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Important Dates

- March 23**
Parent Teacher Conferences
4:30-7:45 p.m.
- March 24**
Parent Teacher Conferences
4:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 27**
No School
- March 30-April 6**
No School - Spring Break
- April 7**
School Resumes

100 Days!

To celebrate the 100th day of school, John R. Rodger Elementary first graders crafted projects to represent the number 100. One student glued 100 hearts to her shirt; another created a 100-eyed monster using googly eyes. The activities were based on the number 100 to fine tune math and creative thinking.



Brilliant Art

Despite lots of snow still on the playground, sixth grade artists remind us that winter is nearly over and the sun will soon warm our days! Art students experimented with warm and cool colors to design elaborate suns.





Superintendent's Notes

- Jim Emery, Superintendent

Snow Days

Bellaire Public Schools has now exceeded the six (6) snow day school cancellations allowed by the Michigan Department of Education. Beginning with the Thursday, February 19 snow day, we must now make up snow day cancellations.

I'm a bit surprised that it has taken this long to reach the make-up mode. The second half of January and most of February was cold, but not much snow. With winter weather still common in March and part of April, we certainly could see more snow day cancellations which would require us to add more days to the end of the school calendar. Presently, the last day of school is scheduled for the first week of June, so adding a few make-up days will not extend us that far into the summer. The **official** last day of school will be determined after spring break.

Advancing to State Festival

Congratulations to several members of the high school band who qualified to participate at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. The following students earned a first division rating and will advance to the State Festival on March 21 at Manistee High School: Isaac Bigsby-oboe; Maggie Rathke-saxophone; Katie Rathke-piano; Kennan Dawson-clarinet; Erin Emery-piano and French horn; and the clarinet quartet of C.J. Miller, Kennan Dawson, Amara Smith, and Colleen Randolph.

High School Opportunities

Did you know that high school students have many opportunities to study beyond the traditional classroom? Some of those opportunities include online Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment courses for college and/or high school credit, early college coursework, and TBAISD Career-Tech Center programs such as Manufacturing Technology Academy. Contact guidance counselor, Dave Lewandowski for more information at 533-8015 ext. 226.

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Eric Matusik, Food Services, 587-9764 x214



It's Kindergarten Sign-Up Time!

Students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2015 to enroll for the 2015-16 school year.

Parent Information Meeting

Please attend a kindergarten parent information meeting Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the John R. Rodger Elementary media center. The meeting will include information about the all day/every day program, including an overview, building tour, screening information and scheduling, and a question/answer session.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up is Wednesday, April 15. Please schedule a round-up appointment time during the parent information meeting or call 533-8916.

Complete and return the required enrollment form below to John R. Rodger Elementary School or register online at bellairepublicschools.com. Call Mrs. LeCureux at 533-8916 with questions.

Bellaire Public Schools Kindergarten Enrollment Form

Please complete and return this form to John R. Rodger Elementary School as soon as possible to process your student's kindergarten enrollment.

Student Name

Student Date of Birth (must be 5 on/before 9/1/15)

Parent's Name

Street Address

City, State ZIP

Phone

Return this form to:

Bellaire Public Schools
Mrs. LeCureux
204 W. Forest Home Ave.
Bellaire, MI 49615

School Meal Information:

SendMoneytoSchool.com

You can access your student's school food service account at SendMoneytoSchool.com. Parents and guardians may send payments for school meals directly to the school, **or** by credit card or electronic check through SendMoneytoSchool.com. There is a link to this resource from the Bellaire Public Schools website "Food Service" page. To set up a new account, please follow the instructions online.

Meal Account Charges

Please note there is a three charge maximum on student lunch accounts, meaning that after a student with a zero or negative balance charges three meals, he/she will be provided an alternative meal of a cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwich/fruit/milk until the balance has been paid. The student's account will be charged for the alternative meal in accordance with Michigan Department of Education guidelines.

Free or Reduced 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. You may also obtain applications in the school office.

Contact Dining Services

Eric Matusik is the Director of Dining for Chartwells for both Mancelona Public Schools (main office location) and Bellaire Public Schools. Contact him at 587-9764 x214 with any questions.

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School Nurse Care



Thanks to generous grant funding from Charlevoix Hospital, Sue Coen serves as BPS School Nurse. Contact her at 533-8015 x225 with questions about student health.

Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

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., March 23, 2015.....Regular Business Meeting
Mon., April 27, 2015.....Regular Business Meeting
Mon., May 18, 2015.....Regular Business Meeting
Mon., June 22, 2015.....Regular Business Meeting
Mon., July 27, 2015.....Regular Business Meeting*

*This meeting will include Board of Education organizational agenda items for the 2015-2016 school year.

Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2014 - 2015

Mar	23	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:45 p.m.
	24	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
	26	End of Third Marking Period
	27	No School
	30-31	No School - Spring Recess
Apr	1-6	No School - Spring Recess
	7	School Resumes
May	25	No School - Memorial Day
June	3	Half Day for Students - Exams
	4	Half Day for Students - Last Day
	5	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. - 11:40 a.m.
MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Michigan Department of Education allows six (6) snow days during this school year. Any additional snow days beyond six must be made up as additional days to the school calendar.

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 information.

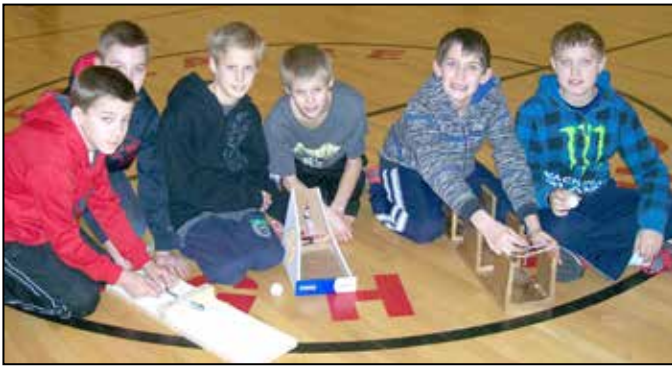
Before/After School Care

Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare provides Kid's Club before/after school care **and snow day care** for students ages 4 - 12 at John R. Rodger Elementary. Hours are 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and 3:02 to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$2 per hour with flexible scheduling. Contact Tonya Dupuie at TDupuie1@mhc.net or call 533-8916 x285.



Summer Fun Kids Club

Summer Kids Club is available for child care at John R. Rodger Elementary School. Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Contact Tonya DuPuie at 533-8916 x285 to register.



Energy and Motion

Sixth graders proudly display their energy and motion science projects. They were assigned the task of designing a machine that transfers energy in moving an object at least one meter in distance.



Eagle Spirit

The John R. Rodger Parent Teacher Organization surprised kindergarten through fifth grade students with Bellaire Eagle t-shirts. It was a generous way for the PTO to share its appreciation and a great way for students to show off their Eagle spirit.

Support PTO Events!

- The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) creates fun events that help support BPS. Please mark your calendars to participate in upcoming PTO events.
- And as always, remember to save your labels year round for school fundraising! (Box Tops, Labels for Education, Spartan Labels, Coke Rewards)

Monthly PTO Meetings

Saturday, March 7 - Daddy-Daughter Dance

Friday, April 24 - Spring Carnival

Camp Read-A-Lot



John R. Rodger Elementary School will celebrate March Reading Month with Camp Read-A-Lot. Families are encouraged to “camp out” with good books! Build a tent indoors with blankets, read with flashlights, make camp foods, read about the outdoors, or use books for ideas to plan a summer camping trip.

A reading month calendar will be sent home so students can enjoy a special activity every day. Literacy is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Let’s read s’more with the help of the tips below:

- Choose a quiet place for reading, free from distractions.
- Point out spelling/sound patterns like cat, pat, hat.
- When your child misses a word, identify it and help her read the word correctly.
- After stopping to correct a word, reread the entire sentence to ensure comprehension.
- Retell the story in your own words.
- Ask questions about the characters and events.
- Guess why a character acted in a certain way.
- Before the end of a story, ask what might happen next and why.

Library Card Challenge

Mrs. Poel challenges students to visit the Bellaire Public Library during reading month. It’s located at 111 South Bridge Street and it houses more than 20,000 volumes! All students will take a field trip to check it out at the end of March.

Library Card Challenge Goal:

Every elementary student will have a library card by the end of March.

Partners in Print

Students and parents recently enjoyed an evening of fun reading activities. The “Partners In Print” event included make-and-take reading projects, reading games, a visit from the Bellaire Public Library librarian, and many at-home ideas to support reading at home. Stay tuned for a schedule of more family reading nights.



Left: Mrs. Mills’ class celebrated Valentine’s Day with masks, treats and mailboxes full of friendly wishes for a sweet day.

March/April 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 2 MHSAA District G BB v Boyne Falls	3 V B BB @ Ellsworth	4 MHSAA District G BB	5	6 MHSAA District Finals G BB	7 PTO Daddy Daughter Dance
9 MHSAA District B BB @ Gaylord SM	10	11 MHSAA District B BB @ Gaylord SM	12	13 MHSAA District Finals B BB @ Gaylord SM	14
16	17	18	19	20	21 State Solo & Ensemble Festival
23 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:45p Board of Education Meeting	24 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p	25	26 End of 3rd Marking Period	27 No School	28
30	31	April 1	2	3	4
No School Spring Break					
6 No School Spring Break	7 School Resumes V Track v Central Lake, Forest Area	8	9 V Track @ Mancelona	10	11
13 BB/SB v Alanson Kindergarten Parent Info Meeting	14 MS Track @ Central Lake	15 Kindergarten Round-Up V Track v Mancelona, GTA, Central Lake, Forest Area	16 MS Track v Jo'Burg	17	18
20 V Track Memorial Invite BB/SB @ TC Christian	21 MS Track v Forest Area	22 BB/SB @ Glen Lake	23 BB/SB v Buckley	24 PTO Spring Carnival	25 V Track @ Frankfort Invite
27 BB/SB v Jo'Burg Board of Education Meeting	28	29 BB/SB v Ellsworth MS Track @ Mancelona	30 BB/SB @ Forest Area	May 1 V Track @ Beal City Invite	2 MS Track @ Central Lake Invite
4 BB/SB v Inland Lakes	5 MS Track @ Jo'Burg	6	7 V Track Antrim Co. Meet BB/SB @ Frankfort	8 MS Track Ski Valley Confr. Meet	9
11 V Track @ Central Lake Class D Invite BB/SB @ Mancelona	12	13	14 BB/SB @ Gaylord SM	15 V Track MHSAA Regional @ Inland Lakes	16 SB Tourney @ Central Lake V Track MHSAA Regional @ Inland Lakes

Dates & Times Subject to Change

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Free Breakfast

All students in Grades K-5 may eat breakfast for free each weekday morning.

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Grades K-5 Free

All other grades \$1.35

Elementary Lunch \$2.25

Secondary Lunch \$2.45

Adult \$3.35

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School Meal Program

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Email Newsletter Delivery

This newsletter is distributed electronically every two months. Printed copies are available at school offices, public library, Senior Center, and Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. To receive the newsletter via email, contact Bellaire Public Schools at 533-8141.

.....Bellaire Rotary Club Students of the Month.....

Noah Suppes

Noah Suppes, son of Jill and Tim Suppes, was selected as the February Bellaire Rotary Student of the Month. Noah is dedicated to academic excellence and demonstrates integrity of character. With an impressive 3.77 GPA, he balances school work with leadership skills, athleticism, and values.



As a soccer and baseball teammate, Noah motivates and inspires his peers by modeling good sportsmanship. He has been a varsity baseball team member for two years, and a varsity soccer player for four years -- during which time he was a part of an All-Academic Team. The Bellaire chapter of the National Honor Society recognized Noah's accomplishments as a junior, and initiated him as president his senior year for his leadership skills.

Writing is another of Noah's strengths, as highlighted by his third-place win in the "Voice of Democracy" writing contest. He also serves as editor in chief for the yearbook.

Noah volunteers at church activities, American Youth Soccer Organization events, and is often willing to support a peer or community member. His efforts in school and beyond are guided and by his shining character. He plans to attend Delta College after graduation where he plans to study machining-manufacturing and business.

Academic All-State



It was recently announced that the varsity volleyball team earned Team Academic All-State honors for their fall 2014 season. The team's overall GPA was 3.42, with members Tally Goodwin, Lexi Niepoth, Stephanie Coelho, Lindsey Lampman, Madison Martinek, Chloe Niepoth, Brandy O'Neal, Amber Tipton, Tiarre Clovis, Tiffany Clovis, Johanna Gillespie, Kayla Camp, and Haley Myas. In addition, Tiffany Clovis received *Individual* Academic All-State honors, an award given only to seniors, for her cumulative 3.815 GPA.

Mark Your Calendars!

Join us to honor the Class of 2015 graduates

GRADUATION

Friday, June 5, 7:00 p.m.

Bellaire High School Gym

Right: High school artists used colored pencils for their "In the Garden" drawings.

Tiffany Clovis

Bellaire Rotary selected Tiffany Clovis as the January Student of the Month. Daughter of Susie Clovis, Tiffany is an outstanding student, athlete, and role model for her community.



She excels in school as evidenced by her 3.815 GPA and her favorite classes are art and English. She has been recognized for her academic abilities by the National Honor Society, where she serves as an officer. Throughout her time in NHS, Tiffany has participated in several volunteer projects, including Relay for Life, school blood drives, and visiting with community members at Meadow Brook. She also tutors middle school students, serves in Student Council, and is secretary for the senior class. Tiffany's peers elected her class representative freshman and senior years, and named her Homecoming Queen last fall.

In addition to academics and service, Tiffany has been captain for varsity volleyball and varsity basketball teams, and an Academic All-State, All-County, and first team All-Conference volleyball player. She was also recognized as All-County for track.

Next year, Tiffany plans to attend either Michigan State University or Central Michigan University to continue her education.

