

The Academy at Black Mountain Middle School



We the students, parents, teachers and administration of THE ACADEMY will develop the academic, intellectual and character skills of all our students so that they may be prepared to succeed in high school, college and the world beyond.

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Dear Academy Families:

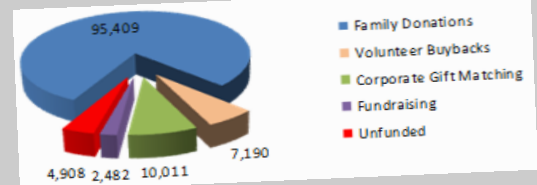
A big THANK YOU to all the families that have contributed! Your commitment to the Academy is greatly appreciated. Your Fair Share Donation is the single most important source of funding for the Academy students who are committed to doing their very best in an environment where they can reach their true potential. The wonderful experience your child is receiving cannot happen without the support we receive through your donations.

As you can see, we are within 5% of our goal of \$120,000. Please remit your remaining Fair Share Donation if you have not done so. All Fair Share amounts are due March 31, 2012 for the 2011-2012 school year. Please drop off your contribution to the office or mail to:

BMMS
 Attention: Marty Pringle
 9353 Oviedo Street
 San Diego, CA 92129
 Please indicate on the memo Student name and Academy with check payable to BMMS

Further, please complete your corporate gift matching as soon as possible. Please send an email to Marty Pringle at mpringle@powayusd.com with the following:

- Student Name
- Grade
- Parent Name
- Your company name
- The amount of the corporate matching.



Marty Pringle and our parent volunteers will monitor the corporate matching to ensure the Academy receives the benefits from your company's support.

Best regards,

The Academy Parent Team

Congratulations!

Academy students place first in We The People Competition
 Congratulations to our eighth grade students who placed first in the Madison Division of the recent county-wide We The People competition held at Grossmont College.



For a clearer picture of our kids' accomplishments, be sure to read the in-depth article in the next issue of the student newsletter, *Raider Tribune*.

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2012-2013 Planning Underway



Action plan:
1. Insert message in bottle

At school, at homes, (and perhaps, sometimes on the beach) planning is advancing rapidly for next year's Academy program. It takes funding and many volunteers to support our faculty and administration in their quest and execution of the outstanding academic program offered to our kids.

If you are interested in being part of the parent team of volunteers to help next school year, please make your name known

to either Zoom Duong at zoomduong@gmail.com or Christine Pham at pham.christine@yahoo.com

FEB 29 New Academicians

Know anyone who wants to leap into the BMMS Academy? Information Meeting is Wednesday Feb. 29, 6:00-7:00 pm in the gym.

2012 Summer Session

Tentative (the district calendar still has not been adopted) but we are going to do a 13 day summer session. I would like to get this out to parents since many companies are asking their employees to give them their vacation requests now. Thanks – David Hall

AUG 8-17

VIA volunteers in action

TEACHER LUNCHEON

Our first luncheon will be Italian themed and be held on Valentines Day, February 14th. If you're interested in helping and haven't helped before, please contact me at dkbuss68@gmail.com You don't need to be a master chef to help! You can help with setup and/or cleanup or buy something from the store. Everything is appreciated by our hungry teachers.

Thank you!
Dianne Buss
Hospitality Chair



Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of more parents to join our Academy Reunion planning committee and we need a Reunion Coordinator.

This will be a special day when the Academy students of past and present can share their experiences and appreciation with the teachers that have made a difference in their educational journey. The coordinator will be the primary leader in the organization and coordination of the reunion effort. The date of the reunion has not yet been set so by offering to be the coordinator, you will have primary input along with the staff, in the selection of the date. If you just want to help on the committee, we need you too.

Please contact pham.christine@yahoo.com



Attention Volunteers!

Please remember that you **must** have a current TB test in order to volunteer at any school event. The district is making this mandatory so there can be no exceptions from this date forward. We greatly value your volunteer time and want to make sure everyone is aware of this new requirement.

Also, please remember to log your volunteer hours as soon as possible after you've volunteered. Thanks.

Christine Pham, VP Academy Volunteers
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For those of you with kids at Westview or who going there next year, Westview PTSA has some open board and committee positions. If you are interested please call Sue Melnick at (858) 603-7638 before Feb. 10. Thanks.

Good Luck...
...to our students who are participating in the Science Olympiad Regional Competition on Saturday February 4th, 7am-5pm at Rancho Bernardo High School.

2011-2012 8th Grade High School Transition Information

Mt. Carmel High School Events	Date/Time	Location
Course Request Forms (CRF) to BMMS 8 th grade students	02/03/12	BMMS BE class
8 th Grade Parent Night	02/08/12, 6:00 p.m.	MCHS gym
MC counselors to answer student CRF questions in the library	02/08/12- 02/09/12 @ lunch	BMMS library
8 th Grade Tour for ALL BMMS 8 th grade students (during school hours)	02/09/12 8:00-10:00 a.m.	MCHS campus
Walk-in Q & A's for CRF's	02/09/12 – 02/16/12, 1:00-4:00 p.m.	MCHS Sun Center
On-line window closes	03/30/12	On-line
Athletic Night	04/23/12, 6:00 p.m.	MCHS Gym
Contact Number	858-484-1180	
Website	Powayusd.com/pusdmchs click on button labeled "Incoming Freshmen"	
Westview High School Events	Date/Time	Location
Course Request Forms (CRF) to BMMS 8 th Grade Students	03/16/12	
8 th Grade Parent Night	03/20/12, 6 p.m.	WVHS gym
8 th Grade Open House	03/21/12 & 03/22/12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.	WVHS
On-line window closes	03/26/12	On-line
Athletic Physical Night	05/31/12	
Freshman Success Day	Date to be determined	
Contact Number		
Website	http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/pusdvwhs/Counseling/8th_graders_general_info.shtml	
Rancho Bernardo High School Events	Date/Time	Location
Course Request Forms (CRF) to BMMS 8 th grade students	03/05/12	BMMS BE class
RB counselors to answer student CRF questions in the library	03/08/12 @ lunch	BMMS library
8 th Grade Parent Night	03/20/12, 6:30 p.m.	RBHS Gym
On-line window closes	03/23/12	On-line/ hard copy due to RBHS Counseling Office (student responsibility)
Contact Number	858-485-4800	
Website	www.RBHS.org	

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8th Grade High School Transition Information (cont.)

Poway High School Events	Date/Time	Location
Course Request Forms (CRF) to BMMS 8 th grade students	03/05/12	BMMS BE class
PHS counselors to answer student CRF questions in the library	03/??/12	BMMS library
8 th Grade Parent Night	03/21/12, 5:00 p.m.	Poway Performing Arts Ctr.
On-line window closes	03/23/12	On-line
Contact Number		
Website		
Del Norte High School Events	Date/Time	Location
Course Request Forms (CRF) to BMMS 8 th grade students	02/03/12	BMMS BE class
8 th Grade Parent Night	02/07/12, 5:30-8:00 p.m.	DNHS Gym
8 th Grade Parent CRF Q & A	02/08/12 & 02/09/12, 2:00-5:00 p.m.	DNHS Staff Lounge
On-line window closes	02/14/12	On-line
Contact Number	858-487-0877	
Website	www.DelNorteNighthawks.com	

Grading Calendar - through end of school year

02/10/12	<i>Enter 3 week Progress Grades</i>
03/09/12	End of 2nd Trimester
03/07/12-03/12/12	Teachers enter grades for 2 nd Trimester report cards
03/14/12	Report cards placed in BE mailbox
03/15/12	2nd Trimester Report card hand carried home
03/30/12	<i>Enter 3 week Progress Grades</i>
04/25/12-04/30/12	Teachers enter progress marks for 3 rd trimester
04/27/12	End of 3rd Trimester progress
05/02/12	Progress reports placed in BE mailbox
05/03/12	3 rd Trimester progress report hand-carried home
05/18/12	<i>Enter 3 week Progress Grades</i>
06/07/12	End of 3rd Trimester
06/01/12-06/07/12	Teachers enter grades for 3 rd Trimester report cards
By end of June	District mails report cards home



ACADEMY CALENDAR - February & March 2012				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		February 1		2 3 Lego/Robotics Rm 1001 2:30 pm Science Olympiad Sat 4
		7th Grade CA Physical Tests	Band Disneyland Trip	
6	7	8	9	10
Flowergrams Sold thru Feb 8 @Lunch. Quad.	Spelling Bee Rehearsal Little Theater 2:30 pm	8th Grade Class Picture Spelling Bee Little Theater 2:30 pm	8th Graders Visit MCHS Campus 7:45 am	Chorus Disneyland Trip Flowergrams delivered Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm
13	14	15	16	17
All Grades Dance Tickets Sold @Lunch. Quad.	All Grades Dance Tickets Sold @Lunch. Quad.	Foundation Mtg 6:30 pm	Breakfast of Champions Library 7:00 am	Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm Dance: All Grades Gym 2:30-4:30 pm.
20	21	22	23	24
District Recess. Presidents' Birthday Observance. NO SCHOOL				
27	28	29	March 1	2
	ASB Acceptance Letters Sent Out	Academy Information Mtg Gym 6:00-7:00 pm	Pasta for Pennies Starts. Runs thru March 22 GATE Parent Mtg Little Theater 6:00-8:00 pm	Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm
5	6	7	8	9
ASB Election Campaign thru Mar. 9	Chorus Winter Concert PCPA 7:00 pm	Middle School College Night . Twin Peaks MS 6:00-8:00 pm	8th Grade Breakfast of Champions Library 7:00 am	GATE Lottery Closes Coffee Concerts 7:30 am Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm
12	13	14	15	16
ASB Election		PTSA Exec Board Mtg Library 6:30 pm		Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm
19	20	21	22	23
		Middle School College Night . BMMS Gym 6:00-8:00 pm Foundation Mtg 6:30 pm	Science Breakfast of Champions Library 7:00 am	 Band Pictures 11:00 am Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm
26	27	28	29	30
				Lego/Robotics Mtg Rm 1001 2:30 pm

Looking Ahead . . .
... Way Ahead!

- Apr. 2-8
- Spring Break
- Apr. 11
- PTSA Exec Board & Association Mtgs
- Apr. 18
- Foundation Mtg
- Apr. 20
Dance—All Grades
- Apr. 25
- Academy Meet & Greet
- May 9
PTSA Exec. Board Mtg
- May 11
- Talent Show
- May 15
-6th Grade Band Concert
- May 16
- Adv & Concert Band
- May 17
- Orchestra & Chorus Performs
- May 24
- World Series
- May 28
- Memorial Day
- May 30 & 31
- Chorus "Once on this Island"
- May 31
- 8th Grade Celebration
- Jun 4
- 6th & 7th Grade Awards
- Jun 5
- 8th Grade Awards
- Jun 6
- 6th & 7th Grade Award Field Trips
- Jun 7
- 8th Grade Promotion
School Ends

DEADLINE

For input to
April Newsletter

March 23

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