



Blevins Middle School Newsletter

Blevins Office Hours and Student Supervision

Dear Blevins Students, Staff and Community,

In order to conform to safety and security standards that are being practiced at all other Poudre School District Middle Schools, beginning January 9th, 2012, Blevins will be locking its front doors at 3:30pm. By doing so, we will be better able to monitor people coming into and out of our building.

We also need your assistance in helping us monitor the many students on campus unsupervised after school and the liability and safety concerns that this poses. Blevins would like to remind everyone that our school hours are from 7:30 am through 2:30 pm. Our office hours are from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm. Students are expected to be off campus as soon as possible after 2:30 pm, with 3:00 pm being the absolute limit. Unless students are involved with homework help, athletics, clubs and organizations, or meeting with teachers, they are expected to be off campus as soon as possible. Homework Help operates from 2:45 until 3:45 pm. Monday through Thursday. Outside of these activities, Blevins does not provide supervision for students after 2:30 pm. Please plan with your student for after school activities so they have appropriate supervision, and prompt transition to and from school. If you have questions about after-school activities that are available, please contact the Blevins Office or the Blevins website.

Students are allowed to stay for athletic events, but will be expected to be in the appropriate gym after school and to not be in other parts of the Blevins facility. When athletic events are scheduled at Blevins, the northwest entry to the building (this is in the rear or west part of the building and connected to our “new gym” or gym 200) will be unlocked to provide access. For convenience, please park on the west side of campus behind the school.

With these adjustments, we hope to better secure our building and provide a safe environment for your student and our staff. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated in helping Blevins be a safe campus. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that may result in implementing these safety precautions.

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Science and Engineering Fair

This year will mark the 7th annual Blevins Science and Engineering Fair. Science Fair requires students to explore the world around them using experiments and engineering design.

Students rehearse many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related skills while designing and carrying out their project. Students must distill questions to one concise problem, research their topic, collect and analyze data. Students must then clearly communicate their findings in a public display. Teacher, Mrs. Lovaas says, "It demonstrates extremely high level thinking skills."

Students Katie Winkleman and Sean Papile are two of the 186 students to compete in this year's fair. Katie Winkleman tested how age affects the type of communication used. She picked this particular project because she wanted to know the best way to communicate with her friends. Sean Papile continued his award winning engineering project from last year. Sean tested how wind speed affects power output in regular vs. counter rotating wind turbines. He said the best part about Science Fair is, "It's a great opportunity. It's cool to see the other projects." The Blevins Science Fair is a great opportunity for students to learn something new in a creative and hands-on way.

Students receiving first and second place awards will be continuing to the next level of competition at UNC in Greeley in February. Thank you to all students, parents and staff for your interest and participation in assisting students and for voting for category awards.

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Science Fair Winners

1st Place

Xandria Amash, Jackson Barrier, Emmett Brown, Melody Burnswig, Daniel Chavez, Ana Elliott, Lucas Emerson, Rebecca Emerson, Lauren Foerster, Josh Gilbert, Kelton Hevelone, Jessika Hoyberg-Nielson, Adriana Huebner, Robert Jager, Madison McDonald, Madison Olver, Fiona Papile, Sean Papile, Tori Parker, Rica Ramirez, Bailey Shuster, Katherine Unfug, Hanna Wilder, Katie Winkelman, Nicholas Zachman

2nd Place

Nicholas Bell, Andrew Bennett, Aiden Dicke, Mackenzie Druse, Payton Fisher, Olivia Fortunato, Natalie Fridal, Isabella Girard, Elenya Grant, Julia Grasso, Annika Jorgensen, Michaela Kriewall, Madison Lorenz, Madelyn Murray, Lauren Nelson, Thomas Ney, Scott Powers, John Sanders, Araceli Santistevan, Duncan Schenkel, Clinton Sexton, Reyna Thompson, Brenna Timm, Benjamin Williams

Category Awards

- Animal Sciences—Sierra Rohlfs
- Behavioral Sciences—Madison Lipe, Jessika Hoyberg-Nielsen
- Chemistry—Natalie Fridal, Trey Johnson
- Earth & Space Sciences— Ana Elliott, Thomas Ney
- Energy & Transportation— Emmett Brown
- Engineering— Clint Sexton, Sean Papile
- Medicine & Health—Xandria Amash
- Microbiology— Holly Mackie
- Physics—John Kennedy
- Plant Sciences—Tierje Frerick



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Science Fair 2nd Place Winners



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Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as the November Blevins Students of the Month!

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Aubrey Coulter	Fia Gaoa	Xandria Amash
Kathleen Deeb	Mackenzie Newton	Nick Chinnici
Maddie McDonald	Lindsey Smith	Kyle Wells



Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as the December Blevins Students of the Month!

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Ashley Anderson	Yong Joo Do	Madison Lorenz
Wyatt Meisner	Austin Lane	Trevonne Robinson
Callin Naddy	Raheem Wynter	Jacksen Walkup



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Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Student of the Month Lunch Boys Basketball Tryouts Begin	20 Band Concert 7pm	21 End of 1st Semester Pajama Pant and Slippers Day	22 No School (Teacher Work Day)	23 No School Winter Break	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Winter Break</i>						

Schedule of Events

- **Dec 16** - Pink Day
- **Dec 19** - Student of the Month Lunch and Boys Basketball Tryouts begin
- **Dec 20** - Band Concert 7:00pm
- **Dec 21** - Last Day of 1st Semester/Pajama Pant and Slippers Day
- **Dec 22 - Jan 6**
Winter Break

Bruin Sports Information:

Now that the wrestling and girls basketball seasons are wrapping up it is time to get ready for boys basketball and girls volleyball.

Boys basketball tryouts begin on December 19th at 2:45 for 7th and 8th grade.

The first day of tryouts for girls volleyball is February 27th..

Remember, in order to play a student must have a physical form on file at Blevins. The dates for all games and matches are on the Blevins website.

From the District:

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER OR ROAD CONDITIONS

If schools are closed due to inclement weather and/or questionable road conditions, parents should tune in to local radio and television stations, or go online to PSD's website at www.psdschools.org to find out about school closures the morning of the day in question.

January 2012

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		<i>Winter Break</i>					
8	9 3rd Qtr Begins	10 PTO Meeting	11	12	13 Pink Day/Bruin Pride Day Blevins Commu- nity Fair 6-8:30	14	
15	16 No School/Martin Luther King Day	17	18 8th Boys BBall @ Blevins/7th @ Leshar 3:30	19	20	21	
22	23 7th Boys BBall @ Blevins/8th @ Kinard 3:30	24 5th Grade Parent Info Night 6pm	25 8th Boys BBall @ Blevins/7th @ Wellington 3:30	26	27 School of Choice Deadline	28	
	29 Student of the Month Lunch 8th Boys BBall @ Preston/7th @ 3:30	30	31				

Schedule of Events

- **Jan 2-6** - (No School) Winter Break
- **Jan 9** - 3rd Quarter Begins
- **Jan 10** - PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- **Jan 13** - Pink or Bruin Pride Day/Blevins Community Fair 6:00-8:30pm
- **Jan 16** - No School Martin Luther King Day
- **Jan 24** - 5th Grade Parent Information and Instrument Tryout Night 6:00pm
- **Jan 29** - Student of the Month Lunch

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