



The Media Minute



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- Message Display
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The deadlines' for our reading programs are fast approaching.

The Black-Eyed Susan Reading Program will end on April 10th. Voting will take place during the week of April 13th – 17th. The Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, May 22nd. So read at least three books and fill out your three summaries.

The deadline for the Bowie BaySox Reading Program is approaching quickly. You must have your four books read by April 1st. Make sure you check with your language arts teacher to have your name and the number of books you have read updated by April 1st.

Just a reminder, you could actually have just four books read and they will count towards the **two different programs**. Here's how. Read a Black-Eyed Susan book and write a summary for it. Hand that summary in to the media center. Then, proceed to your language arts teacher and let them know that you read the book and handed in your Black-Eyed Susan summary page. Then ask for that same book to be added towards the Bowie BaySox Program. Do that three more times and you earn double the rewards with just four books.

Also, a special reward has been added. Every student who reads four BES books and attends the Ice Cream Social, and reads any four books for the Bowie BaySox tickets, will be entered into a special lunch drawing. If you win, you can order a lunch from virtually any restaurant of your choice for you and your language arts teacher.



New Books!

New Books are arriving everyday! If you filled out a "Book Selection Form" for a new book idea, then chances are your book has come in. Please check with the media center's staff to see if your "suggestions" have arrived. Also, a special thank you goes out for all that made suggestions for new books that you, the reader were looking for.

Trivia Question!

I have added a new feature in the media center. Can you guess what it is? You're right, it's the "Moving Message Display" found behind the main desk. In addition to the media center's greeting, it also has important messages and dates to be remembered. Lastly, and most importantly, it has a trivia question. The first student that comes to Mrs. Phifer or to Mr. Herman with the correct answer wins a prize. Who will be our first winner?



“The man that does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.”

- Mark Twain



Early Media Center hours!

The media center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:40am to 8:00am for book selection, a quiet place to read, or a place to finish your homework. Ask Mrs. Phifer or Mr. Herman for Details. For every Tuesday and Thursday you come into the media center during that time **and** checkout a book, you will be added into a special lunch drawing. If you win, you can order a lunch from virtually any restaurant of your choice for you and your closest friend! Don't delay, get here today.



<http://www.aacps.org/aacps/meadems/index.htm>

Volunteer Today!

Don't delay, Volunteer today! If you are an adult and have a special talent or just like working with kids, please consider volunteering your time here at Meade Middle School. You can talk to Mr. Bob Cicconetti at 410-674-2355 or email @ rcicconetti@aacps.org.

Two New Competitions to Aim High for...

Attention: We have two new competitions to announce.

1. The grade that checks out the most books will receive a breakfast party for the entire grade.
2. The class that checks out the most books will have a pizza party.

Can your class be the best? Can your class earn the pizza party for having the most checkouts of all the language arts classes and be responsible for helping

Stories teach children to make good decisions...

Adults are responsible for molding a child's moral compass. Among other issues, we don't want our children to lie, cheat, steal, or cause harm to another through words or physical action.

In order to best succeed in this endeavor, we must first discuss correct behavior with the child. Reading books on similar topics

can add an important avenue to that discussion. Most important is the example you set in your daily interactions with children and adults. Remember, children look up to adults and will copy their behavior. Make your example one worth being repeated.

Some books that may help with some of these difficult

discussions are, *"I Did It, I'm Sorry"* by Caralyn Buehner, illustrated by Mark Buehner, *Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie* written and by illustrated by Laura Rankin, and lastly, *"Sam Tells Stories"* by Thierry Robberecht, illustrated by Philippe Goossens. (story by Nationally syndicated writer of children's literature, Kendal Rautzhan.)

B.O.G.O. Book-Fair coming May 4th...

The Buy-One-Get-One Free book fair is coming back to Meade Middle. Our dates will be Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 8th. We will be adding two new activities for this

BOGO Book-Fair:

- 1) We will offer "Doughnuts for Dads." Ask your dad to come in and go shopping with you at the BOGO Book-Fair. After shopping, you will be able to enjoy a doughnut breakfast for both of you. It will be a great time so plan today to attend.
- 2) Also, we will add some evening hours to our BOGO Book-Fair this year. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 7th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. It's sure to be the place to be, so plan to attend today.

Additionally, you will receive a special drawing ticket for every extra event of the BOGO Book-Fair you attend. You can earn a ticket if your dad comes in for doughnuts and you can earn an additional ticket if you attend the evening sale. A drawing will take place on May 8th for a special prize.

Check out our Book-Fair homepage...

Your Fair Homepage Web Address

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/meademiddle>

Two New Clubs forming NOW...

New Internet Club...

Internet Club:

Do you have an Internet site already? Would you like to learn how to build and maintain a web-site? We are putting together a new club that may be in your interest area. Please see Mr. Herman if you have any questions.

Video Production...

Media Club:

Do you have a special talent to take home videos and pictures of live events? Would you like to learn how? We are putting together a Media Club that will take videos and pictures of school events, and then we'll turn them into DVD movies, and burn them onto disks. Please see Mr. Herman if you have any questions.

Be Prepared
Act Responsibly
Respect Others
Keep Safe

I've traveled the
world twice over,
Met the famous; saints
and sinners,
Poets and artists, kings
and queens, Old stars
and hopeful beginners,
I've been where no-
one's been before,
Learned secrets from
writers and cooks,
All with one library
ticket

To the wonderful
world of books.

~ Anonymous ~



For the Love of Reading...

What's the best way to create a lifelong reader? Reading together! Reading is free, fun, and will bring you and your child closer. Find a time each day when you and your youngster can get cozy and enjoy a good book. Here are three tips to help you choose stories.

1. Ask librarians, friends, and teachers for recommendations. *Tip:* If your child doesn't already have a library card, sign him or her up!

2. Find books that expand your youngster's interests (insects, Outer space), deal with an event, (a new baby,

visit to the dentist), and build character (friendship, truthfulness).

3. Pick stories for both information and enjoyment. Try real and make-believe stories and poems, as well as children's magazines.

Mini Joke:

**How did Ben
Franklin feel
when he
discovered
electricity?"**

Answer on back...

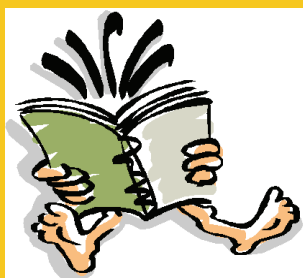
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Answer:
Ben Franklin was "shocked!"



Read!



Read @ Your Library Today!

Meade Middle School Media Center

The Meade Middle School Media Program is an integral part of the educational process. We strive to provide excellent resources, programs and services to our educational community in order to graduate students who are effective users of ideas and information in their pursuit of lifelong learning. The media program will do this by:

- Providing materials in all types of formats (print, non-print, digital),
- Providing instruction that allows students and staff to feel competent and interested in reading, viewing, and using information and ideas, and
- Collaborating with teachers and educators in the school and district to meet the needs of individual students.



We're making our mark.



Approved Sites and Search Engines for all Student Levels

American Memory	Citation Maker	AACPS Online Databases	Noble for Kids
Ask for Kids	Dibdabdo	Gaggle.Net	Pics4Learning
Awesome Library	EarthCam for Kids	Google Earth	United Streaming
B.J.Pinchbeck's Homework Helper	Educational Web Adventures	Google SketchUp	The Why Files
BrainPOP	Enchanted Learning	KidsClick	ReadWriteThink
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