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General Announcements

- 5th and 6th graders, as the weather fluctuates, please make sure to pack warm clothes for recess.
- Yearbooks are now on sale through March 31. Flyers will be sent home with your student.
- School Counselors Shanon Blankenship (7-8) and Gabrielle Waller (5-6) applied and have been awarded the Purple Star for Bethel Middle School. This award acknowledges that our school identifies and supports children of military families through providing assistance with academic, career and social needs as students transition from school to school. In April we will be celebrating Month of the Military Child by participating in a spirit week April 6th-10th and various activities during HIVE/Advisory.
- April 6 - 10 is Military Child Spirit Week. Please see the flyer below for our Theme Days.
- Current 7th Grade Students interested in attending the Washington DC Trip next year, please look below for more information, or email Mr. Norman. normann@blsk12.org. (flyer below)
- 5th/6th graders are not permitted to bring toys to class, which includes “squishy” toys or “NEEDOHs.” If these are seen, they will be confiscated and recess detention will be assigned. Students with accommodations according to an IEP/504 will still be permitted to have their fidgets.
- Information regarding the ⅞ Kings Island trip is on Friday, May 22. (flyer below)
- The 5/6 3rd Nine Weeks TAD reward will be on 4/10. Students will be having a fun-filled afternoon with lawn games and bounce houses! Congrats to all who earned the reward.

Upcoming Events

- March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break - District Closed
- April 6 - School Resumes

MILITARY CHILD SPIRIT WEEK

GR. 5 &6 BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

APRIL 6 - 10 2026

MONDAY

PAJAMA DAY

Wear **red, white, & blue** pajamas today!

TUESDAY

CAMO DAY!

Wear your favorite camo gear.

WEDNESDAY

PURPLE UP DAY

Wear **Purple** today to support military kids & their families.

THURSDAY

MILITARY CHILD SUPERHERO DAY!

Dress like a Superhero. Lets suit up!

FRIDAY

BRANCH OUT DAY

Wear the color of your favorite branch: **Green = Army; Red = Marines; Blue = Navy/Coast Guard; Black = Air Force/Space Force**

MILITARY CHILD SPIRIT WEEK

GR. 7 & 8 Bethel Middle School
April 6th – 10th

MONDAY APRIL 6TH	TUESDAY APRIL 7TH	Wednesday April 8th	THURSDAY APRIL 9TH	FRIDAY APRIL 10TH
Wear Red White & Blue Pajamas Today!	Wear your favorite camo gear & show support for our military families!	To respect our military connected students Purple it up today!	Resilience is our superpower. Suit up for Military Child Superhero Day!	Wear the color that matches your favorite branch to show your pride: Green = Army; Red = Marines; Blue = Navy/Coast Guard; Black = Air Force/Space Force

🎢 Pack Your Bags, Bethel Middle School 7th & 8th Graders!

The 4th Quarter Reward Trip is Here!

We've worked hard all year, and now it's time to celebrate. We are heading to **Kings Island** for a day of thrills, chills, and world-class coasters!

📅 Trip Details

- **Destination:** Kings Island (Mason, OH)
- **Date:** Friday, May 22
- **Who:** Eligible 7 & 8 Grade Bethel Middle School Students

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⚠️ Eligibility & Requirements

To keep our environment positive and productive, this trip is an **earned reward**. Please review the following behavior requirements carefully:

- **Zero Detentions:** To be eligible to attend, students **must not** receive any detentions during the 4th Quarter.
- **The "No Refund" Policy:** If you pay for the trip, and **lose your eligibility** to attend.
- **Important:** No refunds will be issued for students who lose their eligibility due to disciplinary actions.
- No suspensions for the school year

  Pro Tip: Stay focused, SWARM, and do what you need to do so you don't miss out Diamondback, Orion, or The Beast

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🎟️ Next Steps

Keep an eye out for permission slips and pricing details coming home soon. Let's finish the school year strong and make this the best trip yet!

CLASSIC STUDENT TOURS

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

PLACES WE WILL SEE:

- U.S. CAPITOL
- WHITE HOUSE (pictures only)
- MOUNT VERNON
- WWII MEMORIAL
- ARLINGTON CEMETERY
- TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNS
- JEFFERSON, MLK, & FDR MEMORIALS
- LINCOLN, KOREAN, & VIETNAM MEMORIALS
- PENTAGON 9/11 MEMORIAL
- FORD'S THEATRE
- NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
- GHOST TOUR
- MARINE MEMORIAL
- GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD TOUR
- WASHINGTON MONUMENT

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- DELUXE MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
- THREE NIGHTS DELUXE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
- ELEVEN MEALS
- ALL ADMISSIONS, TAXES, GRATUITIES (as per itinerary)
- SCHOOL STAFF CHAPERONES
- ACCIDENT TRAVEL INSURANCE
- LOCAL GUIDE (one day)
- SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER
- NIGHT SUPERVISION

DEPART
Wednesday – 5:45 a.m.
October 21, 2026

RETURN
Saturday – 10:00 p.m.
October 24, 2026

Cut on the line and return to **Classic Student Tours** with your **$275.00 deposit by February 27, 2026.** To make a payment online, visit www.classicstudenttours.com or call (937)439-0032 and have credit card information ready. Make all checks payable to **Classic Student Tours** and be sure to write the school and student's name on the check to ensure proper credit. Please fill out checks with black ink only. Email completed permission form to info@classicstudenttours.com. Permission forms and checks can also be mailed to our office address at the top of this letter.

PLEASE FILL IN FORM COMPLETELY AND PRINT CLEARLY
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR TRIP
BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL – D.C. - 2026

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____
(I agree to abide by the policies of Classic Student Tours and the Chaperones!)

STUDENT NAME (*print*) _____

My son/daughter has my permission to participate on the Washington, D.C. Educational Travel Program. I agree that Classic Student Tours, the School District, their employees and/or chaperones are not liable for accidents, injury, loss of property, damages, etc. in any form. In the event of a claim Classic Student Tours liability shall be limited to the amount paid by the client for the tour package. I further agree to be personally and financially responsible for any damage caused by my son/daughter to the motor coach, hotel property, other premises we visit on tour, etc.

Refund Policy: All money will be fully refunded if Classic Student Tours terminates the tour for any reason, except for default of payment. A student/paying participant canceled from the tour for any reason will be charged a minimum of seventy-five dollars ($75.00). Any cancellations after the final payment date will be charged a minimum of 50% of the total trip cost. There will be no refund for cancellations within 14 days of departure. Checks not honored by client's bank due to insufficient funds, closed accounts, etc. will incur a $25.00 bank and processing fee. A $25.00 cancellation processing fee will be charged per participant if the group cancels the tour along with any non-refundable expenses incurred by Classic Student Tours.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ **PHONE** _____
(Agreement and Acceptance of Above Terms) ***(w/ Area Code)***

PARENT NAME (*print*) _____ **DATE**_____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

EMAIL _____ ***(Used for communication purposes only.)***