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Homecoming for a Good Cause

Homecoming 2016 included a week's worth of fun events and school spirit, including a #Payton Strong Day, Powder Puff football game, parade, football game and of course the big dance to conclude the celebration. Homecoming King and Queen Trey Carl and Marlana Gorno were crowned at the parade and the football team competed against the Onaway Cardinals.

Holiday Programs

Mark your calendars for upcoming holiday events!



High School

Band/Choir Concert
December 20, 7:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Middle School

Band Concert
December 8, 7:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Elementary

Christmas Program
December 14, 7:00 p.m.
High School Gym



Millage Renewal Information - November 8th

Please Vote November 8th

- Jim Emery, Superintendent

On November 8, 2016 Bellaire Public Schools is seeking a renewal of the 18 mill non-homestead property tax. This millage renewal will not result in any cost to homeowners for their primary residence. The 18 mills is only levied on non-homestead property (such as business, certain commercial, and industrial property and second homes). This is also the same tax that has been levied since the introduction of Proposal A in the mid-1990's and is not an increase in taxes to be levied. The District is requesting that voters approve 20 mills for a period of six years, however, this will not result in a tax increase on any property within the District. The maximum rate that can be levied by the District is 18 mills. The additional two mills are only available to restore millage that may be lost or reduced due to a Headlee rollback, which can occur when property values increase quickly.

For further information regarding how such reductions occur, visit bellairepublicschools.com and open the link titled "Millage Renewal Information – November 8th" which can be found in the *District News* section of the homepage. The funds collected under the 18 mill non-homestead tax are critical to school operations and are used for staffing, educational programs, and other operating expenses.

Again, this millage will not result in any cost to homeowners for their primary residence.

Salute to Veterans Nov. 11

BPS students are pleased to honor those who have served in the U.S. military during a Veteran's Day assembly on November 11 in the high school gym at 9:00 a.m. The community is invited to this special event as we thank our veterans for their service. We hope all veterans in the area will attend.



Pumpkin Book Reports

Mrs. Crook's kindergartners and Ms. Benson's first graders were encouraged to complete a pumpkin book report for October. The children read a halloween book, wrote a report about the story, and decorated a pumpkin to match a character from their book. For the grand finale, each student presented their reports and pumpkins to their classmates who enjoyed the creativity.

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- School Picture • 
- Retakes: •
- Thursday, November 3 •
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Fire Safety Week

First graders Alyssa, Ily, Annalynn, Tatum and their John R. Rodger Elementary classmates learned about fire safety and prevention during a visit with the fire department to help them avoid dangers, and see the tools fire fighters use to battle smoke and flames.

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High School Art & Culture

High school art classes learned about the Australian Aboriginal culture and their artistic style of dot painting. Students then created their own intricate dot paintings of animals that are indigenous to Australia.



Preschool Choices

- Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare is pleased to
- offer three preschool options: Great Start Readiness
- Program (4 year-olds) is free for qualifying families,
- Headstart (3 and 4 year-olds) is a fee-based
- program for qualifying families, and Preschool (3-5
- year-olds) is a fee-based option for all families.
- Call Tonya Dupuie at 533-8916 x285 for more
- information.

Before/After School Care

- Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare provides Kid's
- Club before/after school care for students ages 4 -
- 12 at John R. Rodger Elementary School. Childcare
- is available 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and 3:02 to 6:00 p.m.
- Contact Tonya Dupuie at TDupuie1@mhc.net or
- call 533-8916 x285.

A Scarecrow That Comes to Life

By Dawson Derrer,
4th Grade



There was a farmer named Julieann and every time she planted new seeds, crows would come and eat them. Julieann got very frustrated every time it happened. Then she got an idea. The first thing she did was run to her computer and get on ebay.com. She typed the word "scarecrow" and looked for a scary one. They all cost \$20, except for one that cost \$200 and it was scary and said "one-of-a-kind scarecrow."

As they say, "go big or go home" so she bought the \$200 one. When it arrived, it scared her when she opened the box. She set it up, looked at it and smiled and said, "Those crows won't eat my crops." One thing she did not know was the scarecrow was listening. Every time she went to sleep, blue sparkly smoke came from the sky to have it come to life. It really was "one-of-a-kind!" Then two days later Julieann saw it happen and she freaked out. She just woke up from a food coma or was she still sleeping?? We will never know...

Join PTO Meetings



The John R. Rodger Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has been planning events and student opportunities for the 2016-2017 school year, and more hands are always needed to help. All parents are welcome to join the PTO for the next meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 9 in the elementary school. To contact the PTO with questions or suggestions, email bellaireeaglespto@gmail.com.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 16

Elementary Conferences 4:00 - 7:15 p.m.
MS/HS Conferences 4:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22

Elementary Conferences 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
MS/HS Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

School Cancellation Alerts

If school must be delayed or cancelled due to weather conditions, BPS families will receive a phone call notification. An email will also be sent announcing the cancellation or delay. Television stations TV 7 & 4, TV 9 & 10, and Fox 3 will broadcast closures.

Student Absences

BPS families will receive a phone call if a student is absent without being excused by a parent or guardian by 10:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. You may excuse a student's absence any time day or night by calling 533-8015 ext. 324 or 325.



Winter Gear Notice

There are many winter hats, jackets, boots and snow pants that look alike, so please label them with the owner's name. If you are in need of winter gear for your child please contact Mrs. Poel at 533-8916. Remember, roll-up sleds are the only type of sled permitted at school, and should also be labeled with students' names.



Free/Reduced Cost Meals

A free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. **Families must apply for free/reduced school meals every year.** If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. Families may complete an application online by visiting 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. If you already have an account it will be the same this year. To set up a new account, please follow the instructions online.

Board of Education Meetings 2016-2017

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.

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| Mon., Nov. 28, 2016 | Mon., April 24, 2017 |
| Mon., Dec. 19, 2016 | Mon., May 22, 2017 |
| Mon., Jan. 23, 2017 | Mon., June 19, 2017 |
| Mon., Feb. 27, 2017 | Mon., July 24, 2017 |
| Mon., Mar. 20, 2017 | |

Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2016 - 2017

- Nov 4 Half Day for Students
- End of First Marking Period
- 7 No School for Students -
- Regional Staff Development Day
- 16 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Elem 4:00-7:15 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:45 p.m.
- 22 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Elem 4:00-7:00 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 23 Half Day for Students
- 24-25 No School - Thanksgiving Recess
- 28 School Resumes
- Dec 23-31 No School - Christmas Recess
- Jan 1-2 No School - Christmas Recess
- 3 School Resumes
- 19 Half Day for Students (HS Exams)
- 20 Half Day for Students (HS Exams)
- End of First Semester
- Feb 22 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Elem 4:00-7:15 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:45 p.m.
- 23 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Elem 4:00-7:00 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 24 Half Day for Students
- Mar 24 Half Day for Students
- End of Third Marking Period
- 27-31 No School - Spring Recess
- Apr 3 School Resumes
- 14 No School - Good Friday
- May 29 No School - Memorial Day
- June 2 Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Half Day for Students (HS Exams)
- 7 Half Day for Students - Last Day of School

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. - 11:40 a.m.
 MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Six (6) snow days are allowed by the Michigan Department of Education; any additional snow days after those six will need to be made up as additional days to this calendar.

Rotary Student of the Month

Colleen Randolph, daughter of Mark Randolph and Monica Webb, has been selected as the Bellaire Rotary Student of the month for October. Colleen is an outstanding student, athlete, and role model for her community.



Colleen has excelled during her time at Bellaire High School as evidenced by her 4.0 grade point average. She has been recognized for her academic success through her involvement in National Honor Society (NHS) and inclusion in the honor roll each semester. Colleen's favorite class is the Film and New Media program which she takes at the TBAISD Career-Tech Center.

Throughout her time in the NHS, Colleen has shown tremendous scholarship and fantastic community support by participating in volunteer projects to help others through local programs and organizations.

Colleen is involved within the school community as well, currently as vice president for her class and previously as a class representative. A great student athlete, Colleen runs cross country in the fall and track in the spring.

In her free time, Colleen enjoys swimming and is always working on writing a new screen play or short story. One accomplishment she is particularly proud of is canoeing down the Hurricanaw River in Canada and across James Bay in the Arctic Ocean.

Bellaire Middle School Students Earn Scholarships

On October 27, *The Antrim Review* reported that Bellaire Middle School students Jordan Alsip, Alex Hornick, Aliza Huffman, Cali Willson, and Alexander LaPointe were awarded Northwestern Michigan College Commitment Scholarships. An additional 23 students from other public schools in the region also received the scholarships. The Commitment Scholarship program was established by NMC in 1993 and allows students to plan their futures early with guaranteed tuition from the Traverse City college.

According to the NMC Commitment Scholarship program, scholarship recipients are required to complete the following:

- Maintain a 2.33 GPA upon high school graduation
- Attend all mandatory events
- Model good citizenship and do not use alcohol and/or illegal drugs or engage in other illegal activities
- Participate in all school visits unless otherwise excused.



National Honor Society Welcomes New Members



Congratulations to the newest members of the Bellaire Chapter of the National Honor Society. The 14 students were inducted into the program on October 25. The new inductees are Isaac Bigsby, Sierra Butler, Halle Ciganick, Ethan Clore, Kennan Dawson, Alexis Derrer, Tally Goodwin, Malorie Meeker, Madison

Kadlec, Lexi Niepoth, Katie Rathke, Marissa Slabosz, Khadija Sy, and Zac Washburn.

Bellaire Robotics in Full Swing



Bellaire Middle School and High School robotics programs are in full swing and going strong. There are more than 30 students participating in middle school robotics, currently building and programming Mindstorm EV3 robots to perform complex tasks such as shooting targets, knocking over objects, and traveling through obstacle courses. They are working on their first robot model called The Track3r which can also be remote controlled from a remote device or via a Bluetooth connection from a smart phone. As the challenges become more difficult, the students continue to step up and excel in programming and engineering the robots.

Two high school teams are preparing for contests against area schools in the VEX Robotics Competition game, Starstruck. The Starstuck objective is to score as many points as possible by using a robot to move objects over a fence in the arena. The objects include stars and cubes. Each team engineers a robot using various motors, switches, and other structural components. Once the robot is engineered and assembled, the team then programs it for an autonomous period to start the match. During this period, robots can score points only by having preprogrammed instructions. This is a very challenging task, but the teams are working diligently to be ready for competition.

November-December 2016

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	NOVEMBER 1 MS G BB @ Central Lk	2 MS G BB v Gaylord SM MHSAA VB Districts	3 School Picture Retakes MS G BB @ Inland Lks MHSAA VB District Finals	4 Half Day of School End of First Quarter	5 MHSAA CC State Finals
7 No School Professional Dev. MS G BB @ Mancelona MS B BB v Mancelona	8 Election Day MHSAA VB Regionals	9 PTO Meeting MS G BB @ Forest Area	10 MHSAA VB Regional Finals	11 Veterans Day Assembly	12 CC MHSAA State Finals @ Brooklyn MIS
14 MS G BB v JoBurg	15	16 Parent Teacher Conferences MS G BB v Central Lk	17 MS B BB @ JoBurg	18 MS B BB v Central Lk	19
21 MS G BB v Inland Lks	22 Parent Teacher Conferences MS G BB @ Gaylord SM MS B BB @ Pellston	23 Half Day of School	24-25 No School Thanksgiving Recess		26
28 Board of Education Meeting MS B BB @ Mancelona	29 MS G BB v Mancelona	30 MS G BB @ Inland Lks V G BB v Boyne City	DECEMBER 1 MS B BB v JoBurg	2 V G BB v Ellsworth	3
5 MS B BB @ Central Lk	6 V B BB v Harbor Springs	7 MS B BB v Inland Lks V G BB @ Central Lk	8 V B BB @ Charlevoix MS Winter Band Concert	9 V G BB @ Charlevoix	10
12 MS B BB v Pellston	13 MS B BB @ Forest Area V B BB @ Central Lk	14 V G BB @ Mancelona Elementary Christmas Program	15 V B BB v E Jordan	16 V G BB v Forest Area	17
19 Board of Education Meeting MS B BB v Forest Area	20 HS Winter Band & Choir Concert	21	22	23 No School Christmas Recess	24
26	27	28	29	30	31
No School Christmas Recess					
JANUARY 2 No School Christmas Recess	3 School Resumes	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14

Dates and times subject to change

Free Breakfast

Students in grades K-5 may have free school breakfast. Start the day in a healthy way!

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Grades K-5	Free
All other grades	\$1.35
Reduced	\$0.30

Lunch

Elementary	\$2.40
MS/HS	\$2.60
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult (tax incl.)	\$3.55

Milk \$0.50

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.

Meal Program

Free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. **Families must apply for free/reduced school meals every year.** 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. You may also find applications in the school office.

Newsletter Delivery

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