

THE BECKWITH CHRONICLE

D.L. BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Dates to Remember

June 29 Report Cards in Parent Portal
Sept. 7 - First Day of School for
BMS Students

Virtual Talent Showcase

Beckwith's first ever Virtual Talent Showcase went live on May 28, 2021. Our student participants were: Ella Danforth who played *Ode to Joy* on the piano, Rebecca George cheerleading, Caleigh Petersen and Claire Comins singing and playing piano *So Am I* by Ava Max, Anthony Mercer who played *Liebesleid* by Fritz Kresler on the violin, Allen Shapiro did flips and tricks, Aundraya Pinho did gymnastics, Claire Kiselica sang *Running with the Wolves* by Aurora, Ella Enos was horseback riding, Emma Paquette drawing, Gavin Xavier was drumming to *Live Wire* by Motley Crue, Makinley Garcia danced, and Olivia Couto sang *She Used to be Mine* by Sarah Bareilles. Also Maggie Kazanjian, Riley Kazanjian, Gia Papa, and Ainsley Zibrida provided commercial entertainment. Arianna Bajor, Jodeci Bartlett, Michael Clarke, Sydney Currier, Allison Gagnon, Robert Monteforte, Brendyn Murphy, Arieanna Nesbitt McFadden, Davi Oliveira, Ryan Paiva, Stephen Paiva, Beatriz Raposo-Aguiar, Jessica Raposo-Aguiar, and Michael Rodriguez all helped to make this year's talent showcase one to remember.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest

The results from the Arson Watch Reward Program's 39th Annual County and Statewide Fire Prevention Poster Contest are in! This contest raises awareness about the importance of fire safety through student artwork. There is a first and second-place winner from each participating county in Massachusetts. All first-place winners then have the chance to place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for the state.

Congratulations to Ryan Bomes who placed 2nd for Bristol County! Way to go, Ryan!

Another huge congratulations to Ava Randall who won first place for Bristol County! Since Ava placed 1st at the county level, she then qualified to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at the state level. Ava went on and won **first place for the state!** Awesome job, Ava!

This is the first time a student at Beckwith has won first place at the state level! Last year was the first year we placed at the state level with Katie Martini coming in second. We sure have some talented artists here at Beckwith!

Both Ava and Ryan will have their artwork published in the Arson Watch 2022 Calendar. They will also both receive significant cash prizes and a plaque. Ava will also receive the 1st place trophy for placing at the state level!

Thank you to all contestants who took the time and effort to participate in this year's contest.

Nurse's Notes

The following state-mandated vaccines need to be received PRIOR to your child ENTERING 7th grade for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year: Tdap booster (Tetanus vaccine with pertussis/whooping cough), 2nd Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, and Meningitis vaccine, an updated physical exam done within the year prior to entering 7th grade also must be provided to the school nurse. Your child may not start 7th grade without proper documentation of the above from your child's pediatrician. If the proper documents are not received prior to your child starting 7th grade, your child will be subject to exclusion from school per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulations.

Lady Raiders Softball Season

The Lady Raiders softball team was ecstatic with the chance to have a season this year. Although the team's record was 6 and 6, the team showed incredible improvement and progress from the first game until the last. They were able to play undefeated Middleboro and almost pull off the upset and then travel to Bridgewater and beat the number 2 team in the league. Coach Jerauld and Coach Patrick would like to thank all players for their hard work. The team was led by their 8th graders: Victoria D'Aiello, Haleigh Kelley, Mylee Ramer, Isabella Silva, and Jaiden Weremay.

Beckwith Website

Please be sure to check our web page over the course of the summer for grade supply lists and updates.

Summer Reading

At Beckwith Middle School we believe that students become better readers when they are able to make choices about the books they read and when they love the books they have chosen. We hope students find *many* great books to read this summer *and* we are asking students to read one book following the theme for their grade. Summer Reading packets are available on the Beckwith Middle School main web page.

[Incoming Grade 5 Summer Reading Packet](#)

[Incoming Grade 6 Summer Reading Packet](#)

[Incoming Grade 7 Summer Reading Packet](#)

[Incoming Grade 8 Summer Reading Packet](#)

First Lego League Update

During the 2019-2020 First Lego League season Connor Bessette and Chase Cooper were on one of the Beckwith Robotics Teams and competed at the RI-FLL State Championship. Because we were unable to have a Beckwith team, the boys took on the robotics challenge virtually as a neighborhood team, the Womp Rats. Working out of Chase's basement they designed, built, and programmed their robot to perform various missions for Project Step Lock on the game board.

Without the normal cheering from the crowd Connor and Chase filmed their best run on the game board and uploaded it to the judges along with their Project and Core Value Presentations. When the judges had reviewed all robot runs the boys came in 5th place and did an excellent job representing themselves, their community and their school. We look for great things next year from these two Robotic Engineers. Special thanks to Katherine Cooper for stepping in as coach this year, she did an excellent job under trying conditions.

SMARTS Virtual Art Exhibit

Congratulations to the Beckwith students who were selected to have their artwork displayed at this year's SMARTS Virtual Art Exhibit! The Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative, better known as SMARTS, is a non-profit organization that aims to enhance and expand art programs. Since 1992, ten thousand young people grades 6-8 have participated in the annual SMARTS Middle School Art Exhibit. For 29 years, the exhibit of middle school artwork has taken place at a museum gallery and included a tour of the work on free-standing panels, to each SMARTS member school. This year, all selected students had the proud distinction of being the first young artists to exhibit in the first ever SMARTS virtual gallery.

The attached link for this year's digital art show is available until the end of this year. <https://www.smartscollab.org/middleschoolartexhibit>

Congratulations to Ava Gaudet-Hanson, Olivia Visinho, Ryan Bomes, Ava Randall, Isabella Bouchard, Raegan Baer, James Dias, Gavin Salera, Adrianna Simas, William LaBrie, Olivia Blair, Anthony Mercer, Alex Verma, Kylee Berwick, Rachel Albernaz, Victoria D'Aiello, Melina Cortinheiro, Julia Mello, Emily Marquis, Penny Braga, Abigail Salwierz, Ella Enos, Symone Kizekai, Benjamin Bogosian, Benjamin Pray, and Sophie Pequenez.

The Linda Sousa Unity Award

Linda Sousa was a special educator for nearly 20 years. She had a passion for education and was well respected and admired by her colleagues. More importantly, she was loved and respected by the many students whose lives she touched. It was exceedingly important to Linda that all students be treated with

respect, be accepted, and have access to the same opportunities both in and out of school. Seeing students with differing abilities working cooperatively together was something that Linda found extremely satisfying. It confirmed her belief in the benefits of inclusion and the kindness that exists within our amazing students here at Beckwith. This year's recipients of The Linda Sousa Unity Award are Casandra Skinner and Logan Keating. We know Linda would be so proud of the students receiving this recognition this year. She would be proud of the entire unified team for their kindness, dedication to cooperation, and team spirit.

Beckwith Middle School Presidential Scholars



For their commitment to academic excellence and achievement, eighteen 8th grade students were awarded certificates and pins and were treated to our traditional Presidential Breakfast this year.

Penny Braga, Tiago Conceicao, Kennedy Ferreira, Haleigh Kelley, Winni Lin, Emily Marquis, Hailey McCracken, Skyla Perry, Mylee Ramer, and Abigail Salwierz were awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. These students received an A- or better in all subjects throughout their Beckwith careers. Hannah Carey, Mackenzie Clark, Victoria D'Aiello, Megan Daniels, Nicholas DeCilio, Jessica Lyle, Joshua Roulier, and Alex Verma were awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement. These students received an A- or better in all subjects throughout their Beckwith careers with the exception of one B+.

To receive a Presidential Award is an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to our students for this achievement!

Beckwith's Scholar Leaders

Eighth graders Aubree Miller and Anthony Mercer were selected as D.L. Beckwith Middle School's Scholar Leaders for 2021. This prestigious award is given to students from schools throughout New England who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and the school community. Aubree and Anthony are positive leaders in the Beckwith school community who model the criteria for student leaders. Aubree and Anthony consistently work hard in and out of the classroom demonstrating dedication to academic content and a strong work ethic. Among peers they stand out as positive models of respect, responsibility, and safety. They are kind, considerate, and mature. They are personable students that positively impact the climate and culture of the school building.

Congratulations to Aubree and Anthony for receiving this award and thank you for making Beckwith Middle School a better place.

Congratulations BMS Eighth Graders!

Beckwith Middle School was so happy to celebrate the success, hard work, and growth of our 8th grade students on June 18. Students received awards and certificates, were treated to a cook-out, received yearbooks if purchased, and participated in an ice cream social. Tiago Conceicao was chosen to receive the Williams College Book Award for his outstanding accomplishments. Hannah Carey and Anthony Mercer received the Anthony Ferreira Citizenship Award for outstanding citizenship and contribution to school culture.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students!
Class of 2021

Seth Almeida, Ethan Antepencko, Lilyana Arnold, Davante Arocho, Cristiano Arruda, Shane Baker, Adrianna Barbosa, Jodeci Bartlett, Aidan Benjamin, Liam Blenkush, Ryan Bomes, Isabel Bonin, Talon Botelho, Julian Bowers, Sean Boyden, Nathan Braga, Penny Braga, Ayden Bronsdon, Brianna Camara, Brayden Campos, Kali Caouette, Hannah Carey, Eli Cavanaugh, Julia Chaves, Olivia Chavez, Mackenzie Clark, Michael Clarke, Jolena Coletta, Tiago Conceicao, Alyssa Copeland, Benjamin Cote, Emma Couto, James Czech, Victoria D'Aiello, Megan Daniels, Amanda de Abreu, Nicholas DeCilio, Keira DePalo, Finnley Dietrich, Joseph DiGirolamo, Sophie DiRenzo, Bryce Dowdall, Cyrus Duczkowski, Camille Dunn, Ella Enos, Julia Escobar, Ava Escobarm, Charles Favali, Aidan Ferraro, Kennedy Ferreira, Emilia Ferreira, Gianna Figueira, Kyle Foley, Ace Fortin, Alexis Francis, Jonathan Franco, Lily Fredericks, Seamus Galeone, Elyna Gamboa, Jason Gelfuso, Andrew Gilliatt, Caroline Gilliatt, Robert Gomes, Zoe Govoni, Sean Grady, Myles Grassie, Brendan Henneous, Nathaniel Inman, Zachary Inman, Raj Mohan Jaladi, Kamil Kabli, Logan Keating, Haleigh Kelley, Mia Kelly, Rebecca King, William LaCombe, Xavier Landry, Marrison Levesque, Tucker Levissee, Winni Lin, Michael Lopes, Jessica Lyle, Ella Malinowski, Emily Marquis, Kayla Martel, Kathryn Martini, Hailey McCracken, Aidan Melo, Anthony Mercer, Aubree Miller, Benjamin Miller, Kiley Miranda, Valentina Montoya, Aaliyah Odumosu, Ayva Oliveira, Kohra Ouellette, Emma Paquette, Landon Paquette, Sophie Pequenezza, James Perreault, Skyla Perry, Faith Pimental, Jalynn Pittsley, Benjamin Pray, Ryan Proctor, Jason Proctor, Adriana Quattrucci, Mylee Ramer, Gianely Ramos Jacob Resendes, Michael Rodriguez, Ella Rosa, Charles Roth, Joshua Roulier, Gavin Salera, Abigail Salwierz, Brennan Silva,

Isabella Silva, Adrianna Simas, Patipan Sintorn, Casandra Skinner, Blake Skinner, Kaelynn Stauff, Jack Swan, Ashtyn Tavares, Zachary Thompson, Jady Toddings, Jacob Travis, Landis Treichler, Seth Varhol, Alex Verma, Nathan Vicente, Olivia Visinho, Quinn Walsh, Jaiden Weremay, and McKayla West

Principal's Message

Dear Staff and Families,

On June 18 I shared this message with our eighth grade students and would like to share it with you as well.

I started at Beckwith during your first year at Beckwith. I feel like we went through middle school together. What a fun, unique, and challenging four years it has been for us. We had bashes, dances, ACE programs, sports, auctions, and so many more great memories that will last us a lifetime. Beckwith has a way of doing that: gives us opportunities to continue to grow while having a good time. You, as a class, have also shown your resilience whether it was two months of no water in school, or a global pandemic, you have risen to the occasion. In showing that internal strength, I know you will be great in all the things that you take on. And as you move on to great adventures, you will be the change in the world and our future citizens. I would like to just assist you by giving you three pieces of advice: Be Kind. Be Humorous. Be Genuine. You will accomplish big things if you heed these three pieces of advice.

Be Kind. Anyone who knows me knows this is a core value of mine. It is easy to be kind when everything is going well. However, when you are frustrated or struggling being kind is the one extra effort you place upon yourself, but this is when it

is even more essential. It is a selfish and selfless act at the same time. Kindness is known as a selfless act. You are thinking of others and how they would want to be treated in that moment, without the promise of a reward. Coincidentally it is a selfish act in that your heart smiles when you are kind. This is not a negative selfishness because building yourself up is good. Taking care of yourself is essential. Being kind is thinking before you act, being conscious of your actions and the impact they have on others. At Beckwith I hope you have learned that building people up creates a sense of camaraderie. Being kind is being happy within yourself; you do not feel the need to bring someone down to your level, you want to raise up the people around you. It does not matter the age, being kind is universal. Being kind de-escalates difficult situations. It helps build up a person who is down, and is always a good way to leave a lasting impression.

Be Humorous. Find the humor in each day. You need to laugh. It is good for the soul. And be silly. It's fun to be silly. When life gives you lemons, find the humor in the sour faces you make. If you are able to not dwell on the sadness and find the minutia, you know that as time passes it will eventually make you giggle. When I was in 6th grade I got in trouble for something silly. I thought it was the end of the world. I was sad, I was scared, and I was hurt. I served the consequence and to this day my family laughs about the entire situation. In the great Jimmy Valvano's infamous speech he tells everyone that a good day is when you laugh, cry, and think. I always used to wonder why laughter was included, until I challenged myself to laugh everyday and I have not stopped since. Laughter is contagious and can easily change the mood of a room. Be the person who uplifts the room.

Be genuine. Be you and everything that makes you great. It does not matter what others think about you. If you pretend to be someone else, like something different, or act in a way that is not yourself, you will not be happy. It is easy to see right through a person who is not being their genuine self. People who are not acting in their own interest but playing up to others are the most uncomfortable in their own skin. Initially being your individual self is the hardest task I can ask you to do but in the end it will become so natural you won't even realize you are doing it. Remember every one of your classmates is just as focused on themselves and how others see them; they do not really ever notice their peers.

Lastly, and before I go, I am going to ask you to pause, take a deep breath, and look around. Really look at all the faces in this room. See your peers, your teachers, the people who have helped you get here today. This moment, right now, this is a special moment. After today never again will all these people be in the same space. I am sure you will keep in touch, but what makes this group special is the whole group. Each of you has served a role to make Beckwith a better place, and you did that as an entire grade. Without just one of you in this group something would be missing. Each one of you has connected to peers, teachers, and administration. You have won championships, performed in chorus and band performances, collected food and clothing, started a unified program, put on drama shows, supported your friends when they were down, made us laugh, decorated the hallways for Halloween, grew as individuals and as a grade, and on and on and on. This is what makes you special. This is what makes Beckwith special. This is what makes your class of 2025 special.

Cherish all the moments today. Enjoy the laughs. Hold the door for your peers. And be your goofy selves. Leave positive lasting impressions that really show you are the best version of yourself.

Sincerely,
Ryan Shea