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11.409875 17.049875 Welcome, everyone, to the Bearcat Chat, the
podcast for everything Scottsbluff Schools.
17.049875 19.329875 I'm your host, Melissa Price.
19.329875 24.829875 It's May and with that comes warmer weather,
graduation and the completion of another fantastic
24.829875 25.829875 school year.
25.829875 30.849875 Also, comes teacher appreciation week and our
annual staff appreciation festival.
30.849875 34.929875 Though we try to celebrate our amazing staff and
their hard work all year long, a lot
34.929875 38.889875 of appreciation events happen this month, so it's
only fitting that this episode would
38.889875 42.129875 be about showing appreciation to our fantastic
teachers.
42.129875 46.229875 Today, I'm at Bluffs Middle School and joining
near students from each grade level will
46.229875 49.329875 be sharing who their favorite teacher is and why.
49.329875 53.129875 Let me get started by having our first group of
guests introduce themselves.
53.129875 57.329875 Can each of you share your name and what grade
you're in, please?
57.329875 60.429875 I'm Kyley Schmaltz and I'm in sixth grade.
60.429875 63.369875 I'm Holly Polk and I'm also in sixth grade.
63.369875 67.449875 I'm John Isom and I'm also in sixth grade.
67.449875 73.929875 Okay, so I'm going to talk to you kind of one on
one and we're just going to talk about
73.929875 76.969875 who your favorite teacher is.
76.969875 81.169875 That doesn't have to be a teacher here at BMS,
but it absolutely can be.
81.169875 88.089875 So I think we will go ahead and start with Kyley,
Kylie, tell us who your favorite teacher
88.089875 89.089875 is.
89.089875 91.929875 My favorite teacher is probably Ms. Pinet.
91.929875 96.369875 Ms. Pinet, okay, so the people listening may not
know what she teaches.
96.369875 99.049875 Can you tell everyone what she teaches?
99.049875 101.289875 So Ms. Pinet teaches science.
101.289875 104.689875 Okay, science in sixth grade.
104.689875 109.649875 So what is it about Ms. Pinet that you like or
that you find inspiring?
109.649875 114.289875 When I like about Ms. Pinet, she makes teaching
fun.
114.289875 119.209875 Okay, what are some of the things that are fun
that you do in class?
119.209875 126.129875 Like we get to play on our Sims, like in it
teaches us stuff that we learn in class.
126.129875 127.129875 Okay.
127.129875 128.129875 That's great.
128.129875 130.529875 What do you think makes a good teacher?

130.529875 138.209875 Well, mixing the teachers probably like just staying calm and like always understanding
138.209875 140.569875 like what your kids are saying.
140.569875 143.449875 So next up for sixth grade, we have Holly.
143.449875 147.569875 So Holly, tell me who is your favorite teacher.
147.569875 151.409875 My favorite teacher is probably Ms. Schwartz.
151.409875 155.889875 Okay, and let everyone know what Ms. Schwartz teaches.
155.889875 160.169875 Ms. Schwartz teaches the Puma math for sixth grade.
160.169875 161.169875 Okay.
161.169875 167.169875 So teacher's math right here at BMS, and what is it that you like about Ms. Schwartz?
167.169875 175.089875 Ms. Schwartz just makes our class so fun and she like teaches us so much and we've all learned
175.089875 183.049875 so much from her, but she makes it so fun that it doesn't even feel like we're learning.
183.049875 186.349875 And do you enjoy math then as a result of that?
186.349875 188.329875 Yes, I really do.
188.329875 189.329875 That's great.
189.329875 196.829875 I know it's sometimes it's a hard subject or a subject that a lot of kids kind of avoid or
196.829875 200.169875 maybe they don't like.
200.169875 204.489875 Has there been anything that you've done in her class in particular that you really enjoyed?
204.489875 218.049875 Well, actually today we got to play kickball and sometimes for like studying, we do like
218.049875 225.569875 this trash football game where we like, we have a ball where we can shoot a hoop and if
225.569875 229.809875 we answer the question right, like in our different teams.
229.809875 232.329875 Okay, so there is some math involved with that, right?
232.329875 236.449875 They were having me a little bit worried there, so glad to hear that you guys have to answer
236.449875 238.169875 questions for that.
238.169875 242.249875 Okay, and for our last sixth grader, we have John, hi, John.
242.249875 245.009875 Can you tell me who your favorite teacher is?
245.009875 249.809875 My favorite teacher is Ms. Talkington on the big side for six grade.
249.809875 254.329875 Okay, so tell everyone what Ms. Talkington teaches.
254.329875 257.129875 Ms. Talkington is a social studies teacher.
257.129875 260.249875 Okay, and why is she your favorite teacher?
260.249875 263.769875 She's my favorite teacher because she makes everything more fun when we're learning about
263.769875 264.769875 history.
264.769875 269.529875 Okay, and what kind of history do you learn about in sixth grade?
269.529875 273.169875 The black plague or the Incas and Aztecs?
273.169875 276.369875 Wow, she even makes the black plague fun, huh?
276.369875 280.169875 Yeah, we once had this entire plague day just about it.

280.169875 282.849875 Wow, that is really interesting.

282.849875 289.209875 So, sixth graders, I'll give you guys one more question and then we'll wrap up and we'll

289.209875 294.749875 talk to our seventh graders, but sixth graders, what has been something that's been the most

294.749875 299.089875 fun or the most memorable about your first year here at BMS?

299.089875 302.369875 Probably like the hands-on stuff that we do.

302.369875 310.649875 Yeah, I would say like participating in update and PBS celebrations.

310.649875 316.689875 Just like all the funds we made, all the new funds we made and everything new that we

316.689875 317.689875 learned.

317.689875 320.109875 Well, all of those are absolutely great answers.

320.109875 326.409875 I'd like to thank all three of you for taking the time to give your teachers that shout-out.

326.409875 328.729875 That's really awesome, so thank you.

328.859375 335.259375 Okay, and now I have a group of seventh graders with me, so we're going to talk to three different seventh graders

335.259375 340.519375 It's the same way we did with our sixth graders. Can each of you please introduce yourselves?

340.519375 345.539375 I am Ivey Mosel. I'm Rosa Morales. And I'm Johnny Morales.

345.539375 354.539375 Okay, well same sort of questions as the last group. I'm going to talk to each one of you kind of individually

355.139375 364.579375 I'm going to go ahead and start with Ivey. Can you tell me who your favorite teacher is and it can be a teacher here at BMS

364.579375 371.219375 But it doesn't have to be. It can be any teacher that you've ever had. Let me know who your favorite teacher is my favorite teacher is Miss

371.219375 377.899375 Kaufman. Okay, and for our listeners out there who may not know what does Miss Kaufman teach?

377.899375 382.299375 Miss Kaufman teaches seventh grade ELA for the Bobcats.

382.779375 388.819375 Okay, English language arts, huh? That's awesome. So what is it that makes her your favorite teacher?

388.819375 397.099375 She is my favorite teacher because she makes her class really fun. She's really nice and she's just like really amazing

397.099375 400.259375 You know, she just makes everything about learning ELA fun

400.259375 405.059375 Okay, well, what are some of the fun things that you do in your English language arts class?

405.779375 417.219375 We do a lot of like fun games and she's not super strict on a lot of stuff like she'll let us talk a little bit and she's really fun because she'll have like actual conversations with us starting class

417.219375 424.539375 Well, yeah, that's how I think that's how everyone gets to know each other and that's how you know, we all learn because we can all learn together

424.539375 431.779375 So that sounds great. So Rosa, you're next. So tell me who your favorite teacher is.

431.779375 435.779375 I think my favorite teacher would have to be Mr. Madkins.

435.779375 439.779375 Okay, Mr. Madkins and what does Mr. Madkins teach?

439.779375 446.779375 He's an exploratory teacher at the BMS. He teaches six, seven to eight.

446.779375 450.779375 Yes, that's right. And what kind of exploratory class did you take with him?

450.779375 453.779375 I currently have him in my win class.

453.779375 460.779375 Okay, yep. He does win period here and for people who don't know, Mr. Mackins also helps out sometimes over at ReConnect.

460.779375 465.779375 So what is it about Mr. Madkins that makes him your favorite teacher?

465.779375 472.779375 He's super outgoing like he's really chill and he'll he has a really good connection with all their students.

472.779375 479.779375 Like he has a really funny personality and he's just he's really nice.

479.779375 482.779375 He always has such a big smile on his face.

482.779375 488.779375 Yeah, I think that's great. He really does have a great personality and he's very fun to talk to you.

488.779375 492.779375 So I definitely understand why you chose him.

492.779375 497.779375 Okay, so Johnny, how about you? Do you want to tell me who your favorite teacher is?

497.779375 508.779375 Yeah, I'll say my favorite teacher is Miss Dillman because I feel like he makes me feel like I belong especially advanced math is sometimes I feel like I'm behind.

508.779375 513.779375 But she really like makes me feel like I deserve to be there.

513.779375 525.779375 That's amazing and so glad that you're in advanced math. So you kind of answered some of the other questions already for me about what she teaches because math, of course.

525.779375 533.779375 And as maybe you guys know or don't know, Ms. Dillman will be taking a different position at the Middle School next year.

533.779375 541.779375 But I'm really excited that you enjoy so much of math class. What's some of the things that you do in math that you like?

541.779375 550.779375 Well, sometimes I do like activities like jeopardy or even like when like I think in like a next week.

550.779375 555.779375 Since getting to the end of the year and we did get on NCAST, we'll be doing fun activities.

555.779375 566.779375 That's great. I think that's a lot of important that you they're able to make some of those skills super fun so that you guys can enjoy them while you're learning.

566.779375 579.779375 So final question for you, seventh graders, are there any other staff members like here at VMS that you just want to give a shout out to they don't have to be a teacher or just someone that you know you enjoy having in the building?

579.779375 585.779375 I Miss Kaufman because she makes me feel comfortable at the school and I would I always have somebody to talk to.

585.779375 587.779375 It's Kaufman, awesome.

587.779375 597.779375 I would have to say either Mr. Amundsen or Mr. Koncaba because they're always so like bubbly with their personality and they're so kind to all the kids and teachers.

597.779375 605.779375 That's great. Probably Mrs. Kosman because she always just puts me in a good mood. She always has a great smile on her face when I see her.

605.779375 611.779375 That's an awesome answer so glad we got some different people we got some other teachers we got counselor in there.

611.779375 620.779375 So thank you guys so much for your answers seventh graders and now we'll get ready to move on and we'll talk to our last group of students.

621.355812 628.115812 Okay. Joining me now is my last grade level here at Bluffs Middle School. I have some

628.115812 633.755812 eighth grade students here today as well. Can each of you please introduce yourselves?

633.755812 635.435812 Hi, I'm Havynn.

635.435812 636.635812 Hi, I'm Katie.

636.635812 638.035812 Hi, I'm Micah.

638.035812 643.715812 Okay. Well, so glad to have you here and have you talk a little bit about some of your

643.715812 651.475812 teachers today. So I'm going to talk to each of you one on one and we will start with Havynn.

651.475812 656.035812 Haven, why don't you tell me who your favorite teacher is?

656.035812 661.595812 My favorite teacher is probably my elementary school music teacher, Ms. Taedter.

661.595812 668.015812 Okay, wonderful. So good choice. You did something a little different than everyone else

668.015812 673.675813 has done. You picked a teacher who was in here at BMS. So tell me, you told me elementary

673.675813 677.355812 music. Tell me where you went to school that Ms. Taedter taught.

677.355812 679.715812 I went to St. Agnes Catholic school.

679.715812 685.755812 Okay, wonderful. Over at St. Agnes. So tell me why she's your favorite teacher.

685.755812 691.275812 She's my favorite teacher because she kind of got me to stay into music and to keep singing

691.275812 696.075812 even when I thought I wasn't very good. So that's awesome. Sounds like she maybe saw

696.075812 702.515812 some talent in you that you maybe didn't know that you had just because we're having

702.515812 707.315812 a conversation right now. Do you have a favorite teacher at BMS?

707.315812 712.515812 There's a lot of good teachers, but one of my favorites is Mrs. Talkington from PE.

712.515812 718.915812 Okay, love it. Yep. So for those of you out here, we have two Mrs. Talkington's and they've

718.915812 723.395812 both been mentioned now. So just so there's no confusion, this time we're talking about

723.395812 727.195812 the PE Mrs. Talkington versus the Social Studies one.

727.195812 734.875812 All right. Well, moving on on Katie, would you mind telling me who you're a favorite teacher

734.875812 741.155812 at? There's a lot of really good teachers, but one of my favorite teachers probably Mrs.

741.155812 747.755812 Holloway. Okay, and can you let everyone know what Mrs. Holloway teaches?

747.755812 756.475812 She taught algebra one last year. Okay, algebra one. And why don't you let us know why she's

756.475812 764.155812 your favorite? She was my favorite teacher because she made the classroom fun. And if I didn't
764.155812 770.115812 understand something, she'd let me come in during
win just to just like reteach everything
770.115812 775.275812 if I didn't understand a concept, I guess. That's
great. It sounds very supportive, unlike
775.275812 780.155812 she wanted to make sure that you really
understood the material. I think that's important with math
780.155812 787.195812 because you kind of need to know certain things
before you can move on. Okay, and Micah, Micah,
787.195812 792.835812 why don't you tell us who your favorite teacher
is? My favorite teacher has got to be Mr. Koch,
792.835812 798.075812 our band teacher here. Okay, Mr. Koch Yeah, I
feel like a lot of people know Mr. Koch he's
798.075812 803.755812 been here at BMS for a really long time. And he
does a fantastic job with our middle school
803.755812 809.435812 band. So why don't you tell everyone why you, why
you chose him as your favorite teacher?
809.435812 814.235812 Mr. Koch is my favorite teacher because he just
cares so much about his students. He puts so much
814.235812 820.075812 effort into them. He's here from six in the
morning to six at night. Yeah, I agree. I feel like he works
820.075812 827.755812 really hard and I feel like he holds, like he has
high expectations for all of you students that
827.755812 832.635812 are in band, you know, to do really well. But I
feel like he does it in a way that everyone really
832.635812 839.755812 embraces it and you know, he really helps
students reach their potential. So just another question
839.755812 846.955812 for all of you, eighth graders, kind of before
you wrap up. What is it? Is there a certain thing that
846.955812 852.955812 you are looking the most forward to as you add on
to high school next year? What is that for you?
852.955812 862.395812 Mine's probably the school musical. Same. I like
looking forward to doing like choir
862.555813 866.955812 and theater. Okay, and that's a theater of
people. All right, what about you, Michah?
866.955812 872.795813 I'm definitely excited for the incoming clubs.
Yeah, I think extracurriculars are really
872.795813 877.115812 important in high school and it makes your
experience a lot better. That's absolutely great.
877.115812 881.275813 And there are tons of activities. You know, we
have a lot of great activities here at the middle
881.275813 886.395812 school, but there's so much different things at
the high school. So many ways that you can branch out.
886.955812 894.635812 So thank you guys so much. Glad you took that
time to kind of give a little shout out to those
894.635812 901.195812 teachers that have been important to you. So
there you have it. I hope all of our teachers and
901.195812 906.235812 staff feel the appreciation. This is our final
episode of the season, but we will be back with a new
906.235812 910.635812 school year bringing all the different happenings
throughout the district. I hope each and every one of
910.635812 915.370875 you have a fantastic summer and we will see you
next episode.

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