



Conferences will begin at 4:00 on 12/7/11. 7th grade students and parents are invited to student-led conferences in the MS/HS IMC (library). The following staff members will be involved: Mr. Kenny, Mr. Kulbartz, Mrs. Olen, Mr. Riley, Mr. Thomae, and Mrs. Thompson. 8th grade parents are welcome to attend, with student attendance encouraged. Mr. Kenny, Mr. Kulbartz, Mrs. Olen, and Mr. Riley will be in the IMC, and all other 8th grade staff will be located in their classrooms.

Middle School Bobcat Blurb

Benton Middle School

Registration

We are gearing up for course registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Seventh graders will be registering for courses during their Language Arts classes on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. All students will register for the required courses of: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, PE, and exploratories and/or SCR. Students going into 8th grade can elect to take 8th grade vocal and/or band. Please discuss with your son/daughter

about their course selections.

Students going into 9th grade will hear information regarding course selection, the high school schedule, and the registration process on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 during math class. Students will then have 3 weeks to complete their 4-year plan and finalize their course selections. Students will also meet individually with Mrs. Nesbitt during this time to review their plans and ask questions. Registration will be done online on Thursday, January

26, 2012 during math class with Mrs. Nesbitt. In addition, parents are invited to attend 1 of 2 parent meetings regarding the registration and 4-year plan process.

These meetings are held in the MS/HS IMC starting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and Thursday, January 19, 2012. We hope to see you at one of these meetings.

Please feel free to contact Natalie Nesbitt, counselor at the MS/HS with any questions regarding the registration process or course selection (nnesbitt@benton.k12.ia.us or 318-228-8701 ext. 354).

As a parent of three former middle school students myself — I'd recommend you attend one of the meetings. If I can be of any further help, please let me know.
~Jo Prusha

Krista Meyer Info/Kauder Info

MEYER: My 7th grade Geography classes listened to a presentation from Gladhys Syahutari who is a foreign exchange student from Indonesia. She is staying with a family while she attends school at Benton. My 7th grade students really enjoyed learning about life in Indonesia. Every student listened very intently to Gladhys as she discussed the size of her city, school, food in Indonesia, the crops grown in Indonesia and places to visit in Indonesia. Students had the opportunity to ask questions. Even though the presentation lasted about the half the period, the students asked questions for the remaining time. Gladhys did such a nice job answering every single question. This was a very unique opportunity to learn about Gladhys and Indonesia. You can only learn so much by studying different cultures in a textbook. It was great that the 7th grade students had the opportunity to interact with someone who is from somewhere completely different.

KAUDER: The students had a fantastic experience attending the Health Power Summit @ UNI. They gained some wonderful knowledge concerning nutrition and exercise to help combat obesity. They will be sharing their knowledge with peers and maybe teach a mini lesson to other students.

Students learn principles of design

Students in the 7th grade Industrial Tech Exploratory design structures and judge their product by testing how much weight they can hold.



Upcoming Dates

Dec. 7, 2011	1:00 Dismiss (7-12 Conferences, 4-8p.m.)
Dec. 22, 2011 Dec. 23–Jan 2	1:00 Dismiss No School – Winter Break
Jan. 11, 2012	1:00 Dismiss (End 2nd Term)
Jan. 12, 2012	Start of 3rd Term
Jan. 16, 2012	No School (MLK Day)
Jan. 18, 2012	1:00 Dismiss (PD)

Special points of interest:

- Benton Community Counselor Aaron Cretin has been published in the American School Counseling Association magazine regarding teaching financial literacy to MS students. If you'd like a copy of the article, please contact Aaron (acretin@benton.k12.ia.us) or 319-228-8701 ext. 353.

Congrats to Aaron for this accomplishment and sharing his knowledge with other counselors!

