

**BMS Principal's Report**  
**Submitted 9-28-10 for the 10-7-10 School Board Meeting**

**Attendance 9-1 through 9-30: 97.61%**

**Anticipated Enrollment:** Gr. 5-126, Gr. 6-124, Gr. 7-104, Gr. 8-118      **Total: 472**

**Opening:** We are pleased to report a smooth opening of the 2010-2011 school year. Enrollment in the school is close to the projections that were made through the budgetary process.

**Back-to-School Nights** were held for parents on September 22 & 23. We experienced strong attendance both evenings, and anecdotal responses from parents were favorable.

**NFL Team Pride Contest:** The PTO sponsored an NFL Team Pride Day on Friday, September 10. Working with the Language Arts Department, students wrote essays about their day which were submitted in hopes of winning a \$10,000 health and wellness grant. Our first BMS Welcome-Back-Barbeque was held in conjunction with this celebration, and Chefs Spofford and Girard cooked too many burgers.

**Testing:** The testing window for NWEA was open during September for all fifth grade students, new students, and selected groups of students based on need for detailed individual information. NECAP testing will be held from October 4-22, with students generally taking only one test per day to minimize stress and maximize results. It is the state mandated NECAP test that provides the School-in-Need-or-Improvement designation. All BMS students are required to take Reading and Math NECAPs, and additionally, fifth and eighth graders are also required to take a Writing NECAP assessment.

**The Annual PTO Magazine Drive** took place this month. Many thanks to the PTO, volunteers, and supporters who make this happen on a yearly basis.

**School Pictures** were taken on September 28. It usually takes several weeks for photos to be distributed to students.

**Sports Programs:** All of the BMS fall athletic programs are up and running, and each sport has strong participation levels.

**Health and Wellness:** Emergency Response as well as CPR/First Aid training is underway for new certifications and recertification of BMS staff.

**BMS Specials Interdisciplinary Unit:** The BMS Specialists are working together to create a Bean-Bag toss game for fifth grade students. In Tech Ed, they are making game boards, art will be painting them, and Family and Consumer Sciences will be making beanbags out of recycled jeans or denim clothing. PE/Health classes will host the Beanbag Competition.