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The Big Flood

By Ashton Page

Bryce Combs, 9 years old, was washed away in the flood on September 9th in Morehead, Kentucky. It poured down rain all night and most of the day. There were also two sinkholes that occurred while it was pouring down rain.

After all of that took place, and it stopped raining, there were parents who let their children play in the flood water. While the kids were playing, Bryce got washed away. There was a 12 year old who was with Bryce Combs, but he managed to get out of the water, but after awhile, the 12 year old boy lost the trail of Bryce Combs. Search and Rescue teams were searching for Bryce from daylight to dark.

They found the young boy about a week later, but he passed away. There were over 350 people or more searching in the rivers and lakes and even fields for this child. The flood water was so high, it was over roads and halfway over houses. The searchers used things like drones, horses, different types of boats, and cars.

On September 21 Bath County Middle School's students and faculty wore blue to show respect for Bryce and his family.

The Flash Book Review

By: Ashton McKenzie

The Flash by Barry Lyga is a book about Barry Allen, who is a worker at Central City P.D, but secretly with the help of his friends from STAR Labs, he is the fastest man alive. This book is for people looking for suspense and comedy. Barry has to stop metahumans like him, but they have different powers. The man he is encountering within the book is Hocus Pocus, a magician who can control minds. It is an amazing read, If you watched the show on Netflix and CW, it makes it even better. I was really hooked on how well the book balances the right amount of comedy and suspense. If you like superhero books, this is a book for you.

I would rate the book "*The Flash*" a 9 on a scale of 10 because the beginning is a bit hard

to follow. If you did not watch the television show, the storyline will be kind of confusing. One of the main goals of *The Flash* is to make you want to never give up. Overall, it is a great book.



Boys Basketball

By Corbin Sorrell

It's that time of the year again! It's boys basketball season! There were 3 open gyms before tryouts. Tryouts were on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 from 4-6 in the gym at Bath County Middle School. The main coach, Eric Scruggs, is only accepting 10 players from each grade level. The first game will be on October 20th for the 8th grade and October 24th for 6th and 7th grades. When asked about the upcoming season, Eric Scruggs said, "I can't wait till this

basketball season. It's going to be fun!"

BCMS Girls Protest Against Dress Code

By: *Reanne Grooms and Gracie Hardin*

On September 20th, some of the girls at BCMS came to school with ripped jeans on with holes above the knee, which was breaking dress code. These girls broke dress code because they thought that it was unfair for them not to be able to wear holes above the knee.

The dress-code says that "Any holes in pants must be below knee level and cannot be large enough to be deemed inappropriate or a safety concern. Any skin exposed above the knee must be covered. All shorts, skirts, and dresses shall be no shorter than three inches above the knee." The girls said that if they could wear shorts 3 inches above the knee, then they should be allowed to have holes in their jeans 3 inches above the knee.

Some girls think that BCMS is one of the worst schools about dress code in the state of Kentucky because they can't wear ripped jeans with holes above the knee. Schools have dress codes to make students look a bit more professional. When students get a job, there will be a dress code, and they can't protest against it because they will get fired. They are getting students ready for when they are older and have a job.

The girls got the protesting against ripped jeans off of Snapchat, a social media app. Someone made a

post saying how bad the dress code was and everyone started reposting it. Some people were peer pressured into it, or they did it because they thought they would be cool.

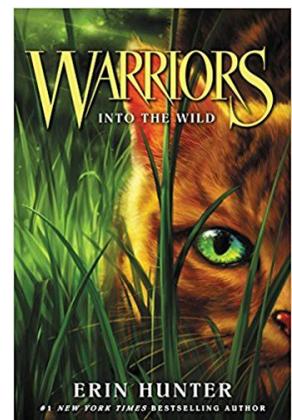
A few of the girls at BCMS thought the dress code was unfair, so they decided that they were going to protest. Addi St. John states, "I think they should change the dress code because I think it's stupid that only girls are getting sexualized by the dress code." When they got to school that morning, they all were sent to the office. They were not in trouble and the principal at BCMS, Todd Niece, was very understanding. The girls explained why they wore ripped jeans that were breaking the dress code. Kaleigh Potts says, "We are going to start a club".

Other girls here at BCMS said that this was something that we shouldn't change. Seventh grader Jaelyn Gibson's response to this was "It shows too many body parts. It shows too much skin. I don't want to go any farther. I think just on the knee or below the knee is okay, but above is just inappropriate." Some say that it is ridiculous and we should just follow the rules. Seventh grade teacher Vickie Moriarity states, "Okay here is my take on this. I think you can wear them tastefully like with the leggings underneath. I also know that as soon as one fad dies out, another one will replace it." In the end, the dress code didn't change.

WARRIORS: The Prophecy Begins

By: *Roby Pile*

The WARRIORS series is a thrilling and exciting series by Erin Hunter. The series is about a kittypet (a cat who lives with Twolegs. Twolegs are what the characters call humans) called Rusty who wished to go into the forest and adventure. Then one day he did and ended up meeting a few cats named Graypaw, Bluestar, and Lionheart (all of which are Thunderclan cats) and gets invited to join the Thunderclan cats. This new opportunity allowed Rusty to explore the forest clans (Thunderclan, Shadowclan, Riverclan, and Windclan), and eventually gets his apprentice name, Firepaw. Firepaw along with his best friend Graypaw explore the vast wonders of the forest. Be prepared, this series can be very brutal. There are multiple fights and deaths in this series, so if you are the kind of person who can't deal with heartbreaking deaths, this series isn't for you. In spite of all of that, I personally would rate this series as a 10/10.



Choosing a Book

By: Brooklyn Gregory and Savannah Curtis

Everybody has struggled with picking out the right book for them at least once in their lives. You go into a library/bookstore, get a book, go home, read a few pages, then lose your interest in it. Some people do that over and over thinking the next book they buy will be the perfect book for them. Why do that when you can just follow five simple steps?

The first step to finding the best book for you is finding the type of genre you are the most interested in. There are so many different genres you can choose from. The most popular book genres are romance, crime/mystery, religious/inspirational, science fiction/fantasy, and horror. There are so many more genres than those six to choose from. If you cannot decide yet, Google a list of genres and read about your different options.

The second step is to go to a local library/ bookstore and find the book section based on the genre you chose. Most libraries have their books sections marked, so you should not have a major problem trying to find that section.

Step three: Selecting a book. Once you find the section your favorite genre is in, look through the books. Don't just randomly select a book. Look through them. Just because there are books of the same genre, does not mean that you will guaranteed like the book. For example, The Cellar and The Kept,

both horror books, are not both going to capture your attention. One might have too much horror in it, and the other might have just the right amount of horror in it.

The fourth step is using the "5-Finger Rule". The 5-Finger Rule is when you find a possible book for yourself and flip to a random page. Hold up a fist, and every time you do not know or understand a word, hold up a finger. Zero-one fingers is a little too easy for you. Two-three fingers is most likely right up your alley. Four or five fingers is way too past your reading level right now. Now although some people like a challenge when it comes to reading, four-five fingers is probably too hard for you.

Step 5: The assurance. To ensure yourself that this is the right book for you, read the summary in the book. In most books, a short summary or description of the story is either in the first page of the book, or on the back cover of the book. Read it. That summary/description basically determines whether or not you want the book. This step is probably the most simple of them all: Take the book home and read it.

Just in case you have gotten bored reading this book, here are some directions:

- 1) Return the book to wherever you obtained it.
- 2) Re-do all the steps until you are fully sure that you have picked out the perfect book for you.

If you're still having trouble picking out a book, here are some recommendations.

"Navigating Early" This book would definitely interest people that love adventure. "It has everything from pirates, to creepy caves. Definitely a 10/10." ***This book was recommended by 7th grader, Reanne Grooms.***

"Freakling" The first book to the series "**The PSI Chronicles**" In 12-year-old Taemon's city, everyone has a power called psi--the ability were you can move and manipulate things with your mind. When he "loses" his psi in a traumatic accident, he must hide his secret by all means possible. "I really enjoyed this book, I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys adventure." ***This book and its series was recommended by 7th grader, Savannah Curtis.***

"Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief" This is a fantasy about a boy named Percy Jackson, son of Poseidon. He goes on a mission to find and return Zeus's lightning bolt, which he was accused of stealing. "I absolutely love the Percy Jackson books! This book and the rest of its series are perfect for people who are into greek mythology." ***This book and its series was recommended by 7th grader, Brooklyn Gregory.***

"Doll Bones" This is a fictional book with spooky things, but without the violence and gore. Perfect for people who loves those kinds of books. For a very long time, Zach, Alice and Poppy have
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been playing one continuous, ever-changing game of pirates and mermaids, thieves and warriors.

Overruling all is the Great Queen, a bone-china doll cursing those who do not please her. ***This book was recommended by 6th grader, Jacey Purvis .***

“Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone” This book is just the beginning of the fabulous series of 7 Harry Potter books. Wizardry and multiple crazy adventures occur throughout the book. Harry Potter, survivor of evil wizard Voldemort, is finally accepted into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There, he meets Hermione and Ron, his friends throughout the whole series. ***This book was recommended by 6th grader, Morgan Ingram.***



Cheer Competition

By: Lauren Conn

The Junior Pro Cheer Competition will take place on November 17, 2018 6:00-8:00 P.M O’Clock. It will take place in Lexington in a gymnasium. There will be teams from around the United States

competing. This will be the first cheer competition this year for the Bath County Junior Pro Cheer Team, there will be six schools competing.

Tickets will cost \$5.00 for children and \$8.00 for adults. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be competing. All ages are invited to come watch. Come be supportive, and watch the girls cheer at their first competition. The Cheer team needs all the support they can get. “ I hope we win” said Selena Zavaleta, who is one of the cheerleaders.

The Bath County Junior Pro Cheer Team will be doing mounts. They will be doing school cheers and dances. There will be a diamond formation and a triangle formation during the dance. They will also have good facial expressions and stiff motions.

The Cheer team will be wearing proper cheer uniforms that are red and white, that say “BC” on them. The cheer team will wear red, white, and black eyeshadow. Their hair will be half up half down with a black bow. They will also be wearing their white cheer shoes and long white socks.

How to stay safe on your ATV

By: Jaxon Cline

An ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) can be really fun. They can also be really deadly. Here are some tips on how to stay safe before

someone goes up to the pearly gates.

ATV season is almost up with winter making a hasty approach. This doesn’t mean you still can’t get hurt. For starters, always wear a helmet. Flipping a four-wheeler or even a dirt bike without a helmet could potentially kill someone. Statistics show that 8/10 people that have rode an ATV in the past year, said that they did not wear a helmet regularly. In 2011, 29,000 kids alone ended up in the hospital because they were not wearing a helmet.

Getting certified to ride a four-wheeler could also make a difference. Let’s say you hop on a four wheeler for the first time. The chances are the person doesn’t know how to drive it. Even if you do, it is still dangerous. So take the class and get safety certified. Go to this link on your mobile device to do this <https://atvsafety.org/atv-ecourse/>. Some states even require this. Go to the basic course and select your state. Then take the course and get safety certified.

These are just a few tips on how to stay safe. It is better to be safe than sorry. Especially when you are putting your life on the line every time you do this. So follow these safety tips. This could be the difference between life or death.



Clubs

By: Wyatt Vaughn

The clubs we have at BCMS are here because of Mr. Whitt, Mrs. Fitch, and Mr. Neace. Mr. Neace and the other teachers wanted clubs that were similar to the high school. For example, if somebody were in STLP, they can also join it when they go to the high school. Some clubs like STLP, Beta, FFA, art and a few more clubs are at the high school.

Sponsors for the clubs include Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Knox, and Mrs. Colwell. Some of the clubs include Girls Who Code, Guys Who Code, STLP, Quiz Bowl, Library Council, the Student Government Association, yearbook, FBLA, FCCLA, poetry club, art club, pep club, FCA, board game club, drama/chorus, and the book club. The next club day is supposed to be Friday, November 2nd.

Kentucky Meat

Shower

By: Owen Munday

In 1876 on March 3rd, a piece of meat fell from the sky in Olympia, Kentucky, near the house of Allen Crouch, whose wife was outside making soap when it happened.

Scientists collected and examined the meat that fell. Soon after, they had figured out what had happened. Some scientists took some of the meat DNA and turns out some were lung and the other

was cartilage. According to scientificamerican.com the scientists say it was a vulture that threw up some of its food. That means that a vulture was flying by and saw another bird and projectile vomited so it would not fight with it or it was too heavy from the food it had ate so it threw some of it up and started flying again.

She was outside and when she was, the meat fell and she said it fell like snowflakes. The weird thing is that she said the sky was clear so a vulture was not near, but the meat could have blown in a direction.

According to the Scientific American website, the meat was fresh when it fell and on top of that some meat was 5cmx5cm, the people that were investigating said there was a lot of meat that fell, not just a little piece. Some of the people that live around there and were unidentified came up to taste the old dried meat after the night and said it was mutton or venison.

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How to Study Effectively

By: Henry Rawlings

A lot of people have never studied in their lives, and those who have, probably don't even know how to do it effectively. There are many methods, but only some of them are efficient.

Method 1 - Memorize a study guide/practice sheet

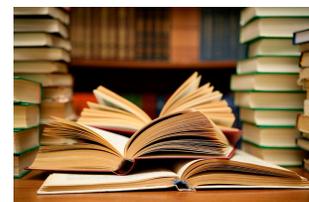
Most people use this method because it's pretty quick and easy to do. While it may help with something like a book test, it probably won't help with math because this method only really helps you understand definite answers and not concepts.

Method 2 - Quiz yourself

Take a cheat sheet with 100% correct answers and quiz yourself. It's a good idea to have a friend or guardian with you to help you make sure you have correct answers, and if you don't, they can help you.

Tips and Tricks

Everybody might have a method of studying, but there are some tips and tricks to help you remember things. You can listen to music, chew gum, walk around, jump up and down, eat food, tap your pencil, or you could do all these things. This helps because it helps build a stronger memory of studying. For tests that don't require a basic knowledge answer, some of these tips won't probably work. For those types of tests, you can read over the material many times to make sure you can apply it properly to your answer. Also you could make sure to spell everything properly and make sure to use proper grammar.





iKON performing one of their songs

K-Pop: The Newest Music Trend

By: Maura Boggs

K-Pop is a South Korean music genre that started in the year 1992, by a group called Seo Taiji and the Boys. Many groups have debuted since then, and there are 119 groups active in 2018. This eventually caused the genre to break through into the western countries, such as North and South America. This rising genre is essential to know more about if someone likes to listen to music or learning about different cultures.

K-Pop groups are separated into generations based on what year they debuted. There are currently four generations, but there are still arguments about when some really begin. The first generation is 2002 and before, and the second generation ends in 2008-2009. Many groups that debuted in the second generation contributed to starting the Korean Hallyu Wave, which was made to increase the popularity of South Korean culture around the world. The third generation ends in 2013, and the fourth generation is still going on.

The groups first start out by auditioning into a company. There are many Korean entertainment

companies, and they all have unique styles of music. Some of the most popular companies include YG Entertainment, SM Entertainment, JYP Entertainment, and Bighit Entertainment. The companies are praised for how successful they are, and are ranked in a system in which the top three companies (the ones that collect the most money) get a spot in the 'Big 3'. Right now, the Big 3 companies are SM, YG, and JYP Entertainments. There are at least 15 groups in each of these companies.

BTS is arguably the biggest K-Pop group in the world, and some may say the biggest boy band right now. With over 14 millions fans worldwide and multiple mentions on the Billboard charts, there is no doubt that they are taking the genre to a new level. BTS stands for Bangtan Sonyeondan, which means 'Bulletproof Boy Scouts' in English. They were originally supposed to be a Hip-Hop group, but changed their concept when they weren't gaining any new fans. When they first started out, they were mostly ignored because they came from a small, unknown company. The group has never changed the fact that they write and compose all of their songs with powerful and moving lyrics about real-world situations, however, like the importance of self-love, and problems like racism and hate.

Many changes are occurring and new music is released in this genre every day, making it more popular internationally. North and South America are only getting a portion

of K-Pop, however, and that will continue to grow.

BCMS Glow Dance

By: Jordan Swartz

On Friday, September 28th, the BCMS girls' basketball team hosted the Glow Dance at the Bath County Middle School. Everyone two-stepped and swayed the night away, while listening to the melodies the DJ, Terence Clemons, was playing all night long.

Meanwhile, at the concession booth, the concession workers sold everything from nachos and cheese to glow-in-the-dark glasses. While some students were lip-syncing, others were doing the Cupid Shuffle, and a few just bought out the concession booth. Either way, most admitted they had a ball. Even the parent chaperones chatted about how they had a grand time.

After the completion of the dance, people were disappointed to see it end, but people were still spouting about how it had been such an amusing night. "I had one of the best times of my life," exclaimed Terence Clemons, DJ. "The dance was a very good dance, and I hope they have another one," quoted Morgan Mccarty, BCMS 6th grade student. "It was exciting. I liked the music," recalled BCMS 7th grader, Jayce Staton. "It was fun. I liked the DJ," proclaimed Lainy Harwell, 8th grader at BCMS.



Hip Memes Today

By: Blake Baber

From a simple picture to 3D animated memes, the term meme has come far. But memes nowadays are more animated- than the simple picture memes like in the olden days.

In today's world, it's hard to stay hip with the kiddies, so here's a guide on some hip memes.

Johny Johny Yes Papa- This meme is hard to understand at first, but it's simple when explained. The meme focuses on misbehavior of children and how they can get away with almost anything because of their title "child".

Fortnite- This game/ a battle royale game, with the player (you), focusing on being number one out of the competition of fellow players managing health, weaponry, and location. Through its success it has become a meme because of its content. While some say it's a good game, but to others, it's just a meme.

T-posing- You may see people standing in a T like shape with their arms out and chanting the Halo CE theme song. The purpose of this meme is to assert one's dominance over the competitors. It's kind of like a tribal gathering with the chanting and T-posing.

Meme review- The well known and most popular YouTuber Pewdiepie sits in his room and reviews memes starting with his signature clap followed by the phrase "Meme review". This is to signify that a meme is dead if it is reviewed on meme review, but you could call it a meme obituary.

Bongo Cat- The meme, Bongo Cat uses a minimalist type of of

approach of just a cat at a table playing their bongos; while getting millions of people to adore them and they're playing. A meme where they can play everything including the instruments and songs. People say it's one of the best memes almost known as the meme of our age.

Hamilton: Great Musical or No?

By: Katelyn Parish

Musicals are becoming a hit these days, with musicals such as "Hamilton", or "Wicked". Many schools are doing remakes of the musicals for their drama club. The question is, which musical should you listen to? That is all up to the person, but reviews, like this one, may give you insight on what hit musicals are out there that you should definitely listen to.

Before the review, you must understand musicals are different from plays. Plays have less singing and dancing they focus on the story. While musicals use singing and dancing to give you the story, along with dialogue in between songs. Now that you know the

difference, you can understand this review of the best musical.

Hamilton, a Broadway hit, is a wonderful, historic, upbeat, musical about the founding fathers.

Hamilton, by Lin Manuel Miranda, puts a hip hop spin on history. Almost the entire musical is sung there is no dialogue in between songs, only parts in the songs are not sung, so it really emphasizes the word "musical". It is about Alexander Hamilton, a founding father, in his youth, mid-life, and last years. It shows his wins, defeats, heartbreaks, friends, family, and shares his story.

Hamilton can get everyone in the mood for history, so it is perfect for teachers to play when discussing the founding fathers to get kids in the mood. With its upbeat tone and amazing songs, it gives a great first impression that kids will love.

Each song gives its own story, whether it be from Hamilton's view or his Wife's Elizabeth Schuyler. An example of one is "Yorktown (The World Turned Upside Down)". It tells the tale of the battle that won our freedom, the battle of Yorktown. It shows how Hamilton and friends won the war and gives it a hip hop tone.

Each song gives you a point in Hamilton's life, whether it be when he was a child or when he was 47.

Ben Brantley, a writer for New York Times, says, "Yes it really is that good," Tullis McCall says, "there is so much information, not

to mention plain old smarts, that is
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pleasure.” With all of these great reviews, it is hard to believe Hamilton is a bad show.

This musical can change your life it is just that good. You really should check out this musical, it is one of the best. With all the amazing songs, choreography, and tone this musical really is one of the best, and this review may push you to agree with the tens of thousands of people who have listened to this fabulous musical.

Archery

By: Brooklyn Baird

The archery club is a club and team event. Practice is held almost every Monday. Archery starts when 5th bell is announced and ends at 5 o'clock. It's held in Mrs. Ballman's room, outside, or in the gym.

The archery club does have bows, and arrows that the club members can borrow, but they are also able to bring their own. The only exception is when Mrs. Ballman says “The bows we will be using are Matthew Genesis bows.” So if members want to bring a bow, it has to be a Matthew Genesis.

Members are advised to wear a guard, but if members don't have money to buy any, the club does let them use theirs, too. If beginner members are joining archery, it would be wise to get an arm guard, handguard, and a foot guard. A

packed into this show that reading the text is an exercise in pure arm guard is used to protect their arm, so when members pull back the bow string it doesn't skin, or scrape their arm when they let go of the string. A hand guard protects their fingers from the string, so it does not cut or give their fingers rope burn. A foot guard protects their feet, so when they put their bow on there foot it does not smash, or dig into their shoes.

The archery club is a social club where people can make friends, and have fun. The archery club is always looking for more members. If there is need for any more information, go see Mrs. Ballman, the 8th grade science teacher.



BCMS Newspaper Seeks Suggestions for Upcoming News Stories

By: Vickie Moriarity

The BCMS newspaper staff is seeking your suggestions for articles you would like to see in an upcoming issue of our newspaper.

If you know of an upcoming event that you feel deserves coverage, please notify one of the news reporters, one of our editors, or Ms. Moriarity in room 212.

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