

What is Parent Link?

Our objective is to promote a cooperative relationship between teachers, staff, parents and students in providing the best physical, mental and social being for BMS and the community and to coordinate volunteers to assist in school activities.

What does Parent Link do?

Support Parents

- Parent Representative on PBIS team
- Provide Facebook forum for answering questions and sharing events & opportunities
- Host an info table at parent events
- Maintain an email list to share opportunities and events
- Organize and facilitate special opportunities for teachers on behalf of parents
- Provide relevant programming at meetings to enhance the middle school parenting experience
- Organize BMS apparel opportunities for back to school and holiday gifts

Support Teachers & Staff

- Hold week of events for Teacher Appreciation including meal, snacks, notes of appreciation, decoration
- Provide volunteers to facilitate Teacher Appreciation Week
- Host dinners for parent conferences for staff
- Establish an Amazon Wish List that allows parents to support specific wants of teachers
- Be a resource for teachers with requests outside traditional supplies

Support Students

- Support PBIS rewards
- Provide volunteers to make events possible
- Offer concessions at school dances
- Financially support ice cream party for Summer Reading program participants
- Staff volunteers and provide treats for year end events
- Facilitate teacher appreciation messages and opportunities from students
- Provide support for new students and WEB leaders
- Support student council organized activities
- Provide volunteers for book fair

Funding

Parent Link operates on a streamlined budget. In addition to minimal fundraising accrued through dine & donates, apparel sales, and concessions, Parent Link facilitates donations from parents for specific efforts they desired to support

How to Get Involved?

1. **Volunteer**
2. **Attend a Meeting**
3. **Join the Email list and Facebook page**
4. **Donate through Infinite Campus (Optional Fees)**
5. **Have an idea? Send us an email.**





WHAT 6TH GRADERS ARE SAYING

INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM 2022-23 6TH GRADERS BY PARENT LINK PTO

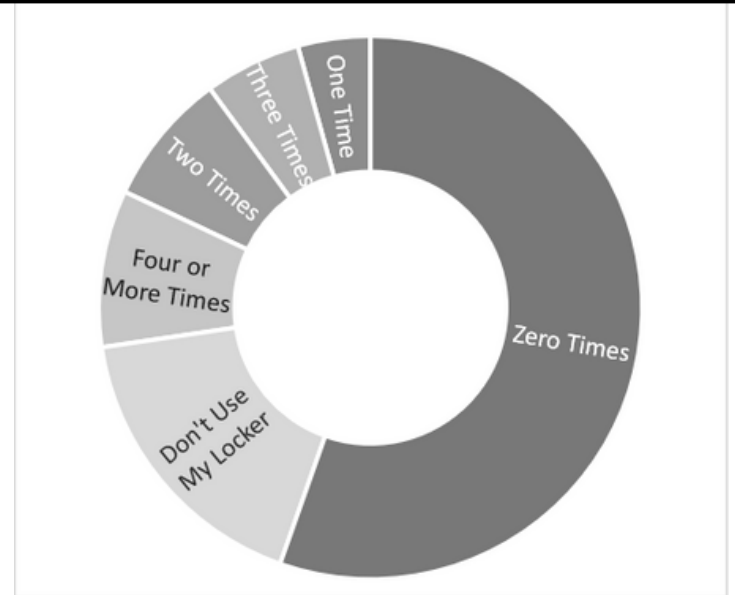
WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE CLASS THIS YEAR?



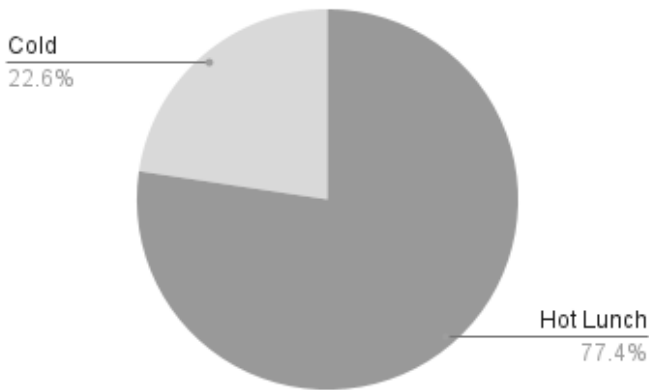
WHAT WERE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT BEFORE SCHOOL THAT WASN'T A PROBLEM? (TOP ANSWERS)

- GETTING TO MY CLASSES
- GETTING LOST IN BUILDING
- MEMORIZING MY SCHEDULE
- KEEPING/MAKING FRIENDS
- BULLYING
- HOMEWORK

HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU HAVE TROUBLE OPENING YOUR LOCKER?



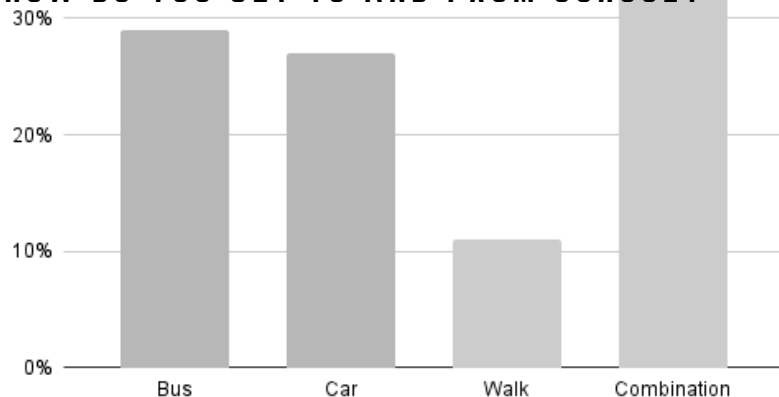
DO YOU USUALLY EAT HOT OR COLD LUNCH?



BEST PART OF HOT LUNCH (TOP ANSWERS:)

- PIZZA
- POT STICKERS
- CHICK-FIL-A
- ALA CARTE
- VISITING WITH FRIENDS
- SIDEKICKS
- IZZES

HOW DO YOU GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL?



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXTRA CURRICULARS?

- INTRAMURAL SPORTS
- ROBODOGS
- DRAMA CLUB
- ART CLUB
- STUDENT COUNCIL
- PAW PRINT PRESS
- GSA
- BOWLING CLUB
- STUDY TABLES
- BOARD GAME CLUB

ROLE OPPORTUNITIES WITH PARENT LINK

PBIS Liaison - Attend PBIS team meetings as representative of Parent Link. Share PBIS happenings and requests at Parent Link meetings. PBIS meetings most recently were held every other week at 3pm on Tuesdays.

Meeting Programming - Assist in choosing meaningful programming for each Parent Link meeting. This role could include reaching out to the speaker.

Special Assembly Coordinator - Interested in bringing meaningful programming to the students? This role can research and find powerful speakers/programs to introduce to the administration. Potentially a multi-year effort depending on cost, etc.

Sports Concessions - We are discussing a sports concession kit/set up. Parent Link would share this responsibility and fundraising proceeds with the Athletic Director. Developing a system for this to operate efficiently is the goal of this role.

Dance Concessions - Estimating dance concession needs (based on last year's data), organizing purchase or collection of donations of items for concessions and working with Volunteer Coordinator to assure proper volunteers.

Student Council Liaison - Attend periodic student council meetings and/or work with student council to facilitate their plans and needs from Parent Link.

Marketing Assistant - Help with areas of interest in social media writing and editing, create surveys, work on website, and more.

Teacher Conference Dinner - Four per school year. Coordination of catering or donations to create a dinner for the teaching staff.

Apparel & Specialty Sales - Assist in selecting apparel and other items for sale throughout the year

Parent Value Adds Team - 6th grade survey, what to expect communication, pick up/drop off info, etc. Brainstorming ways Parent Link to reach and add value for parents in the transition of middle school

Dine & Donates - Compile an ongoing list of opportunities and how successful, best practices notes.

Amazon Wish List - Draft communication with teachers to establish their wishes, create the online list, and draft communication with parents to fulfill the list.

Year End Events - Support student council in putting together year end events like 8th grade picnic and Kick Off to Summer

Creative Fundraising - This role can be shaped by the interest of volunteer. Some possibilities might include running a station at a Fall event, working on sponsorship opportunities, after school sales, etc.

School Closet - A passion project to work with school staff to create a quarterly closet opportunity for students in need of shoes, clothing, etc.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Let us know if one of these roles interests you or if you have other ideas to share by:

1. Email us at bmsparentlink@gmail.com
2. Reach out through [our Facebook page](#).
3. Sign up for our email list [Email List Sign Up - BMS PARENT LINK \(weebly.com\)](#)
4. Make a donation via Infinite Campus (under Optional Payments) [Campus Parent \(infinitecampus.org\)](#) or send a check addressed to Parent Link to BMS at 2030 Middle Road Bettendorf, IA 52722
5. Join us for our first meeting Wednesday, September 13th 6pm BMS Cafeteria