA Student Spotlight is on...

LILLY MAE STEWART



Don't let 7th grader Lilly Mae Stewart's curls and petite stature fool you. She's 100% formidable and wise beyond her years. Back in Sarasota from a national tour of *Annie* where she played the youngest orphan "Molly" and from several very promising "pilot seasons" in Los Angeles she's ready to hit the books. "I'm always working to do better and I try to set a good example" she said. "If I have a 97 in a class I will always work to get that 98."

This Sarasota native has been busy with her very successful performing career, but where does school fit in? She's been participating in homeschooling. "I'm really excited to get back to regular school," she admitted, "I crave structure and I love having a consistent schedule! It's also really cool to have the arts every day at a public school like we do in the VPA program."

Lilly Mae currently participates in Chorus and Dance. "I want to be a pop singer when I grow up, and it's very important that I am well rounded. Training in singing, dancing, and acting

is all necessary." Other subjects she enjoys are Language Arts with Ms. Bell and Math with Ms. Dwulit. When she is not focused on her schoolwork or her career Lilly Mae love's cooking and baking. Her signature is baked chicken with sweet potato and brussel sprouts.

This dynamic young woman has started out the year with a bang and made a big impression on her VPA teachers. Mr. Batista said, "she is always coming into class with a big smile and a positive and bubbly attitude. She really brightens up the room whenever she is dancing. You can see her emotions in her movements and with the expressions on her face." Ms. Chapman agreed, "Lilly Mae exhibits great enthusiasm and dedication on a daily basis, consistently putting forth her best effort in class. She is a very talented performer and is always working to continue to improve her skills and move forward."

We're so excited to see all this year brings for this bright shining star of a student!!

Lilly Mae's Artist Pick:
Bebe Rexha

"I like the beat of her songs and that there is also a strong vocal line!"

Singer - Song Writer - Record Producer: Bebe Rexha (1989 -)

Bebe Rexha's music career began when she joined Pete Wentz's (Fall Out Boy) side-project band Black Cards in 2010. She left in 2012. She signed with Warner Bros. Records in 2013, and went on to write Selena Gomez, Nikki Williams, and Eminem and Rihanna. She also wrote and was featured on the Cash Cash song 'Take Me Home'. Bebe's debut single was 2014's 'I Can't Stop Drinking About You'. She released two other singles that year and appeared on Pitbull's 'This Is Not a Drill'. 2015 saw the release of her debut EP 'I Don't Wanna Grow Up'. She co-hosted the 2016 MTV Europe Music Awards and also released her single 'I Got You' - the first from her second EP 'All Your Fault: Pt. 1' which came the following year. In 2017, she embarked on her first solo headline tour venture.

Born Bleta Rexha in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Staten Island. Her parents are from Macedonia. She learned the trumpet, guitar and piano in elementary school, and went on to join a choir and appear in a number of musicals at Tottenville High School. She won the Best Teen Songwriter award at the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences' annual Grammy Day.



Source:
Contactmusic.com

HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Legend			
 Purple & Gold	BMS General	 Green	Law Academy
 Blue	Cambridge	 Red	Sports & Athletics
 Yellow	Clubs	 White	STEAM
 Gold	Gifted & Talented	 Purple	VPA & Arts

BMS GENERAL

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday September 7th
6:00-7:30 PM @ BMS

NEWK'S FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday October 5th
5:00-9:00 PM @ Newk's

FREDDY'S FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday September 14th
5:00-9:00 PM @ Freddy's

TAKE YOUR DAD TO SCHOOL

Thursday September 21st
7:30 AM @ BMS

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Tuesday September 26th
5:00-6:00 PM @ BMS

SAC MEETING

Tuesday September 26th
6:00-7:30 PM @ BMS

VPA and Arts

BANNED BOOK WEEK

Saturday September 23rd
10:00AM-12:00PM
@B&N

(come by and purchase a book. Mention BMS and part of the proceeds from your sale will go to benefit the Dragonfly Café.)

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL

Monday September 18th (McIntosh)
Wednesday September 20th (Home)
Monday September 25th (Home)
Wednesday September 27th (Laurel)
ALL @ 6:00PM

CLUBS

INTERACT CLUB INDUCTIONS

Monday September 11th
6:00 PM City Hall

More about clubs will be announced at Open House on Sept 7th!

NEWS AND UPDATES

Volunteers Wanted!

Have you signed up for the PALS volunteer system in the front office yet? This year Booker Middle School would really like to encourage parents to become involved with the school both in and out of the classroom. It has been proven over and over again that parental involvement is a direct contributor to a child's success. It could be one on one tutoring, helping with stations, cutting items for a teacher, assisting with a performance or helping non-readers become fluent. There are so many wonderful ways you can contribute! If you are itching to get involved, make sure you let your student's teacher or our office administrators know.



Newtown Tour for BMS Teachers

Before our students arrived, our faculty and staff kicked off the new school year with a tour of Newtown to better understand the area's history. You can check out the full coverage of the story on the ABC 7 MySuncoast website.

Here is the link: http://www.mysuncoast.com/news/booker-teachers-connect-with-the-community-during-tour-of-newtown/article_a8e15666-7e4c-11e7-9cf1-b77a85f2aef9.html

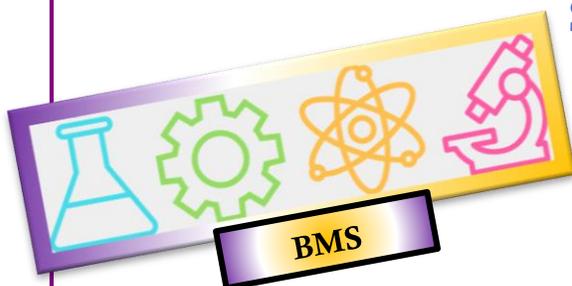
Interact/Web Leaders Amazing Speakers

Our Interact Club and Web Leaders had a couple of UNBELIEVABLE speakers come visit them. Mayor Shelli Freeland Eddie esq. and successful lawyer E. Kieth Dubose inspired our students with their stories and their advice. How lucky are our students to have such amazing speakers and such a fabulous administrator like Mrs. Alvis-Greenwald to organize it for them!?



Science Club and Science Fair

Currently, all science teachers are working on The Nature of Science. Building off of this idea, will be the start of Booker Middle's Science Club. The Science Club was formed to assist kids who wish to compete in the school wide science fair. BMS's science fair will serve as a preliminary for Sarasota's County STEM Science Fair which can potentially earn a student a chance to compete in the State Science Fair. Any student who enjoys science and is willing to commit to completing a project for the science fair, is encouraged to participate in our Science Club! Interested students should see their science teachers for more details.



... BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

Coach D Returns!

It didn't feel right for our teachers to get all the fun speakers. Darrell "Coach D" Andrews made a return visit to BMS to speak to all of our students. We feel incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to bring this dynamic and motivational speaker back to our campus for a second time. Our students were riveted by his energy and enthusiasm. Thanks Coach D!



A Visit From Kris "Tetris" Powell

Mr. Batista's dance students had the unbelievable opportunity to work with hip hop dancer and choreographer Kris "Tetris" Powell. He worked with the students on original choreography and talked with them about life as a dance professional

Hat Day for DIVAS

Our students and staff had a blast showing off their head gear to benefit the DIVAS. For one dollar you could wear the hat of your choice to school and all the money collected went to benefit the DIVAS club. Hope you raised a lot of money, DIVAS!!



Social Studies Dept News

The BMS Social Studies Department welcomes you to the 2017-2018 school year! In the next few weeks, students will be learning about National History Day. National History Day is an academic competition that begins in the classroom, and provides an opportunity for students to compete at school, county, state and even national levels. Students will strive to capture the past and present it in the manner of a historian. This year's theme is Conflict and Compromise in History. Look for more information soon!

... BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

Teacher Grant Writing

It's no secret that teacher ambitions to bring fabulous opportunities and experiences to the classroom can often outstrip their classroom budget. So, what does a teacher do when they need more funding for their classroom? Grant writing! The teachers participated in a wonderful workshop led by Mr. Jenkins about some of the grants available to our teachers and the best way to apply for them. Let's give a big THANK YOU to our teachers who always go the extra mile for their students!!!

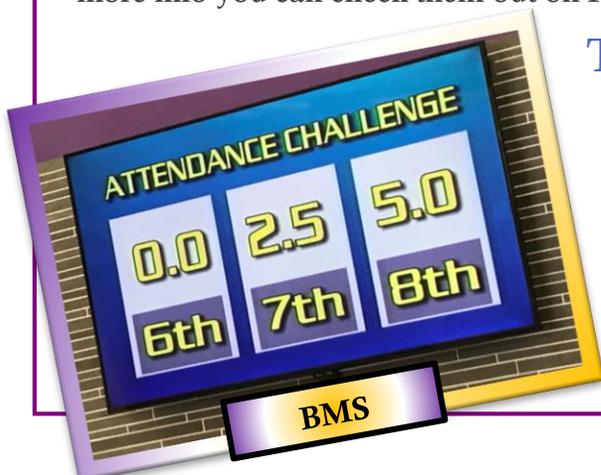


Law Academy Kicks Off!

The Law Academy has started this year off running! Here you can see some of the students showing off the visual aids for one of their first projects focused on what it takes to become a judge. So excited to see what Ms. Daniels has up her sleeve for these students for the rest of the year!!

My Teachers In a Band!?!?

Not that it's a competition, but... Our ELA teacher is cooler than your ELA teacher!! Kidding... But really. Our very own Mr. Wood plays guitar in a band called All Hail the Queen. It's a female-fronted band fusing hard alternative rock, post-hardcore, metal, and pop-punk with some killer bagpipe solos. Yeah, you read that right, their lady lead singer also plays the bagpipes! For more info you can check them out on Facebook!



The Race for the Best Attendance

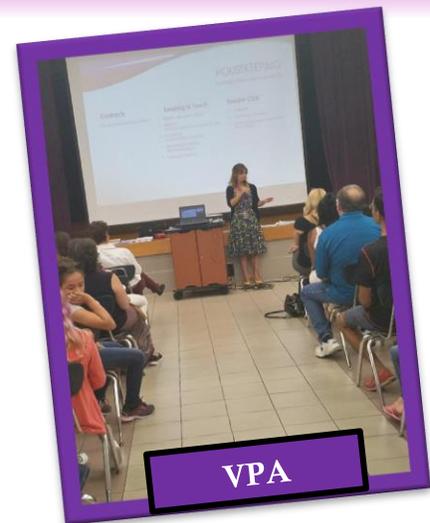
Don't think one person can make a difference? Well in the Attendance Challenge every student counts! Each grade level is currently competing for the best attendance. Ask your student about how the competition works and keep an eye out in the front office for the current standings. Good luck students!

... BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

VPA Family Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our students and parents at the VPA Family Night held on August 24th. The parents got to mingle, meet our new and veteran VPA teachers, and get the skinny on what this year will hold for the VPA department. If you are a VPA parent and were unable to attend. The information covered is on the VPA Website:

<http://bookermiddleschoolvpa.weebly.com/family-night-materials.html>



VPA

Donations

There are 2 community projects taking place with our Web Leaders/Interact Club members leading the charge.

The first is a teddy bear collection for foster children, SPARC, the fire department, hospital, and police department. This is a collection that will last all year long. We are asking for new bears or ones that look like new. The second is a collection of personal items (shampoo, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothing of all sizes, soap, toilet paper, etc.) to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey

All donations are to be deposited in Debra Alvis-Greenwald's office in the front office building.



CLUBS

IXL Questions

IXL is an immersive K-12 learning experience that provides comprehensive, standards-aligned content for math, language arts, science, and social studies. Our teachers are dedicated to using this wonderful new tool to its fullest potential. Make sure you ask your student about it and encourage them to get online and start answering questions! Our teachers want to get to A MILLION questions answered!



BMS

Parent Involvement

Our first parent involvement meeting, led by Debra Alvis-Greenwald, was a huge success! We had a fantastic turnout and are very excited about the potential of the committee this year. A gigantic thank you to the parents who were able to attend!! If you were unable to make it to our first meeting on 8/29, HAVE NO FEAR. You will have the opportunity to attend again on 9/26. We would love to see you there!



BMS

THANK YOU PARENTS, PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS, & DONORS!



[\(941\) 685-2881](tel:9416852881)



5354 Fruitville Rd,
Sarasota, FL 34232
[\(941\) 552-8078](tel:9415528078)

Parents



Parent University:

We know your child’s education and development is important to you and that you would like to encourage them in any way you can. Our monthly Parent University will give you some tools and strategies to best support their Booker Middle School education. (dates in “Calendars” section)

Parent Involvement:

Our parents are the lifeblood of our school’s support network. Each month our parents and faculty meet to discuss the activities associated with our school’s fundraising efforts. (see dates in the “Calendars” section)

SAC (School Advisory Council):

A formal monthly meeting where parents and community members meet with our principal and other administrators to collaborate on school issues. (see dates in the “Calendars” section)

VPA Booster Club:

Our Visual and Performing Arts Magnet students participate in a number of events and activities both on and away from our campus. Our VPA Booster is designed to help our parents get involved and support performances, activities, and field trips.

Community Members



Donate:

Donations come in many forms and we appreciate all of them. Email Savannah Holds (savannah.holds@sarasotacountyschools.net) for information on BMS Arts Giving. For information regarding donations to our other programs email Debra Alvis-Greenwald (debra.alvis-greenwald@sarasotacountyschools.net).

Volunteer:

BMS can always use a helping hand. If you would like to donate your time to our wonderful school, come to the front office of our school and sign up through PALS or contact Debra Alvis-Greenwald.

Attend:

There are so many events for our students and it means the world to our students when the attendance and support goes beyond their friends and family. Attend an arts event, a sports event, or just come out to a Family Night with one of our business partners (see dates in the “Calendars” section).

BOOKER MIDDLE
Booker Middle School
Arts Ads & Giving



Luminary*
 \$30,000 and Up!
 One Year

Muse*
 \$10,000 to \$29,999
 One Upgrade

Benefactor*
 \$5,000 to \$9,999
 One Initiative

Partner*
 \$2,500 to \$4,999
 One Discipline

Patron
 \$1000 to \$2,499
 One Performance

Subscriber
 \$250 to \$999
 One Student

Member
 \$50 to \$249

Sponsorships
 Student T-Shirt Sponsor(s) - \$3,000 (for the year)
 Arts Moment Sponsor - \$300 (for a month)
 VPA Student of the Month Sponsor - \$200

Advertising
 Newsletter Advertisement: \$150
 Program Outside and Inside Covers: \$125
 Program Full Page: \$100
 Program Half Page: \$55
 Program Quarter Page: \$30
 Program Eighth Page: \$20



Event Subscriptions
 Access to all VPA events - \$50 (1 person)
 VIP Access to all VPA events - \$250 (2 people)

TO FIND OUT MORE EMAIL BOOKERMIDDLEVPA@GMAIL.COM OR CALL (504)813-2099

*With the sponsorship of a specific discipline you will receive recognition and advertising opportunities specific to that discipline

CALENDARS

Making a plan for later in the year?

Check out all our school's calendars to make sure you know what is going on!



2017-18 calendar

sarasotacountyschools.net

JULY 2017						
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3rd-7th - Non work days-240 day staff
24th - 220 Day staff return

AUGUST 2017						
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7th - 196 day staff return
14th - School starts. 186 day staff return

SEPTEMBER 2017						
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4th - Labor Day (students and all staff)

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13th - End of first grading period
16th - Professional Day (students, 186 day staff)

NOVEMBER 2017						
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22nd-24th - Thanksgiving (students, 186, 196, 220 day staff)
23rd-24th - Thanksgiving (240 day staff)

DECEMBER 2017						
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21st - End of second grading period
22nd - Professional Day (students, 186 day staff)
25th-29th - Winter Break (students and all staff)

JANUARY 2018						
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1st-5th - Winter Break (students and all staff)
8th - Classes resume
15th - Martin Luther King Day (students and all staff)

FEBRUARY 2018						
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19th - Presidents Day (students and all staff)

MARCH 2018						
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13th - End of third grading period
16th - Professional Day (students, 186 day staff)
26th-30th - Spring Break (students and all staff)

APRIL 2018						
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2nd - Classes resume

MAY 2018						
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24th - Last day for students, 186 day staff
28th - Memorial Day (all staff)
29th - Last day for 196 day staff

JUNE 2018						
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18th - Last day for 220 day staff



PARENT UNIVERSITY

5:30PM-6:30PM

AUGUST 30TH

SEPTEMBER 27TH

OCTOBER 19TH

NOVEMBER 30TH

DECEMBER 19TH

JANUARY 31ST

FEBRUARY 21ST

MARCH 15TH

MAY 16TH



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

5:00PM-6:00PM

AUGUST 29TH

SEPTEMBER 26TH

OCTOBER 24TH

NOVEMBER 28TH

DECEMBER 12TH

JANUARY 23RD

FEBRUARY 27TH

MARCH 20TH

APRIL 24TH

MAY 15TH



SAC

6:00PM-7:15PM

AUGUST 29TH

SEPTEMBER 26TH

OCTOBER 24TH

NOVEMBER 28TH

DECEMBER 12TH

JANUARY 23RD

FEBRUARY 27TH

MARCH 20TH

APRIL 24TH

MAY 15TH

FAMILY NIGHTS

See you there!

Come visit our generous community partners on their scheduled night and a portion of the profits from that evening is donated to our school! Flyers with details and coupons will be distributed at school. Invite your friends!

August 31st

5:00PM-9:00PM

Blaze Pizza Night



215 N Cattlemen Rd

October 17th

5:00PM-8:00PM

Culver's Night



2605 University Pkwy

January 9th

5:00PM-9:00PM

Freddy's Night



6224 N Lockwood Ridge

September 14th

5:00PM-9:00PM

Freddy's Night



6224 N Lockwood Ridge

November 8th

5:00PM-9:00PM

Tijuana Flat's Night



5215 University Pkwy

February 1st

5:00PM-9:00PM

Newk's Night



5405 University Pkwy

October 5th

5:00PM-9:00PM

Newk's Night



5405 University Pkwy

December 7th

5:00PM-9:00PM

Blaze Pizza Night



215 N Cattlemen Rd

March 6th

5:00PM-8:00PM

Culver's Night



2605 University Pkwy



For more information on Booker Middle School Visual and Performing Arts events or admissions contact VPA coordinator Savannah Holds at bookermiddlevpa@gmail.com

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