

# Bellaire Public Schools



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## Reading that Sticks

Author Lisa Wheeler who wrote this year's Michigan Reads! book, *Bubble Gum Bubble Gum* was a guest of John R. Rodger Elementary School. Thank you to Jane Gyulveszi, director of Bellaire Public Library, for writing the grant that made the visit possible. Bellaire was one of only 12 schools in Michigan to host Mrs. Wheeler, pictured with kindergartener Mason Mosoryak and second grader Mackenzie Oeder.

## Pop for Prom!

The Bellaire High School Class of 2019 is hosting a Pop Can & Bottle Drive to raise funds for Prom 2018. Please donate your empties for a good cause!

**Tuesday, May 30 5:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Bellaire High School**

Questions? Contact Ashley Zaborowski at [Azaborowski@bellaire.k12.mi.us](mailto:Azaborowski@bellaire.k12.mi.us)



## Robotics Champs

Bellaire High School senior Michael Niepoth was a member of the championship-winning team that competed at National Robotics Challenge in Ohio. Michael's team from the Career-Tech Center Manufacturing Technology Academy won first place in the nation in the RoboHockey category.



## Read to Ride

First grader Alyssa Hosler won the Masons bike giveaway. To be entered in the contest, students had to read six books and write a paragraph about each one. Alyssa was the lucky reader who took home a shiny new bike as the prize.

## Join Us

to honor the  
Class of 2017  
graduates

### GRADUATION

Friday, June 2  
7:00 p.m.

Bellaire High School  
Gymnasium

# Congratulations BPS Class of 2017

Bellaire Public Schools proudly celebrates the entire senior class for their impressive accomplishments, friendships and great potential for future success. The four top academic achievers are being honored for their outstanding accomplishments:



## Valedictorian Erin Emery

Co-valedictorian Erin Emery is the daughter of Jim and Denise Emery and has a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of National Honor Society and Senior Class Secretary. She was November Rotary Student of the Month, and on the Homecoming Court. Erin has been selected for the MSBOA Honors Band for three years and has been successful at Solo & Ensemble District and State festivals. She earned the MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist award. A student in the Teacher Academy program at the Career-Tech Center, she has earned Student Spotlight awards, and the TBAISD Outstanding Student in Math, Science and Technology award. Erin tutors for the Green Cord program, serves as cantor for St. Luke's Catholic Church, and plays for the Northern Symphonic Winds Ensemble. She will attend Western Michigan University's School of Music and the Lee Honors College where she plans to major in music education.



## Valedictorian Keara Leitow

Co-valedictorian Keara Leitow is the daughter of John and Pam Leitow and has a 4.0 grade point average. Keara is a member of National Honor Society and has earned numerous academic awards, including third place in the Voice of Democracy essay contest. She was the December Rotary Student of the Month and a Green Cord tutor. As a member of the high school band, she earned several first division ratings and success at Solo & Ensemble. After graduation, she plans to work with her parents and continue to volunteer with her church.



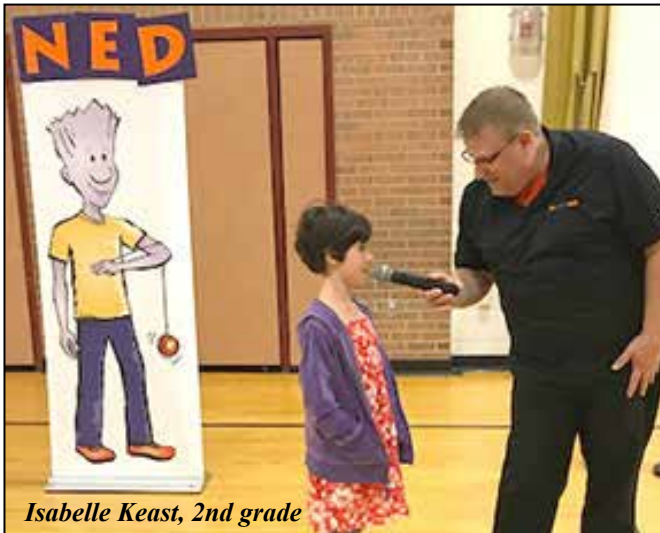
## Valedictorian Colleen Randolph

Co-valedictorian Colleen Randolph is the daughter of Mark Randolph and Monica Webb and has a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of National Honor Society and TBAISD National Technical Honor Society. Colleen was October Rotary Student of the Month and won the Voice of Democracy essay contest. She has twice been named Student of the Quarter by Career-Tech Center where she studies in the Film & New Media program. A short documentary that she directed premiered at the Denno Museum this year. She has volunteered through the NHS, NTHS, and the Green Cord program. Colleen is a four-year member of the track and cross country teams earning Academic All-State honors. Colleen will be attending Grand Valley State University where she plans to major in film & video production.



## Salutatorian Cassandra Miller

Earning second highest honors, Cassandra Miller is the daughter of John and Thersa Miller and has a 3.99 grade point average. She is Senior Class Treasurer and member of National Honor Society. She was January Rotary Student of the Month, and was selected as a member of the MSBOA Honors Band and Solo & Ensemble at District and State levels. CJ's writing has been published in *Creative Communications*. She has participated in the volleyball and track and field teams. Her volunteer work includes Green Cord tutoring, and serving in music and children's ministry at Living Word North Church. Cassandra will attend college in the fall and is deciding between Calvin College and Grand Valley State University where she plans to study pre-medicine with a focus in neonatology.



Isabelle Keast, 2nd grade

## Positive Attitudes

The NED Show visited John R. Rodger Elementary for an educational assembly. It promoted positive attitudes and encouraged students to do their best every day. The motivational acronym stands for:

**N**ever Give Up • **E**ncourage Others • **D**o Your Best



## Water and Boating Safety

Bellaire Middle and High School students welcomed members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to learn about water and boating safety. The guest speakers gave away 22 life jackets to grateful students.

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## Student Award Celebrations

Middle and high school students will celebrate with end-of-the-year awards ceremonies in the Performing Arts Center. Parents and community members are warmly invited!

**Middle School**      **May 9, 2:10 p.m.**  
**High School**      **May 18, 6:30 p.m.**

## Spring Concerts



Please plan to attend BPS spring concerts. All are welcome for outstanding performances in the Performing Arts Center.

**High School Band**      **May 10, 7 p.m.**  
**Middle School Band**      **May 16, 7 p.m.**

## Choir Performs



The Bellaire High School choir is performing the musical "Annie Jr." in the Performing Arts Center. Don't miss a great show!

**Sunday, May 21, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.**



## Garden Volunteers Needed

John R. Rodger Elementary School is seeking a few gardeners who are willing to volunteer to care for the school perennial garden a few hours each month, from April through September. If you are interested in helping please leave a message at 533-8916 x231.



## Time for Kindergarten!

It's not too late to register for 2017-2018 kindergarten. If you missed kindergarten round-up, call Mrs. LeCureux at (231) 533-8916 to enroll. Students must be five years old by Sept. 1, 2017. We want everyone to be included for KinderClub in August!

## Rotary Students of the Month

### Garrison Dawson

Garrison Dawson was selected as the Bellaire Rotary Student of the Month for March. Garrison is son of Doug and Lorri Dawson and maintains a 3.976 grade point average. He has been on the honor roll and had perfect attendance all four years of high school. Garrison is a creative problem solver and is genuinely helpful and patient. He uses these gifts as he serves in volunteer roles such as tutoring and with his church youth group.



Garrison is Senior Class President and Treasurer of National Honor Society. He has been captain of the cross country and track teams, earning first team All-Conference and All-State Academic for cross country in Fall 2017 and in track his junior year. He aspires to work as an anesthesiologist and will begin his college studies at Adrian College majoring in biology or chemistry.

### Gabe Meriwether

Gabe Meriwether was selected as the Bellaire Rotary Student of the Month for April. Gabe is well-rounded and participates in Manufacturing Technology Academy (MTA) while maintaining a 3.92 grade point average. He has developed skills in CAD, Solidworks Software, electrical systems, and fabrication principles.



Gabe has built leadership skills as captain of varsity basketball, class president, class representative, and editor of the MTA Teams Company Report. He has been a member of National Honor Society and the National Technical Honors Society. A highly competitive basketball player, Gabe was named first team All-State and set the school's total point record.

Gabe's volunteer work includes coaching youth basketball, blood drives, community holiday events, tutoring, and working with area senior citizens.



### Marlena Gorno

Marlena Gorno was selected as the Bellaire Rotary Student of the Month for May. Marlena maintains a 3.79 grade point average, excelling in academics, athletics and the arts. Her favorite classes are English and pre-calculus.

Throughout her high school career, Marlena has demonstrated great leadership qualities. She was named captain of the volleyball and track teams. She also is vice president of National Honors Society, and was voted homecoming queen by her peers.

An avid student of the arts, Marlena has danced at the Alden Dance Academy for the past 6 years; plays percussion in the high school band; and sings one of the lead roles in the school musical. Amongst her volunteer activities, Marlena serves as a tutor. She will attend Ferris State University in the fall where she plans to study pharmacy.



## Kiwanis Student of the Month + Career-Tech Center Student of the Quarter

Tim Farrar was selected to represent the TBAISD Career-Tech Center as the Kiwanis Student of the Month for April. Tim's dedicated work ethic in the Culinary Arts program is admired by his instructors and peers. Tim was honored at the Kiwanis luncheon at the Traverse City Elks Lodge.

Three chefs in the Career-Tech Center's Culinary Arts program also selected Tim as the Student of the Quarter for third quarter 2017. He was chosen because of his academic success, work ethic and achievement.



## 3-D Gutter Derby Triumph

The TBAISD 3-D Gutter Derby Best Design Award was presented to Alex Hornick, Dahlia Evans, Erin Evans, and Riley Kate Robinson. The team also took home the People's Choice Award based on votes from the audience. The event is a competition of vehicles designed and build by students using 3-D printers.

## 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.



## 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 DuPue at 533-8916 x285 to register.

### 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., May 22, 2017  
 Mon., June 19, 2017  
 Mon., July 24, 2017

# Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2016 - 2017

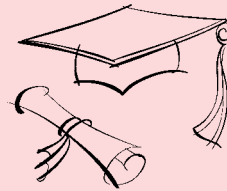
- May 29 No School - Memorial Day
- June 2 Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- June 6 Half Day for Students (HS Exams)
- June 7 Half Day for Students - Last Day

### 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.



## Important Dates for Seniors

May 11  
 MTA Awards Night, 6:00 p.m.

May 18  
 High School Honors Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.

May 23-25  
 Senior Exams

May 26  
 Graduation Practice  
 Last Day of School for Seniors

May 28  
 Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 p.m.

June 2  
 Graduation - Class of 2017, 7:00 p.m.

## PTO Events

- The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) creates
- fun events that support BPS. Mark your calendars
- to participate. And remember to save labels year
- round for school fundraising! (Box Tops, Labels for
- Education, Spartan, Coke Rewards) Contact Sue
- Mills (x267) or Shannon Patton (x264) at 533-8916.

**Monthly PTO Meeting**  
 Wednesday, May 17

# May - June 2017

## Bellaire Public Schools

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MAY</b> 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 MS Student Awards	10 HS Band Concert	11 V BB/SB v Central Lk MTA Awards Night	12 V Track Confr Meet	13 V SB Maris Spaulding Tourney @ Central Lk
15 V BB/SB @ JoBurg	16 V Track @ Mancelona MS Band Concert	17 V BB/SB v E Jordan PTO Meeting	18 HS Honors Awards Night	19 MHSAA Track Regional @ Manton	20
22 V BB/SB @ Boyer Falls Board of Education Meeting	23 Senior Exams V Track @ Gaylord Herald Invite	24 Senior Exams V SB v Glen Lake HS Choir "Annie Jr."	25 Senior Exams	26 Senior Graduation Practice	27
29 <b>No School</b> Memorial Day	30 V BB/SB @ LL St Mary	31	<b>JUNE</b> 1	2 Graduation	3 MHSAA BB/SB Districts MHSAA Track State Finals
5	6 <b>Half Day</b> of School HS Exams	7 <b>Half Day</b> of School HS Exams Last Day of School	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17
19 Board of Education Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	

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

<b>Breakfast</b>	
Grades K-5	Free
All other grades	\$1.35
Reduced	\$0.30
<b>Lunch</b>	
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](http://www.lunchapp.com). You may also find applications in the school office.

### Newsletter Delivery

The Bellaire Public Schools newsletter is distributed electronically every two months. Printed copies are also available at school offices, public library, Senior Center, and Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. To request the newsletter delivery via email, contact Bellaire Public Schools at 533-8015.

## Eagles Spring Sports

Check the calendar for a listing of upcoming athletic events. It's a great time of year to get outside and cheer for our baseball, softball and track athletes!

Athletic schedules are also available online at: <http://bellairepublicschools.com/events/category/athletic-events2/>

