

# COUGAR CHRONICLE



## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM BMS!!



### PROGRESS REPORTS

Please find enclosed with this newsletter your child's mid-term progress report. Hopefully things are going well with your child academically. Homework help is required every day at lunch if your child's homework assignments are not completed. It is a quiet place to read,

complete unfinished assignments and receive academic help. If you have any questions, please call the school @ 346-5440.

### BMS

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The BMS Christmas program will be held on December 15, 2009 @ 7:00. All band students will participate in

this concert. We encourage everyone to come early and get a good seat.

### PARADE OF LIGHTS

All the bands will be involved with the Parade of Lights on December 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Most band members will meet at the north end of Main Street for the parade around 6:30. Some will meet at the

Middle School. Mr. Salvador will have details as the time gets closer. Start accumulating your powered lights now!



### 5TH & 6TH GRADE MATH NEWS—MISS HAMMOND

Our mathematicians have been hard at work this year! In fifth grade we have just started a new unit on multiplication, in which the students will be learning about various multiplication patterns, properties, and estimation strategies. The sixth graders have also just started a new unit on decimals, where they will be comparing, rounding and estimating decimals, as well as adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimal numbers and decimal numbers with whole numbers.

Both classes diligently participate in problem solving activities, in which they must use their four steps to problem solving (explore, plan, solve, examine) to solve a difficult problem.

We have been discussing various problem-solving strategies, and using those strategies to solve mathematical problems. These activities demand a higher level of thinking from all students, as well as group participation skills.

Fifth and sixth graders have recently competed in the American Math Challenge online.

Students signed onto the website and answered a number of questions to earn points for themselves, their classes and the school. The American Math Challenge is a national competition, and our young mathematicians competed against other schools and other students their age for the most points possible. We had a lot of fun, and did very well!

I encourage students to continue to always do their best, to come to class prepared, and to turn in assignments on time so that the first semester will be a successful one!

### CHRISTMAS MEALS

Our tradition at BMS is to serve the Christmas dinner to senior citizens only. Adult guests are welcome any other day of the school year other than this day. Thank you for your understanding.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

December Lunches  
Regular \$31.50  
Reduced \$ 5.60



### 7th & 8th GRADE MATH NEWS - Mr. Campbell

Another year has come and another 1st quarter is gone. This year's new challenges have been issued to the students and so far they are stepping up and performing very well. The decision was made to advance all students in 7th and 8th grade math. The 7th grade class is now taking Pre-Algebra and the 8th grade class is taking Algebra I. The goal is to prepare each student for Geometry as a freshman opening up opportunity for them to take college level math in High School. To aid in the advancement of the students and to help close gaps that may present themselves, I took advantage of a few professional development opportunities this summer. Each of them has proven to be very beneficial. One training supplied my classroom with CPS clickers, an overhead projector, and an Interwrite-Pad at no cost to the district. These clickers help collect data through electronic quizzes with instant feedback. Each student has a clicker assigned to them and the data is stored in a spreadsheet helping me identify any tendencies that may need to be addressed. With the new technologies and the more intense curriculum, the students should show great gains in math, which will translate to success in middle and high school. Thanks once again for the opportunity to teach at BMS.

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER:

20	(7th) BBall w/Goodland	4:00
	(8th) BBall @ Goodland	4:00
23	BBall w/Cheyenne Wells	4:00
24	BBall @ Yuma	4:00
25-27	NO SCHOOL	
30	(7th) BBall @ Goodland	4:00
	(8th) BBall w/Goodland	4:00

#### DECEMBER:

1	BBall w/Stratton	4:00
2	Early Release	2:11
3	BBall League "B" Tournament @ Burlington	4:00

#### DECEMBER (cont)

5	BBall League "A" Tournament @ Yuma	9:00
8	HS Band/Choir	7:00
9	Early Release	2:11
10	Senior Citizen Dinner	
11	Parade of Lights	7:00
15	Middle School Concert	7:00
16	Early Release	2:11
18	End of 2nd Quarter - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL School will resume January 5, 2010	