

BCMS 1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATIONS of the 1st quarter

ISAT RESULTS FROM 08

- We met adequate yearly progress
- 72% of our students met grade level standards in reading and 79% met in math

GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 07-08 ISAT

- 86% of our 5th grade students met standards in reading.
- 5th grade improved 14% in reading from 2007
- 6th grade improved 12% in reading from 2007
- 8th grade improved 19% in reading from 2007

URGENT MESSAGES BASED ON OUR DATA

ISAT

28 % of our students in grades 5-8 are still not meeting grade level standards as measured by the ISAT. This means that approximately 57 students are still not meeting grade level standards or 18 5th graders, 8 6th graders, 11 7th graders, and 20 8th graders.

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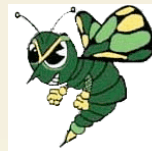
31% of our students in grades 5-8 are on the bubble between categories as measured by the STI assessment. This means that approximately 61 students or 15 per grade are with-in two points of moving up a category or moving down a category for their grade level standards.

SMARTER GOALS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

5th--No less than 25% of students will show growth to the next performance level and 75% will show growth with-in their level.

6th--No less than 14 students will show growth to the next performance level and the remaining 42 will show growth with-in their level

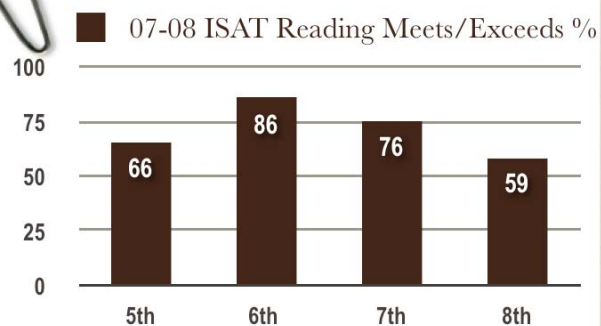
7/8th--70% of students will be in the meets/exceeds level for ISAT in reading & all students will show at least 1 year's growth in reading



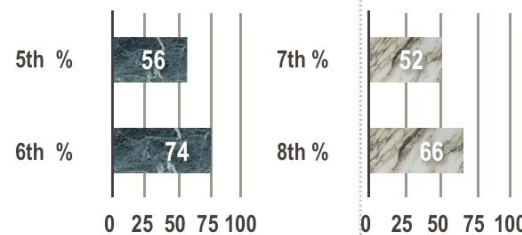
BCMS FOCUS

READ to Understand

WRITE to be Understood



08-09 Reading Fluency Meets/Exceeds



BCMS IS RAISING
EXPECTATIONS
FOR EVERY
STUDENT, AT
EVERY LEVEL, IN
EVERY CLASSROOM



Reading Comprehension is our focus at BCMS

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BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR.....

Good News Post Cards

These are sent home each week to highlight student achievement

Students of the Week

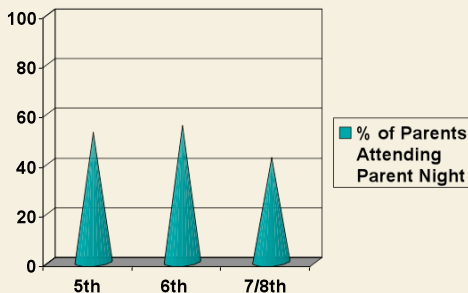
Each grade chooses one student that exemplifies what good character and behavior looks like for that week

10 CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EXCELLENT ASSIGNMENT- ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN CREATING ANY ASSIGNMENT

- can be assessed
- standards-based
- variety of questions
- appropriate to level
- open-ended
- prior knowledge
- clear expectations
- relevant
- engages all students
- connected to real world

PARENT NIGHT

This was a night to get all parents involved in their student's education here at BCMS. Information was given on goals and expectations for the year. The attendance went as follows:



INTERVENTIONS TO BOOST OUR READING SCORES

- 5/6- 2nd dose reading class
- 7/8-Six steps of reading fluency during study hall

BOOK CLUB

The Book Worms is a book club for fifth and sixth graders that began in September. We currently have 26 students as members. The club meets once a month to discuss a book that was picked by the students at the meeting the month before. The Book Worms are reading Loser by Jerry Spinelli. It is a touching book about Donald's optimism, his loving family, the importance of failure, and how anyone can someday be a hero.

Our next book is Holes, by Louis Sachar. Our monthly meetings for The Book Worms are scheduled as follows:

- November 20
- December 18
- January 22
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 14

READING INTERVENTIONS

YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- Read with them 25-30 minutes a day
- Ask them questions about what they are reading
- Encourage them to read to you out loud
- Have them tell you the main idea of what they read
- Encourage them to read things that they enjoy
- Have them read even when it is not an assignment

5th AR/AM Leaders

- AR
- Heather Bowman
- Jeremiah Hendricks
- Hanna Still
- Bret Templin
- AM
- Brett Barr
- Kelsi Hodge
- Brandon Waugh
- Jared Fry
- Jacob Anders

6th AR/AM Leaders

- AR
- Evelyn Chapman
- Marie Rolf
- Emily Kitchell
- AM
- Annie Wilson
- Emily Kitchell

7/8 AR Leaders

- AR
- Kendall Harper
- Taylor Herald
- Clint Lewis
- Alexis Mosby

AR-accelerated reader
AM-accelerated math