



From the Superintendent's Desk

Great things are still happening around Breckenridge Schools and it is nice to see our students and staff being recognized for the great jobs that they are doing. Our board president Ken Krueger, and I had the opportunity to watch our FFA state champion "Ag Issues" team compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October and I can't tell you how proud we were of them for competing on a "National" stage. They didn't win at that level, but we applaud the team and their teacher, Mr. Reaume, for representing Breckenridge among the thousands of FFA members in the country. Also, Derek Childs, a Senior at BHS, finished 6th in the state at the Cross Country Division IV State finals and we had 9 football players, 4 golfers, and 1 Girls' basketball player who received all league honors. The RTC numbers have been cut by over 1/2 in the Middle School/High School complex and that is truly a positive reflection of the students, staff, and administration. The elementary school has been staying busy with Halloween, Fine Arts Nights, DARE graduation and of course, the MEAP. Our students and staff really worked hard with the MEAP this year and I hope that the results show the hard work that was done leading up to, and during the test.

Finally, now that the dust from the recent election has cleared, we are starting to hear rumors that the state may take back some of the funding that we were supposed to get this year. I realize that the State of Michigan is in a tough financial situation, but I get disappointed after hearing politicians say that education is important because our students are the future, and then take away funding like they have in our Title I programs, our Young 4's program, and possibly our K-12 program. I encourage you to contact our state legislators and encourage them to keep funding what is important.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jennette

Mrs. D'Ambrosio's 2nd grade class proudly show off the new set of accelerated reading books that were purchase with box top for education money.



Keep saving and turning in those box tops. You can go on line at www.boxtops4education.com and see how much money we've raised, down load recipes and coupons.

Thank you for supporting this program and our accelerated reading program at the elementary school.



On October 16, six Journalism students accompanied by their advisor Dawn Landis attended the annual fall MIPA (Michigan Interscholastic Press Association) fall conference in Lansing. Back Row: Justine Bolt (9), Matt Myers (11), Eric Dresden (11) Front Row: Rachel Howarth (10), Molly Daniels (11), Taylor Oswald (11) Photo by Dawn Landis

ACADEMIC STUDY TABLE

ANY MS/HS STUDENTS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN ANY CORE SUBJECT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE **ACADEMIC STUDY TABLE** ON TUESDAYS.

DECEMBER TIMES: 3:15 TO 4:15 In Room M-1.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MR. DOTY 989-842-3182 EXT. 403.

PARENTS ALSO WELCOME.

DANCING WITH THE 6TH GRADERS

The 6th Graders had a lesson in dancing. Doug Behr & Mary Lou Hugues demonstrated four dances, the Mamba, Cha Cha, Waltz and Swing. They then had the students join them on the gym floor and taught them some of the steps to the Swing. The students learned that dancing is not as easy as it looks.



Target and the Tiger Woods Foundation Honor Local Student With Start Something® Grant

More than four million Children Participate in Character-Building Program

WHEELER, MI - (November 3, 2006) - Breckenridge Middle School student Garit T. Juhas, 14, has been awarded a \$2,640 scholarship from Start Something, an educational youth program created by Target and Tiger Woods Foundation. Since the program's debut in 2000, Target Stores has awarded more than \$1.2 million to Start Something grant winners.

To receive the scholarship, Garit completed several Start Something activities designed to help him think about his goals, focus on his interests and develop an Action Project linked to his ideas. An aspiring Veterinarian, Garit's Action Project included shadowing a local Veterinarian and volunteering at a local animal shelter.

After completing his project, Garit qualified to win a scholarship ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 to continue pursuing his dream. Garit will apply his grant towards attending Sea World Career Camp and Zooventures at Busch Gardens.



Breckenridge Journalism Staff and Advisor Travel to Nashville National Journalism Convention

Five Breckenridge students traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to attend the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention from November 8 through November 12. The convention was held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center. The students who attended were Courtney LaCosse (12), Molly Daniels (11), Jessika Hamilton (11), Taylor Oswald (11), and Justine Bolt (9). They were accompanied by their advisor, Dawn Landis.



Jessika Hamilton (11), Courtney LaCosse (12), Molly Daniels (11), Justine Bolt (9), Taylor Oswald (11)

The Breckenridge staff joined the yearbook staff from Inland Lakes High School to share travel expenses. The staff attended numerous sessions throughout Friday and Saturday learning about various aspects of yearbook production including photography, layout design, and writing. The students were able to find time to network with students from other schools around the country, shop, and see a performance of the Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville.

Mrs. Ethington's Kindergarten Class donated a huge box of food for a needy family to have a Happy Thanksgiving dinner.

I was really proud of my class for wanting to help out a family. We talked about what it might feel like to go hungry and not have certain things that some families don't have. They agreed that it would be very sad to not have food to eat. They wanted to donate food items to a family so that they could have a great dinner. All the kids participated in one way or another. We had everything donated from a 2 liter of soda to a 22 lb. turkey. The food box was donated to Teresa Ebright's church. She said the church was very excited and proud that a Kindergarten Class was willing to help out a needy family. Thanks to all the children and parents for their willingness to help out.



DECEMBER CALENDAR of EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Fine Arts Night, 2nd Grade, 6:15 p.m.
MS VB 7th @ St Charles, 8th Home, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Hearing Rechecks, Elem.
JV/Var BB @ Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
9th BB @ Sacred Heart, 4:30 p.m.

MS Wrestling @ Frankenmuth WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

MS VB 7th Home / 8th@

Bullock Creek, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

MS/HS Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.

9th BB @ St. Louis, 6 p.m.

Wrestling, Home 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mid-Term

MS Fun Friday, 3:15-5:30 p.m.

JV/Var BB Home/ St. Louis 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Wrestling @ Montabella, 9 a.m.

JV VB @ Beal City, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

9th BB @ Hemlock, 6 p.m.

9th/JV/Var. VB @ Ashley, 6 p.m.

MS VB 7th Home/8th @ Carrollton, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

JV/Var BB Home/Merrill, 6 p.m.

MS Wrestling @ Shepherd

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

MS VB 7TH @ Ovid / 8th Home 4:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

MS/HS Choir Christmas Concert 7 p.m.

9th BB Home/Valley Lutheran, 6 p.m.

Var VB @ Chip Hills, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

JV/Var BB @ Valley Lutheran 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Var VB, Huskie Inv. 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

9th BB Home/Carrollton, 6 p.m.

MS VB 7th Home/8th @ St. Louis, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

JV/Var BB @ Carrollton, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9th/JV/Var. VB w/Hemlock 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Wrestling @ Hemlock, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 -

JANUARY 1ST

NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation

*Every
Child
Needs a
Friend ...*

There is a child out there that needs you in their life! Do you enjoy being outside, playing a board game, throwing the ball around, or just sharing a pizza? If so, becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister may be right for you. Being a big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things you will ever do. Volunteering just 4 hours a month can change a young persons life. Children with mentors are less likely to skip school or use drugs or alcohol, and have better relationships with family and friends. For more information on becoming a Big Brother or Sister please contact us at (989) 463-3434 or check out our website at www.bbbs.org.