

# Bellaire Public Schools



Home of the Eagles

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## Lesson in Community Service



Sixth graders enjoyed a visit from three AmeriCorps volunteers in September to introduce the purpose of AmeriCorps and share their experiences in the program. AmeriCorps is a service organization in which young adults, ages 18-25, learn important work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship by performing community service projects throughout the U.S.

Michael, Giovanna and Jaret relocated to Michigan from their homes in other states to embark on their service work. They involved our students in team building activities, teaching the importance of thinking as a whole team when trying to accomplish a task. They told stories of a summer project in Bellaire, camping at Craven Park and working on the hiking and biking trails at Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area.

Thanks to Mr. Dean Crandall and his grandson Cody for connecting the school with the AmeriCorps volunteers. Best wishes to Michael, Giovanna and Jaret as they travel back to their base in Iowa. Their service is an asset to our community. Perhaps our sixth graders will be inspired to join this fine organization one day!

## Winter Gear



There are many winter hats, jackets, boots and snow pants in the school buildings that look alike, so please label all students' winter gear. If you are in need of winter gear for your child please contact Mrs. Poel at 533-8916. Roll-up sleds are the only type of sled permitted at school. Please label sleds as well.

## Holiday Programs

Mark your calendars for upcoming holiday events! More information will be sent home with students as the dates approach.

### High School

Band/Choir Concert  
December 5, 7:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

### Middle School

Band Concert  
December 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center



### Elementary

Holiday Program  
December 16, 7:00 p.m.  
High School Gym



## Salute to Veterans

BPS students will honor those who have served in the U.S. military during a Veteran's Day assembly. The community is cordially invited to join us in celebration of military service on Monday, November 11 in the High School Gym beginning at 9:30 a.m.



# Superintendent's Notes

- Jim Emery, Superintendent

## Get the Call?

By now, you should have heard my voice twice through the Alert Now automated phone messaging system announcing parent teacher conference dates. If you didn't, please contact the office to update your phone number. This will ensure that you are in the database and receiving important school announcements.

## Weather-Related School Closures

Bellaire Public Schools uses Alert Now whenever inclement weather forces a school closure for the day. A phone message is generated and sent out to all "general" telephone numbers in the school database. General numbers are typically home phone numbers and cell phone numbers of parents of students. School closure calls are normally made between 5:30 and 6:00 a.m. on days when weather prevents safe transportation of students to school.

## Early Dismissals

On rare occasions, school may need to close earlier than regular dismissal time. If BPS needs to close school early, an Alert Now message will be sent to all "emergency" phone numbers in the database in addition to all general numbers. Emergency numbers include individuals indicated as emergency contacts by families – often grandparents or neighbors. This is done so that a wider base of people will be aware that students will be returning home at a time different than normal.

Early dismissal has happened in the past due to power outages. Another possible cause could be if snow plows are removed from their routes because of high winds and deteriorating visibility.

## School Closure Notifications

School closures may be broadcast via the following stations:

Television	Radio
TV 7 & 4	WKLT (97.5, 98.9)
TV 9 & 10	WKHQ (105.9)
Fox Channel 3	Lite 96 (96.3)
	WMKT (102.3 FM, 1270 AM)
	ESPN Radio (1320 AM)
	Classic Rock The Bear (98.1)
	Big Country (102.9)
	Real Rock (105.1)
	WQEZ (95.5, 106.3)
	WTCM (93.5, 103.5)
	WCBY (100.7 FM, 1240 AM)

# BPS is a Walking Zone!



Bellaire Public School maintains a wonderful walking track that is open to the public for climate controlled, well-lit exercise. Consider taking advantage of this community asset to stay fit and healthy.

The track circles the upper balcony of the high school gym and is open when school is in session. The BPS web site features a walking track calendar updated regularly, listing open times. In general, the track is open 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. daily. However, when there are school athletic events scheduled, the track is closed. During winter months, the track may be opened some afternoons prior to athletic events.

Check out [www.bellairepublicschools.com](http://www.bellairepublicschools.com) for up-to-date track times. Please sign in at the office during the morning track hours so the school is aware of who is in the building while students are present.

## Flu Shot Clinic Nov. 13

Area adults and children are invited to take advantage of a flu shot clinic hosted by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

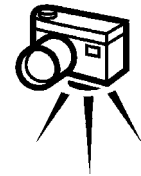
Wednesday, November 13

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Bellaire High School  
Media Center

## School Picture Retakes and Senior Pictures

Thursday,  
November 21



*Reading time is a happy time!*



Seventh graders learned about first aid with school nurse, Sue Coen.



## Free or Reduced Cost Meals

A free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. Families may complete an application online by visiting [lunchapp.com](http://lunchapp.com). You may also obtain applications in the school office.

## School Meal Accounts

You can access your child's food service account balance and/or add money to the account electronically at [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://sendmoneytoschool.com). If you already have an account it will be the same this year. To set up a new account, please follow the instructions online.

## Preschool Options at BPS

BPS offers *three* on-site preschool programs for young children: Headstart is available for youngsters ages three to five years, and is a fee-based program for qualifying families. Traditional preschool is a fee-based program for three to five-year-olds. Great Start Readiness Program for four year-olds is *free* for qualifying families. Contact Tonya Dupuie at 533-8916 x285 for schedules and information about how to qualify.



## Before/After School Care

Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare will provide Kid's Club before/after school care for students ages 4 - 12 at John R. Rodger Elementary School. Childcare is available from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and from 3:02 to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per hour and scheduling is flexible. Contact Tonya Dupuie at [TDupuie1@mhc.net](mailto:TDupuie1@mhc.net) or call 533-8916 x285.

# Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2013 - 2014

Nov	1	End of First Marking Period
	4	No School for Students - Regional Staff Development Day
	27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Dec	2	School Resumes
	23-31	No School - Winter Recess
Jan	1-3	No School - Winter Recess
	6	School Resumes
	24	Half Day for Students End of First Semester
Feb	17	No School - Mid-Winter Recess
Mar	28	End of Third Marking Period
	31	No School - Spring Recess
Apr	1-4	No School - Spring Recess
	7	School Resumes
	9	Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:45 p.m.
	10	Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
	18	No School - Good Friday
May	26	No School - Memorial Day
June	3	Half Day for Students (Exams)
	4	Half Day for Students - Last Day
	6	Graduation 7:00 p.m.



### Regular School Day Schedule:

Elem 8:05 a.m. - 3:02 p.m.  
MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

### ½ Day School Schedule:

Elem 8:05 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.



Students find a new way to play with Lincoln Logs during indoor rainy day recess





*Seventh grade students traveled to Traverse City for a performance at Denmos Museum and a tour of Northwestern Michigan College.*

## Recipe for Writing



Good writing is made up of a grocery list of ingredients that concoct an appealing message. Think meatloaf: it's extra tasty when all the parts are combined in the right proportion. Meatloaf was the analogy used by Rob Ford when he presented his writing tips to BHS juniors and seniors. Mr.

Ford is the first speaker in a series designed to expose students to writing techniques used in the workplace.

As a newspaper columnist and owner of Riverside Title in Elk Rapids, Ford relies on strong writing skills for both parts of his career. He gave tips for generating fresh ideas, drawing from personal experiences. He guided the kids to keep it simple, and to know their audiences. By connecting the real world to academics, Rob uncovered an effective way to motivate high schoolers to communicate well in writing *and* verbally.

## Welcome New BPS Staff

### Chris Vandergriff

Bellaire Public Schools is pleased to welcome new middle school science teacher, Chris Vandergriff. Chris is a Kalkaska High School grad and is glad live close to family in northern Michigan.



After attending Northwestern Michigan College for two years, Chris earned a Bachelors degree at Grand Valley State University with a major in biology, a minor in earth science, and an integrated science endorsement.

In the classroom, Chris brings a hands-on, interactive approach to the learning process. He enjoys rolling up his sleeves and digging into scientific investigations with his classes. Middle school students are in store for an exciting year in science.

### Tiffany Sutter

Tiffany (Zarembo) Sutter accepted a position at Bellaire Public School teaching high school Spanish and English. BPS is also fortunate to have her serve as advisor to the freshman class and technology coordinator. Tiffany's commitment to students and the district has already emerged as a tremendous advantage to the school.



Tiffany earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching degree from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. Her undergraduate studies focused on her dual majors in Spanish and English, with an endorsement in educational technology. With six years experience teaching sixth through twelfth grades, Tiffany brings a wealth of teaching expertise and creativity to the students of BPS.



## Book Fair Bonus

PTO President Julie Derrer and Book Fair Chairperson Sherri Robinson showcase books donated by the PTO to elementary classrooms and the library thanks to another successful Book Fair. Valued at \$1,000, the donation is celebrated by Libby and Dawson Derrer and Mick Robinson.



*Mr. Vandergriff's eighth grade science students cross their fingers in hopes their constructed houses withstand the simulated P and S waves of earthquake vibrations.*

# November/December 2013

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**



**November**

1

2

End of 1st Marking Period

MHSAA CC State Finals @ Brooklyn, MI

4				5		6		7		8		9	
<b>No School</b> Regional Staff Development Day				MS G BB v Central Lk		MHSAA VB Districts v Alba		MS G BB @ Pellston MHSAA VB District Finals @ Central Lk					
11				12		13		14		15		16	
Veterans Day Assembly, HS Gym Board of Education Meeting MS G BB v Mancelona				MS B BB @ Mancelona		MS G BB v Forest Area Flu Shot Clinic, HS Media Ctr		MS B BB @ Forest Area					
18				19		20		21		22		23	
MS B BB v JoBurg MS G BB @ JoBurg						MS G BB @ Central Lk		School Picture Retakes Senior Composite Pictures MS B BB v Central Lk					
25				26		27		28		29		30	
MS B BB @ Gaylord SM MS G BB v Gaylord SM				MS B BB v Pellston MS G BB v Pellston		<b>No School Thanksgiving Recess</b>							
<b>December</b> 2				3		4		5		6		7	
MS B BB v Mancelona				MS G BB @ Mancelona		V G BB @ Suttons Bay		Band/Choir Holiday Program MS B BB @ JoBurg					
9				10		11		12		13		14	
Board of Education Meeting MS B BB @ Central Lk V G BB v Charlevoix						MS B BB v Forest Area		V B BB @ Ellsworth		V G BB v Central Lk			
16				17		18		19		20		21	
Elementary Holiday Program MS B BB @ Pellston				MS Holiday Band Concert V B BB @ Boyne Falls		V G BB @ Inland Lks		V B BB @ Central Lk		V G BB v Forest Area			
23				24		25		26		27		28	
<b>No School Winter Recess</b>													
30				31		<b>January</b> 1		2		3		4	
<b>No School Winter Recess</b>													
										V B BB v Hillman			
6				7		8		9		10		11	
School Resumes				V B BB @ Inland Lks		V G BB @ JoBurg		V B BB v Forest Area		V G BB @ Gaylord SM			

**Dates & Times Subject to Change**

## Free Breakfast

All students in Grades K-5 will have the opportunity to eat breakfast for free each weekday morning. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Kick-start your day in a healthy way!

## Meal Prices

Breakfast

Grades K-5 Free

All other grades \$1.35

Elementary Lunch \$2.15

Secondary Lunch \$2.40

Adult \$3.35

No person because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and nutrition programs. Any persons who believes he/she has been discriminated against should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## School Meal Program

Free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. If your family status changes at any time throughout the school year, you are eligible to apply. If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. An application is available online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com). You may also find applications in the school office.

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Elem 8:05 - 12:00

MS/HS 8:00 - 11:45





## River Life

*Biology students study organisms to determine the health of Intermediate River.*

## Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2013-2014

Meeting Location: Bellaire Middle/High School  
Performing Arts Center  
204 W.Forest Home Ave.  
Bellaire, MI 49615

Time: All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Mon., November 11, 2013 .....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., December 9, 2013 .....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., January 13, 2014.....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., February 10, 2014 .....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., March 10, 2014.....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., April 14, 2014.....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., May 12, 2014.....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., June 9, 2014.....Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., July 14, 2014 .....Regular Business Meeting\*

\*This meeting will include Board of Education organizational agenda items for the 2014-2015 school year.

## Board Position Opening

The Board of Education of the Bellaire Public School District is seeking qualified candidates for a vacancy on the Board. This appointment will end December 31, 2014. Interested applicants must be registered voters, residents of the Bellaire Public School District and must submit notice of interest, in writing, to Scott Steiner, Bellaire Public Schools, 204 W. Forest Home Ave., Bellaire, MI 49615 by 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2013.

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The following is a directory of school administrators:

James Emery, Superintendent/High School Principal, 533-8141  
Kristi Poel, Elementary/Middle School Principal, 533-8916  
Eric Matusik, Food Services, 533-8141

## October Rotary Club Student of the Month

Congratulations to Sierra Kintigh, selected as the Bellaire Rotary Club's student of the month. Sierra is daughter of Shawn and Keith Kintigh of Bellaire. An outstanding student, Sierra deserves the honor for her academic achievement, including a 4.0 grade point average and the work ethic that goes along with it. She served as class president her freshman and junior years, and



*Sierra Kintigh* has led Student Council as vice president for the past two years and as secretary her sophomore year.

Sierra's community contributions and leadership qualities have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers. The Bellaire Chapter of the National Honor Society has recognized Sierra's accomplishments in fulfilling the four pillars of service. She has also been recognized with the "Good Citizenship" award by the Job Winslow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In addition to her academics and service work, Sierra is also a three-sport competitor. For all four years of high school, she has been a member of the varsity cross country team, serving as captain for the past three years. Also a varsity track team member, she has earned recognition as an All-Conference runner. Sierra also played junior varsity basketball for two years.

Sierra is considered one of the most valuable players on her journalism team as well. Sierra's writing skills have been fine-tuned over the past three years as a contributing staff member for yearbook. She helped lead the yearbook team to a "Spartan" award at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) camp at Michigan State University last summer. She also served as co-editor and copy editor for Bellaire's literary magazine, *Impressions*.

With an impressive contribution to her school and community, Sierra's positive modeling and soft voice will leave a lasting impression. She plans to attend Michigan State University after high school graduation, where will study medicine. Sierra is well-deserving recipient of the Student of the Month award.

## Email Newsletter Delivery

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