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100 Days of Learning with More to Come!

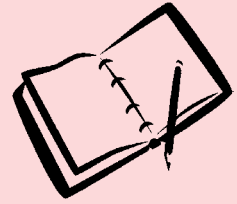
First grade students celebrated the 100th day of school by wearing customized t-shirts they decorated to represent the number 100. By working on these fun activities, the kids visualize the significance of the big number and reflect on all they've learned so far.



District Band Festival

Bellaire High School and Middle School bands participated in the MSBOA District Festival at Petoskey Middle School in February. With a new scoring rubric in place, both bands earned a second division rating.

Mr. Emery's Notes... - Jim Emery, Superintendent



End of School Year Calendar

Our recent above normal temperatures have everyone thinking about spring and maybe even about the end of the school year! We are officially over the six (6) snow days that the State of Michigan allows, and will need to add at least two (2) days to the school calendar. Despite the mild weather in February, we could still see more severe winter weather in March and part of April. In case more snow day cancellations are necessary, BPS would be required to add more days to the end of the school calendar. The good news is that we have a school calendar that ends during the first full week of June, so adding days will not extend us that far into the summer. The official "last day" will be determined after spring break.

Graduation

Speaking of the calendar, those of you with seniors will see that we have moved graduation a week earlier this year. Graduation for the Class of 2017 will take place on Friday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Final exams for seniors will take place the week prior to Memorial Day, and final exams for the rest of the high school students will occur on the last three calendar days of the school year.

High School Band

Congratulations to several members of the high school band who have qualified to participate at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. The students who earned a first division rating and will advance to the State Festival on March 18 at Manistee High School are: Isaac Bigsby (oboe); Abby Boyd (tenor saxophone); Erin Emery (French horn); duet of Kennan Dawson (clarinet) and Katie Rathke (flute); duet of Abby Boyd (tenor saxophone) and Olivia Reed (clarinet); and the trio of Isaac Bigsby (oboe), Kennan Dawson (clarinet) and Erin Emery (French horn). Good luck at State!

High School Options

Did you know? Bellaire High School students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses (online), dual enrollment courses (for credit at college or high school or both), Early College courses, and attend the numerous Career-Tech Center options, including Manufacturing and Technology Academy. Please contact school guidance counselor, Dave Lewandowski for more information at 533-8015 ext. 226.



Developing Writing Skills

Fifth grade students worked with local poet, Terry Wooten recently. Sponsored by PTO, poetry day with Mr. Wooten is a great opportunity for kids to practice creative writing.

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Support PTO Events!

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

• Monthly PTO Meetings	• Elementary Carnival
• Wednesday, March 15	• Friday, April 28
• Wednesday, April 19	• 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
• Wednesday, May 17	

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It's Kindergarten Sign-Up Time!

Students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017 to enroll for the 2017-18 school year.

Kindergarten Round-up is **Thursday, April 20**. Call Mrs. LeCureux at 533-8916 to schedule a round-up appointment. Complete and mail the required enrollment form below to John R. Rodger Elementary School or register online at bellairepublicschools.com.

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 9/1/17)

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

March is Reading Month

John R. Rodger Elementary School celebrating March is Reading Month with BUGS! Shhh... students don't want to be "bugged" when



they're reading. Help kids "Catch the Reading Bug" by engaging in literacy activities as a family. A March activity calendar will be sent home with fun ideas. It's also the perfect time to visit the library to check out books and enjoy reading as a family.

Let's build some reading buzz with the help of the tips below:

- Choose a quiet, distraction-free place for reading.
- 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 every parent to visit Bellaire Public Library with their child and register for a library card during reading month. Parents must accompany students to receive a library card. 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.

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.

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.

Rotary Students of the Month

Maggie Rathke

The Bellaire Rotary Student of the Month for February is Maggie Rathke. She is the daughter of Lisa and Brian Rathke of Bellaire. Maggie maintains a 3.97 grade point average.

Dual enrolled at Northwestern Michigan College, Maggie was on the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester. Her favorite subjects are mathematics and science, and earned the math department award for excellence in 2015-16.

She serves as president of National Honor Society, was on the 2016 Homecoming court, and was a member of student council. Maggie volunteers at the Father Fred Foundation in Traverse City, ACTS, and at Meadowbrook. She is a 12-year student at Alden Dance Academy, and in 2015 was crowned Miss Bellaire.

With a love for the outdoors, Maggie is a member of the Scholastic Clay Target Program, and competes in horseback riding and dog shows. Maggie and her wirehaired pointing griffon, Duke compete across Michigan and attended the Westminster Dog Show. After graduation, she plans to attend University of Michigan.



C.J. Miller

Congratulations to Bellaire High School's Rotary Student of the Month for January, Cassandra Jean Miller. C.J. is the daughter of John and Thersa Miller of Bellaire. Cassandra maintains a 3.99 grade point average.

Cassandra is interested in pursuing medicine as a neonatology physician or nurse practitioner. She loves children and infants and enjoys working in her church's nursery once a week.

An outstanding bass clarinet musician, C.J. has twice earned first division ratings for district and state in the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble. She has been an Honor's Band member for the past three years. Cassandra's volunteer service includes tutoring for the Green Cord Program, visiting and singing at Meadowbrook as a member of the National Honor Society, and treasurer of the senior class. She is currently employed by Elite Home Services.



Keara Leitow

Keara Leitow, daughter of John and Pamela Leitow is the Bellaire Rotary Student of the Month for December. Keara is an outstanding student excelling in academics and character. Teachers appreciate her ambitious work ethic and desire to learn, with a 4.0 grade point average to show for it.

Keara has earned academic certificates, an academic letter and pin, the social studies department award, and third place in the Voice of Democracy essay contest. She has also been a member of the high school choir and band where she received a first division rating at the MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble. As a member of the National Honor Society, she volunteers in community events and tutors younger students.



It's Time for High School Yearbooks!

**It's high school yearbook time!
Don't miss out on this
piece of 2016-2017 history!**

Order at www.balfour.com
or in person with Mrs. Sutter
Yearbooks are \$40

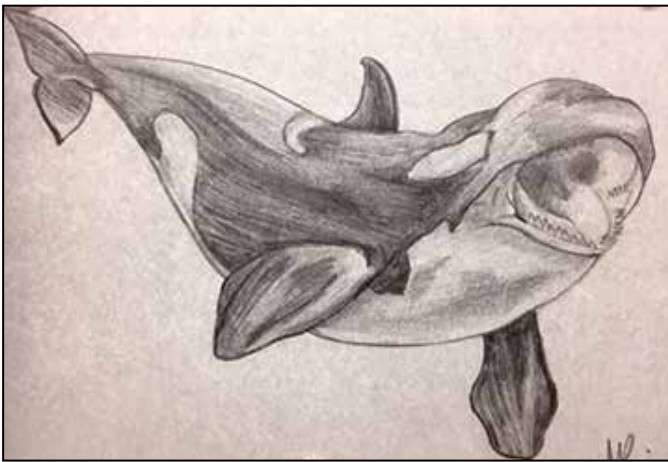


If you are a parent of a senior, the yearbook staff would like to include your congratulatory message in the high school yearbook. A section will be specifically reserved for parents and families to purchase space for special messages. Information was sent out previously about the program. If you have questions or would like to purchase yearbook space, please contact Mrs. Sutter at tsutter@bellairek12.org.



Creating Art, Building Minds

High school and middle school art students practice a variety of techniques. Above is a sample of a chalk rubbing with hand-painted silhouette. Below is a page from a high school sketchbook.



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.

Mon., Mar. 20, 2017	Mon., June 19, 2017
Mon., April 24, 2017	Mon., July 24, 2017
Mon., May 22, 2017	

Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2016 - 2017

- 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
- TBD Last Day of School

• ***Due to excessive snow days, additional school days will be added to the school calendar. The revised last day of school will be determined after spring recess.**

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.

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. Any unlabeled, unclaimed gear will be donated at the end of each marking period.

March - May 2017

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Board of Education Meeting	28 B BB v Inland Lks	MARCH 1 MHSAA G BB Districts @ Gaylord SM	2 B BB @ Ellsworth	3 MHSAA Bowling State Finals @ Lansing MHSAA G BB District Finals @ Gaylord SM	4 MHSAA Bowling State Finals @ Lansing
6 MHSAA B BB Districts @ Bellaire	7	8 MHSAA B BB District Semifinal @ Bellaire	9	10 MHSAA B BB District Finals @ Bellaire	11
13	14	15 PTO Meeting	16	17	18
20 Board of Education Meeting	21	22	23	24 Half Day of School End of 3rd Marking Period	25
27	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1
No School Spring Recess					
3 School Resumes	4	5	6	7	8
10 V BB/SB v Alanson	11 MS Track @ Central Lk	12 V Track @ Central Lk	13 V BB/SB v Mancelona MS Track Home	14 No School Good Friday	15 V Track Memorial Invite
17 V BB/SB v Onaway	18 MS Track Home	19 V BB/SB @ Ellsworth PTO Meeting	20 Kindergarten Round-Up MS Track @ Inland Lks	21 V Track Mancelona Invite V BB/SB v Buckley	22
24 Board of Education Meeting V BB/SB @ Pellston	25 MS Track Mancelona Invite	26	27 V Track @ Inland Lks V BB/SB @ Forest Area	28 PTO Elementary Carnival	29 MS Track @ Central Lk
MAY 1 V Track @ JoBurg	2 MS Track @ JoBurg	3	4 V Track v Central Lk V BB/SB v Inland Lks	5 MS Track Confr Meet	6
8 V Track @ Central Lk/ Class D Meet V BB/SB @ Gaylord SM	9	10	11 V BB/SB v Central Lk	12 V Track Confr Meet	13 V SB Maris Spaulding Tourney @ Central Lk

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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