

**Ben Russow - Mason Middle School**  
**Administrative Report**  
**Date: May 1, 2026**

- We have several end of the year activities planned for our students. Here is a list:
  - 5/21/2026 Spring Band and Choir Concert 6:00 pm
  - 5/24/2026 All Gold Mud Hen PBIS Field Trip 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
  - 5/28/2026 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip 8:00 am-8:00 pm
  - 06/03/2026 End of Year Awards – Middle School Gym
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 7:30 am
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade 8:30 am
    - 8th grade 9:30 am
  - 06/04/2026 PBIS Block Party
  
- We are in the middle of the M-STEP testing window. A special thank you to Becky DeSarbo for all her hard work and organization to help make this cycle run so smoothly for our students and staff.
  
- Summer School information will be going out within the next few weeks. Each grade level has identified 20 kids that could benefit from an extra session of learning. Teachers have been working on developing a specific curriculum that relates directly to the relevant standards in the core classes. Summer school will take place from July 20 through August 13.
  
- Congratulations to Mr. Brandjord for being selected by his peers as our staff member of the month. Here is a quote from one of his peers:

*“Mr. Brandjord is an amazing teacher who consistently demonstrates an unmatched commitment to his students’ success, both academically and personally. He has built strong, meaningful relationships with his students, which is evident in the respect they show him and the positive way they speak about him. His classroom is an engaging and welcoming environment. It is clear that students are not only attentive, but genuinely interested and excited about what they are learning in his class.”*
  
- The student council is sponsoring a Humane Society of Monroe County collection from May 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dog and cat food, cat litter, treats for both items, and office items will be collected.