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Bitburg American Middle School



Bobcat Impressions chronicles the adventures of BMS students and staff during school year 97-98.

Thanks to the support of this year's PTSA, the administration, staff and students, this yearbook became the first edition in five years. The 8th grade Video Production/Publication students planned the layout, copy, headlines and photography. Many students, families and teachers contributed photos.

This yearbook is dedicated to Dr. Lawther who retired as principal in 1997.

A Remarkable Adventure ...

This yearbook is dedicated to Dr. Lawther who retired after seven outstanding years as principal at BMS. Thanks!

Whether supporting Student Council President Kayla Maddox or taking pictures of bobcats in Russia, Dr. Lawther wished the best for BMS.



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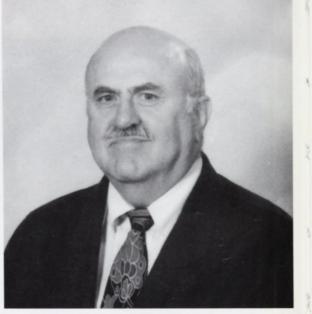
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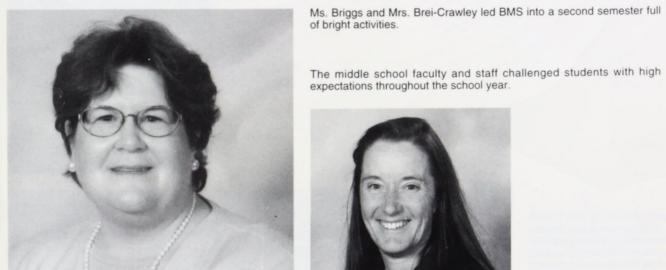








... An Excellent Year!



The middle school faculty and staff challenged students with high expectations throughout the school year.





















































Friends Now and Forever Won't Be Forgotten





We'll See You When You Get There

Christina Barlow likes to hang with friends and play the bass clarinet. Steven "BJ" Barnes likes playing basketball. His favorite food is sweet and sour pork and he likes spending money. Stephanie Barnes likes bike riding and wants to be in the Air Force. Nadia Bell likes being with her friends, playing basketball, shopping and listening to music. She also likes animals.

Michelle Borik likes science, playing basketball and soccer, and going to parties and shopping. "Peace y'alls!" Matthew Brandt likes biking, soccer and basketball, Mexican food and going to the movies. All time favorite football team is

Samantha Brown likes to chill with her friends and watch her man play basketball. Laura Bryda-Baker loves undomesticated kitties, walking off base, drawing and dancing. She likes stone critters and living here in Germany.

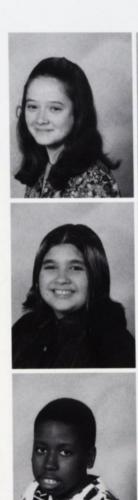
Darien Burgess loves playing video games, watching sports on TV and reading Dead Pool comics. Jessica Butman likes to talk on the phone, and play the piano, flute, clarinet, baritone sax, bass clarinet and alto sax. Emma Cantu enjoys reading fantasy books or thrillers by Tom Clancy, listening to music and practicing astrology. Her favorite bird is the Phoenix. Travis Carr likes to play basketball, golf

and soccer, and enjoys PE and Social

Jamie Christian likes rock, loves to be free, hates Nike. "I think you should live your life your way and not be scared to be who you are." Crystal Christmas likes to listen to music, play basketball and hang with friends.

Brandie Doyle enjoys her friends and her

Jason Duncan likes to run, play computer, swim and play baseball.











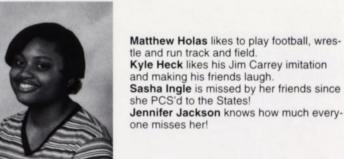


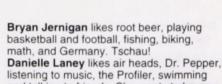








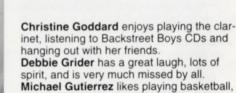


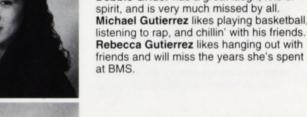


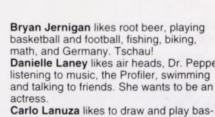
Cassandra Lee has had a great time since she started at BMS this year!











Every Step We Take ...





Every Move We Make, We'll Be Missing You

Shelby Lindrud likes reading, playing her flute, and watching Star Trek. Her favorite subject is

algebra. Daniel Loftus is the gentle giant of the 8th grade. Home to him is South Jersey and he hopes to get a sports scholarship and play college football. Amanda Lothian has a terrific smile! Amanda Lubbers loves her friends, and is who she wants to be. She's wild and free, and wants to be an actress or poet.

Kayla Maddox sings, talks, draws, paints and sketches. She reads lots of books, hangs out with her friends, and enjoys being Student Council President. Sarah Martino likes shopping, parties, NY or K City, and hanging out at the mall with friends. She plays the piano, and wants to be an actress or veterinarian. Courtney Martz likes to ice skate, hang out with friends, and loves animals. Best friends are Malia, Katie C., Marianne, Mickey, Barbara, Samantha and

Carla McKinney enjoys baking, singing and shopping the stores in downtown Bitburg. She likes to chill with her friends. Everyone likes her cooking!

Anthony Millard likes football, basketball, soccer and alternative music - mostly rap and r&b. He enjoys hanging out with friends. "Sports are cool!" Tony Oswald left way too early this year. Everyone say hello! Kaytrina Payne always liked chorus. Nathan Perez looks forward to returning to the States.

Trinh Pham likes to listen to music, shop, travel, sports, hanging out with friends and socializing. Most of all, she likes to be nice. Billy Pope PCS'd in the fall. Everyone misses him

Amber Richardson likes lasagna, shopping, parties, alternative music, hanging out with friends, and baseball. !! Man !! Jessica Sanchez plays the flute and her favorite

subject is lunch. She likes to paint and draw. "Peace, love and harmony to everyone!"

























Nick Schmidt says Hi!=) Class of 2002 'C-Ya next year in 9th Grade! Chow! Carlie Schroedel likes to play soccer, ride hors-

es, and just have fun. Tyffini Shankland likes to ride horses, ice skate and hang out with friends. She really enjoys being

involved in NJHS and algebra. Troy Shipman likes football, r&b music and hanging out with Tony Carr.



flag football in the mud. She loves the Japanese culture and language, and her best friend is Renata Sprung.

Heather Taylor is sometimes shy and sometimes Lee Taylor likes to play soccer, basketball, listen to music and work. He also enjoys playing percussion instruments.

Malia Valdez likes to chill with her friends and listen to music

eating, playing basketball, and hanging out with her friends. She really enjoys listening to the Word Tyler Spear likes to play hockey, ice skate, eat Jello, listen to music and hang out with his friends. Renata Sprung likes the color black, talking, and

> the States, go to college and get a job. Stephanie Stewart likes to play basketball and

Ryan Wayt's hobby is sports. He likes basketball and has a beautiful girlfriend.

Erica Whiteside likes to listen to music, watch TV and play basketball. She also likes to travel to other bases and hang with her friends. Lisa Williams enjoys hanging out with her friends, shopping and talking. She plays the oboe and clarinet, and her favorite sport is softball.



Memories Are Magic at BMS!

Do you recognize these sweet little 5th grade faces? Students at the Leadership Conference in Oberwesel worked long hours and played along the Rhein River.





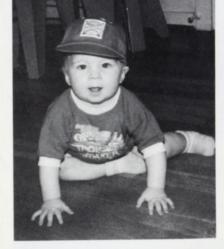
Take a look at these babies, but first try to figure out who they are. Oppose page, top to bottom. Jason Duncan, Travis Carr, Trinh Pham, Courtney Martz, Matt Brandt, Renata Sprung, Tyler Spear, Stephanie Stewart, Erica Whiteside and Tyffini Shankland.



Babies on page ten are Malia Valdez, Anthony Millard, Danielle Laney, Stephanie Stewart, John Fansler, Michael and Rebecca Gutierrez, Courtney Martz with Travis and Katie Carr, Amanda Lothian, Christine Goddard, Susan Flesch and Michelle Borik. Then Lisa Williams, Sarah Martino, Jessica Butman, Kiona Singleton, Kayla Maddox, Crystal Christmas, Amber Richardson, Christina Barlow, Nadia Bell, Jessica Sanchez and Heather Taylor.



You Must've Been a Beautiful Baby!



The smiling faces on this page and the next two pages belong to 8th graders you know and love! Can you figure out who's who? Look for the list on page 8.

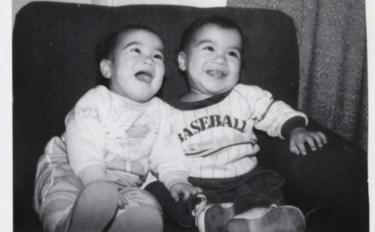


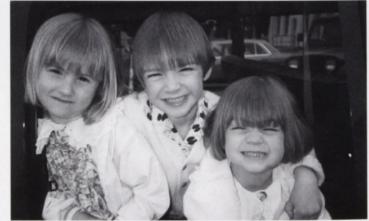
















































The Class of 2002 ...





... Hangs Together!!









Seventh Graders Reach For It All ...

Amie Anders Ashley Barbosa Dreyton Barnes Billy Bell Natasha Belus

Frank Berro Shekelia Bradley Benjamin Buddle Patrick Burke Maria Cabotaje



Christina Davis Melvin Davis Alicia Dooley Danielle Ducket Heather Durden

Derek Ennis Tatjana Geib Sean Gilbert Valentina Gonzalez Nick Graziano

Casey Habersang Kenneth Harris Mona Hatch Raynaldo Hernandez Lamont Herring



... They Find Friends, Fun at BMS!













Audra Hinson

Jessica Jackon



Phillip Morgan Brent Nichols Erika O'Neil Heather Overton Heather Page

Mary Beth Parnell Jeremy Payne



Laura Piccolo Dana Pierce

"We're the Best!" They Agree:

Zachary Pierce Kirsten Pope Gary Puetz Joel Queenan

Kristen Savage Cainan Schroedel

Emily Short Joshua Short

Jason Strobel Natasha Thomas Jeananne Tiffany Michael Vince







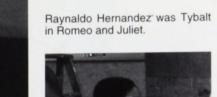












Brent Nichols played Romeo while Gary Lott was Mercutio.

We're the Class of '03















Laura Piccolo played in Hamlet and went on to start the BMS Drama Club in 1997.



Lanita Wade Derek Watkins Aaron Wescott Jamie Wheeler

















Cody Whipp Rachel Williams Cayla Wilson Liz Wilson







Hallways offer the chance to catch friends in action, on their way to classes or maybe at their lockers. See if you can find some friends here!

Sixth Grade Scholars Are Superb!

Some Say They're Simply Sensational!

Zavier Alexander Ian Allison Jill Barbeau Michel Beamer







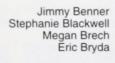








Eric Hembree Fred Henley III Eric Henry Josh House























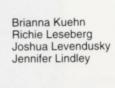














Amy Dobrzykowski Katie Downey

Kristen Ennis

Latasha Fair



















Misty Garcia Melissa Garman Ben Gatlin Julia Gaydos







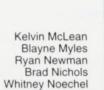




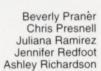


Andrew Lubbers Katie Madler E. Louis Martino III Maurice Mason III

Faye Mattie Jordan Matthews Charles Mayberry III
Amber McClish Anthony McCormick







Addison Santiago Megan Schulze Jessica Shankland Kaicee Shipman Ellis Smith III

Bethany Stampone Michele Swasey Alton Tarbotton Crystal Thomas Joshua Todd

Amanda Updike Ryan Valdez Caramel Velez Robert Vince Laura Wade



























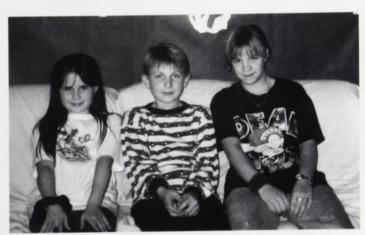


Sixth Graders Stick Together: Side by Side!



New students John David St. Pierre and Mannie Garcia join the 6th grade midway through the year.

Every middle schooler enjoys school dances like this one just before the













Rachel Whipp Suzanna Whitney Danielle Williams Kendra Woods Anne Zabel



New 5th Graders Solve BMS Puzzles ...

... Lockers, Schedules, New Faces, New Friends!

Matthew Anders Amanda Ashley Angela Barlow Cassandra Belus

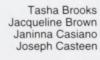












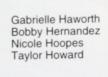
















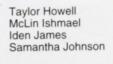


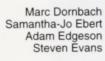












































Rachael Lee Syvel Lothian Cynthia Lougher Erik Martz

Ryan Foster Joe Garcia III Angela Gilbert Larissa Gonzalez













Kurt Mathews Colin McClory Patricia Medina Melissa Metivier

Chelsey Miyasaki Ryan Moss Kristi Myles Melody Nichols Samantha O'Brien

Hanna O'Dell Patrick O'Neil Overton Graham Erika Owings Thomas Pape

Irene Presnell Sarah Rein Jennifer Richards James Rocker Brett Santiago

Laura Schorn Lucas Smith Alysia Sosa Rachel Suiter Valerie Swasey

























































Devin Taylor Ashlie Thomes Jared Trautt Joel Trevino Xavier Trisvan











Fifth Graders Have That A+ Attitude

Class of '05 Comes Alive!

They may be the youngest and the newest, but BMS 5th graders have the spirit that counts! They're always into new projects and activities.

















Assemblies, Celebrations, and We're Always Hoping for a Snow Day

What's up at Bitburg Middle School? You'll always know if you read the weekly Newsletter with its calendar and focus on school













Hey, Where'd Those BMS Babies Come From?

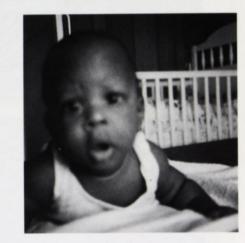


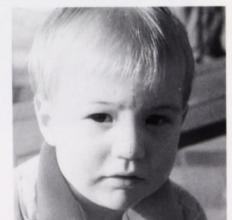
It looks like 6th grader Charles Mayberry (below) is wondering the same thing! There's 7th grader Katie Carr, 5th grader Erik Martz and (opposite) 7th grader Jamie Wheeler.





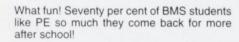






PE Is The Place To Be!

And Intramurals Top Them All!



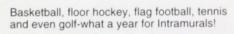














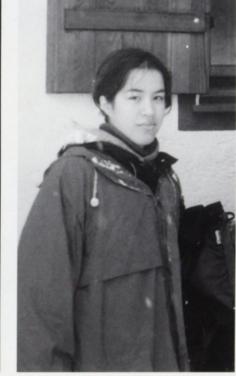


Outdoor Education Rates Really Cool ...

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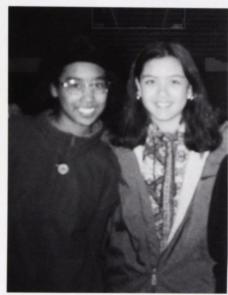














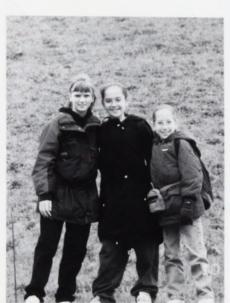


... As 7th/8th Graders Brave Alpine Winters!

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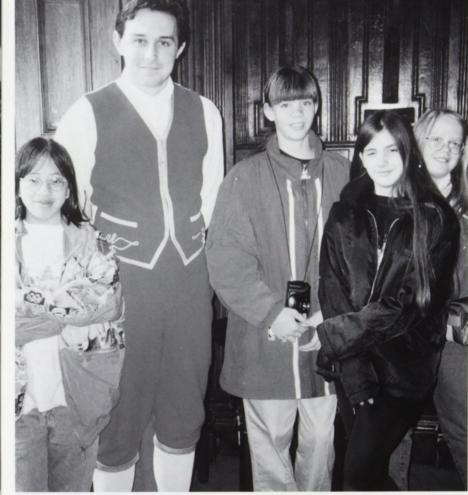
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In October, 5th graders traveled to England to visit the Viking Museum in York, and castles along the way.









Students Explore Europe With Friends, Families

Classes have studied Renaissance Italy and Shakespearean England, then travelled to Florence and Pisa, London and Stratford to get a first-hand glimpse of the world they're discovering. Very often, students also have a chance to tour with their families (below, left) like Amber Richardson at Disney Paris with her brother. Whether it's old Irish cliffs or Anne Frank's House in Amsterdam, it's all close by when you live in the Eifel.

Fifth Graders Visit Vikings

As part of their Social Studies curriculum, the 5th graders travelled by bus and ferry to the English city of York to meet Vikings up close and personal. The two Eriks (right) met their namesake on the moors! Students also toured Kingmaker in Warwick Castle and went on a Ghost Walk in York.









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St. Basil Cathedral on Red Square in Moscow looms above the group from BMS who visited this year.

School girls from Yaroslavl School #18 entertain the group from Bitburg.







BMS American Russian Student Groups

Exchange Marks Tenth Anniversary!



The first BMS American Russian Student Exchange visited Yaroslavl just after May Day 1988. Since that time, students from both countries have stayed in each other's homes, experienced typical meals and celebrations, gone to school with each other, and become good friends. Many BMS students who participated in those earlier events have gone on to study Russian in colleges and plan to work with continuing growth in friendship between the nations. This year's group left in the fall for Moscow and Yaroslavl, and greeted the returning visitors in March 1998.



Russians visiting BMS families stop along the Mosel River at Bernkastel.



At Yaroslavl School #18, teacher Nadia Isaeva greets visitors with a typical class of her youngest students.







There's a middle school dance almost every month. Matched to the moment and the season, there are masquerades and glittering balls, snowflakes, valentines, and spring flings.

Music and Magic ...





There's always good food and great music at the dances. Sometimes there's pizza or hot dogs, games and movies. There are contests, prizes, bright decorations, and a chance to spend three fun hours with friends.



At Middle School Dances









Building Trust and Skill ...

BMS has a long tradition of days in the woods with Outdoor Education. During 1997-98, students had a chance to try the Eifel Ropes Course after team building exercises with their Advisement group.





... At Outdoor Education

Mr. Kaufman's 8th graders and Mr. Wilson's 6th graders tried some of the same activities, and some that were quite different. Outdoor Ed matches team strengths with levels of activities. At every grade level, there are challenges to be met at OE.















Students Tackle the Ropes Course as a Team

Outdoor Education Builds Community!

There's been a long tradition of to plan the afternoon. Outdoor Education at BMS. Years ago groups of tried rapelling, climbing, and a variety of rope in the Luxembourg Woods in Irrel. The past two years, they have met at the Eifel Ropes Course with Advisement groups. Students try team building, community effort and spirit activities first, then move on to fun with tires, ropes, and higher elements. They learn about team work and relying on each other's skills and strengths as well as their own. There's a give and take, and the best fun comes when the groups meet around the campfire for lunch















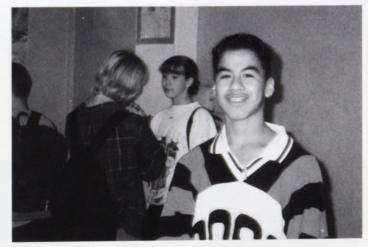












First Day of School ...





Everything Looks Cool!!





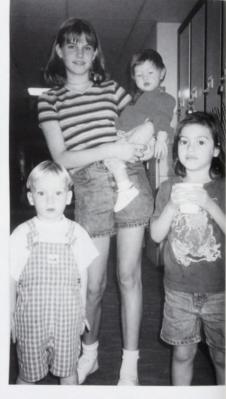




8th Grade's NJHS Lead The Way

German Class Travels to Christkindl Market









From baby sitting for Open House to presenting Parent Information nights in January and planning Leadership Seminars in May, National Junior Honor Society students took leadership roles in 1998. Sasha Ingle, Tyffini Shankland, and Anthony Millard (above) are guides while Amber Richardson has her hands full babysitting.



The Christmas Market in Nurnberg is world famous and the first of its kind. Students spent two days in the medieval city, stayed at the Youth Hostel adjoining the castle, and walked the streets traveled by Durer and Goethe. Other 8th graders (above left) are ready to spend the evening at the theater in London to see Les Misérables.

Students are inducted in May at the end of their 7th grade year and serve throughout the following school year. Officers (opposite page) Shelby Lindrud, Kayla Maddox and Anthony Millard are ready to guide parents who are visiting BMS for the first time. Travis Carr, Tyler Spear, and Courtney Martz also serve as officers.





One of the advantages of living in Europe is the possibility of traveling streets where Western civilization began. On squares and market places from Bruggs to Berlin, from Den Hague to Rome, Bitburg Middle School students have had an opportunity to travel to corners of the world that few young people have even dreamed about.

What's That Joyful Noise? BMS Band and Choir?

They Played the Sounds We'll Remember!

BMS Band and Chorus were sounding off at every opportunity this year. There were concerts and celebrations that friends and family enjoyed.



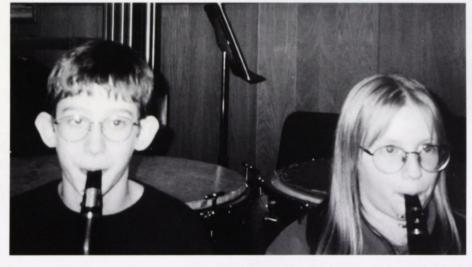


















OE, Dances, Skating Parties and Study Trips

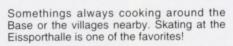
There's never a dull moment at BMS. Students work hard through the week, and look forward to extracurricular and special events that are always on the calendar.





5th Through 8th Graders Count On Special Times

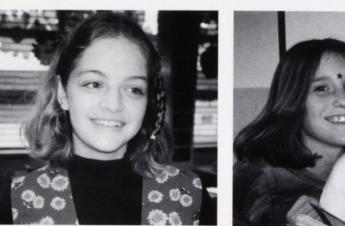
























Every quarter, a grand percentage of BMS students celebrate their turn at making the Honor Roll. Classes plan awards and activities to help congratulate these scholars!







There are annual awards at the end of the school year in addition to the quarterly celebrations. Students are proud of their achievement in extra curricular academic activities,









... Ice Skating, Swimming And Bowling for Smiles!





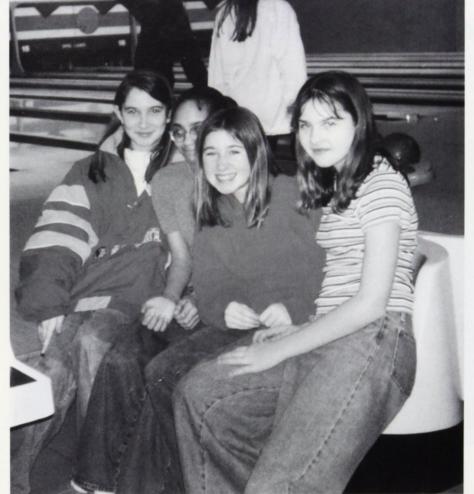












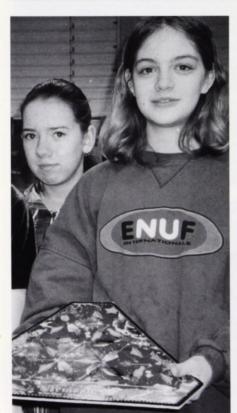
Meeting the Challenge!

BMS students who met 3.5 + 4.0 honor rolls celebrated each quarter with a variety of mornings out. There's bowling (left), ice skating and swimming plus the occasional ice cream party, pizza lunch and movie. Student Council activities lent spirit and enthusiasm to the year. Seventh grader Alicia Dooley and 6th grader Suzanna Whitney (below) practiced their speeches as candidates for Student Council offices before presenting them on Bobcat News early in the school year. Sixth graders Julia Gaydos and Katie Madler celebrate the completion of a tough logic puzzle like many available in classrooms at BMS. Problem solving and decision making skills are fostered in every class every day at Bitburg Middle School.

High Expectations!

Throughout the school year, BMS students are challenged to reach their highest expectations. Fifth grader Colin McClory won this year's Geography Olympiad (right, with his parents and Ms. Schenck, the Social Studies coordinator). Students had an opportunity to be part of Math Counts and the Math Olympiads as well as Odyssey of the Mind, the ECAPTS Spelling Bee, Hispanic Heritage Month, Military Family Month and Black Heritage Month. There were Fire Prevention and Drug Abuse Resistance campaigns, and a host of other challenges for BMS students









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Student Council Spirit Days Let the Sun Shine ...

Hat Day, Twin Day and a general spirit enthusiasm spread sunshine even on the foggiest Eifel days!



... Along the Misty Eifel Mountains

There's always something happening around the halls - ice cream parties, Advisement breakfasts, birthdays.





























BMS Colonial Day ...





... A Spring Celebration!





At the close of a school year, students celebrate their studies of Colonial America with a full day of Early American activities.



Even Benjamin Franklin turned up last year at the festivities, and Mrs. Martz and Ms. Laakman enjoyed every minute!



















Bye!







