

# BENNION Newsletter



JUNIOR HIGH

November 2022

## Principal's Message

Just like that, first quarter has come to a close. We are so proud of the effort and accomplishments of our students in the first 2 months of the school year. Band, orchestra, and choir demonstrated the strength of our Performing Arts department as they each had their first concerts in October. That strength will undoubtedly be put on display again when theatre takes the stage for the Fall Showcase this Wednesday and Thursday. Not to be outdone, our Visual Arts department turned in newsworthy performances as well. Christina Ong won the district Holiday Card Contest, which means her artwork will be featured on the Granite School District Holiday Card. Also, Lily Neff won 1st place in the Granite School District 2022 Social Justice Visual Arts Competition. Her artwork is now on display in the district office art gallery. These accomplishments represent just a small slice of the amazing things happening at Bennion Jr. Every day, students are engaging in exciting projects like the activities listed below. Our hope is that they are able to explore their interests and learn how to make their dreams into a reality.

This month, there are two important opportunities for students to be aware of. This week is College and Career Week. The objective is for students to learn more about career pathways available to them. We will be featuring many different pathways including those that require college degrees and those that require other types of professional training. We are also having our first Bennion Junior Family Night on November 17th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Family Night is an opportunity for students and parents to connect with our faculty, learn more about what is happening at Bennion, and learn how to better support our students as they make their way towards purpose driven lives.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Enjoy the rest of the newsletter!

Jake Brown

Principal, Bennion Junior

## Social Emotional Learning

For the month of November students will be focusing on communication skills.

Three communication skills to develop and use are listening actively, thinking twice, and speaking assertively. To listen actively one might pay attention, show you are listening, avoid interrupting and judging, and giving positive feedback. To think twice one might ask themselves the following questions before speaking; who is my audience, what message do I want to send, is it respectful to the audience, and what are the consequences if I am rude? Lastly, to speak assertively one might think about the other person's motives, explain how their actions affect you, make eye contact, look for a win-win, and allow the other person to respond.

PBIS

The ROAR Store is officially open! Turn in your ROAR points at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays for awesome prizes! You can also enter the raffle for 3 points for your chance to win a large prize during second term. First term we gave away a Nintendo Switch! Additionally, if you followed classroom and school wide expectations then you get to participate in our „Bennion Battles It Out: Teachers VS. Students” assembly on November 11th. During 2nd term, if you have 5 or less minor incidents then you will get to participate in our „snowballs and soda” activity! Keep the Bennion pride alive and don't forget to wear your Bennion swag on Fridays!

## Important Dates

1-4- College & Career Week

17- Family Night

23-25- Thanksgiving Recess

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6th grade has been traveling back in time to learn about ancient civilizations and have journeyed through the Solar System. As thrilling as that all has been, the most excitement this month came from the arrival of their binders. Students are learning to use these binders to keep their classwork and other important items organized. The binders even serve as a carrying case for their Chromebooks! Ask your child to show you what's inside their binder and how they are doing on their organizational skills! Students are expected to bring their binders daily, so they are always prepared with their assignments and other reference materials they may need. Speaking of materials needed—students have begun going to the school library to check out books to read independently. They should have a book with them in all classes, so they can read any chance they get and be able to complete the 20-Book Reading Challenge! Ask your student about it today!



Recently, 7th grade science students used their knowledge of Newton's 3rd law to help astronauts land safely on Mars. Using just a small cup, straws, index cards, and rubber bands, students designed a „lander” that could protect a raw egg (the astronaut) while being dropped from various heights. The most successful teams were able to drop their vehicle off the top of the stairs without damaging the egg!

8th grade students finished off the month of October reading Edgar Allan Poe in English and learning about historical places throughout the state in Utah History. Students have been learning how matter and energy interact with the physical world in Science. Theatre and dance students also participated in a „Thriller” flashmob during lunch!

