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## Students Thrive at BPS

Fall is a great time to be a student of any age at Bellaire Public Schools. At all grade levels, children are learning, making friends, and exercising creativity.

High school art students worked on a metal tooling project to create art from texture. Pictured to the left is a lighthouse by Jennifer Yung, and a tree by Deanna Gantner. Pictured below, students in kindergarten, first, and second grades turned pumpkins into book reports. Colby, Thomas, Jaxson, Jace, Lilly and Averrie proudly show off their pumpkin characters. Bottom left and right are first graders geared up for Fire Safety Week and enjoying beautiful fall weather.



Pumpkin Book Reports



Fire Safety  
Week



First Graders Love Fall

# Superintendent's Announcements

- Jim Emery,  
Superintendent

## School Board Election Day

Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day and we have several Board of Education positions to fill on that date. School Board members are elected to six-year terms on even-numbered years, so we normally would have two positions open, however, BPS had two members resign this past year and the Board appointed members to fill those vacancies until the next general election - on November 6.

There are three individuals running for the two vacant Board seats that will expire in 2024. Kerri-Ann Shannon, Brad Klooster and Margie Thomas Boyd are seeking those positions. Rob Silk is running unopposed for the partial term that expires in 2022. Don Hoyt is running for the partial term that expires in 2020, along with write-in candidate Richard Jacques.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for **November 13**, with elementary conferences at 4:00-7:15 p.m.; and HS/MS conferences at 4:30-7:45 p.m. in an open format. A second day of conferences is scheduled on **November 20**, with elementary conferences at 4:00-7:00 p.m.; and HS/MS conferences at 4:30-7:30 p.m.

## Athletic Events

Fall sports are wrapping up and winter sports are just beginning. Bellaire is hosting the MHSAA Regional Volleyball Tournament on November 6 and 8. Middle school boys and girls basketball has begun and high school boys basketball begins practice on November 5. High school girls basketball and co-ed club bowling begin practice on November 12.

## Weather-Related School Cancellations

The snowflakes that have recently fallen means that school snow day cancellation phone calls could be right around the corner. Please let the school office know if you have changed your phone numbers so we can assure that you receive important School Messenger calls. In addition to the School Messenger phone call that you should receive, we post school cancellations on the school's website and calls are placed to TV 9 & 10 and TV 7 & 4 so you should see them on television and on their respective websites.

## Visit [www.BellairePublicSchools.com](http://www.BellairePublicSchools.com)!

Please remember to check the calendar at [www.BellairePublicSchools.com](http://www.BellairePublicSchools.com). Web content is updated almost daily and is the only official place to find out news about Bellaire Public Schools.

# Salute to Vets Nov. 12

BPS students are pleased to honor those who have served in the U.S. military during a Veteran's Day assembly on Monday, November 12 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.



## Join PTO

The John R. Rodger Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is planning events and student opportunities for the 2018-2019 school year, and more hands are always needed to help. All parents are welcome to join. To contact the PTO with questions or suggestions, email [bellaireeaglespto@gmail.com](mailto:bellaireeaglespto@gmail.com).



## Holiday Programs

Mark your calendars for upcoming holiday events!



High School	Middle School
Band/Choir Concert December 4, 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Center	Band Concert December 11, 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Center
Elementary Christmas Program December 12, 7:00 p.m. High School Gym	

## Preschool Choices

Bellaire Public Schools is pleased to continue the partnership with Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare offering three options for parents with preschool children: 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 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. Kids Club also offers services on snow days and school vacation days. Contact Tonya Dupuie at [TDupuie1@mhc.net](mailto:TDupuie1@mhc.net) or call 533-8916 x285.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 13

Elementary Conferences 4:00 - 7:15 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 20

Elementary Conferences 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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



## 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 and she will see that all children have necessary items. Remember, **roll-up** sleds are the only type permitted at school, and should also be labeled with students' names. *Note: All unclaimed lost/found items are donated or disposed of every nine weeks - so please remember to label.*

## School Cancellation Alerts

If school must be delayed or cancelled due to weather conditions, BPS families will receive a phone call notification through School Messenger. Television stations TV 7 & 4 and TV 9 & 10 will also be notified of school cancellations.



## Free/Reduced Cost Meals

**Important Note:** The elementary school no longer qualifies to offer free breakfast for all students. Students will be charged full price for breakfast (\$1.50) unless families qualify for free/reduced (\$0.30) meals.

Free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch 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 apply online at [lunchapp.com](http://lunchapp.com) or pick up an application 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.



## Wacky Science

The elementary students enjoyed a "Wacky Science" assembly sponsored by a Three Lakes Association grant and the Bellaire PTO.



## Michigan History Trip

Fourth graders enjoyed a day at Hartwick Pines Logging Museum near Grayling to learn about Michigan's economy during the 19th century logging era. At that time, the state led the nation in sawed lumber production.



# Third Grade Reading Law

Strong literacy skills are the foundation to a child's success as a student and citizen. With this in mind the Michigan Legislature passed Public Act 306 in 2016 and it will take effect beginning in the 2019-2020 school year (current 2nd graders). Starting with the 2017-2018 school year we are required by State law to assess students' reading levels three times per year. The law requires us to notify parents if their child is identified to be at risk of not achieving proficiency on the state assessment. For some students we are required to create an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) that requires a Read-At-Home component. You will be notified by the end of November if your child is at risk of not meeting PA306 standards and whether your child will have an IRIP and/or a Read-at-Home plan. The law states that beginning with the 2019-2020 school year students who are not reading at the 3rd grade level at the end of 3rd grade as measured by the State assessment will be retained in 3rd grade. This is a big goal and only with your help will it be achieved. We are eager to partner with parents to ensure that all students become strong readers.



## Science with Mr. Bones

First graders are studying the skeletal system with the help of Mr. Bones.

### Board of Education Meetings 2018-2019

**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., Nov. 19, 2018	Mon., April 15, 2019
Mon., Dec. 17, 2018	Mon., May 20, 2019
Mon., Jan. 21, 2019	Mon., June 17, 2019
Mon., Feb. 18, 2019	Mon., July 15, 2019
Mon., Mar. 18, 2019	

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# Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2018 - 2019

Nov	2	Half Day for Students End of First Marking Period
	5	No School for Students - Regional Staff Development Day
	13	Parent Teacher Conferences Elem 4:00-7:15 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:45 p.m.
	20	Parent Teacher Conferences Elem 4:00-7:00 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.
	21	Half Day for Students
	22-23	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
	26	School Resumes
Dec	22-31	No School - Christmas Recess
Jan	1-6	No School - Christmas Recess
	7	School Resumes
	17	Half Day for Students (HS Exams)
	18	Half Day for Students End of First Semester
Feb	19	Parent Teacher Conferences Elem 4:00-7:15 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:45 p.m.
	21	Parent Teacher Conferences Elem 4:00-7:00 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.
	22	Half Day for Students
Mar	21	End of Third Marking Period
	22-29	No School - Spring Recess
Apr	1	School Resumes
	18	Half Day for Students
	19	No School - Good Friday
May	27	No School - Memorial Day
	31	Graduation 7:00 p.m.
June	10	Half Day for Students (HS Exams)
	11	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

### Kristina Wendling

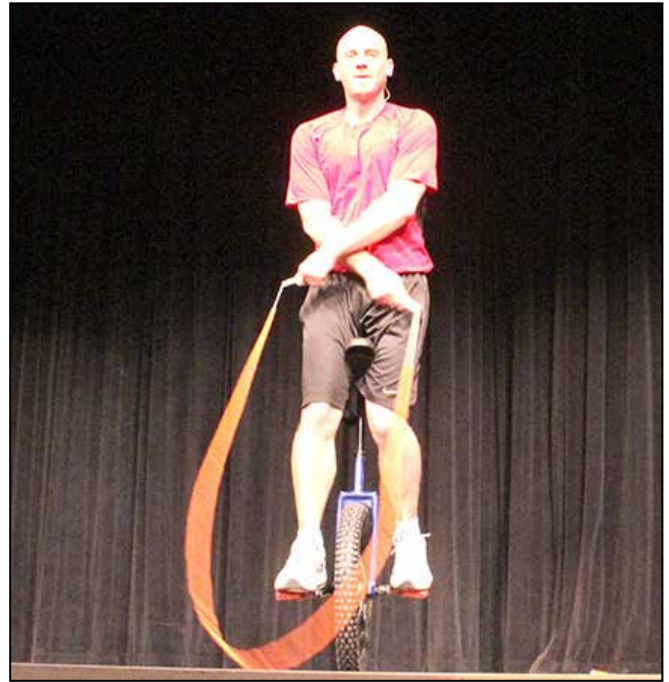
The Bellaire Rotary Club named Kristina Wendling October Rotary Student of the Month. She is daughter of Anne and Peter Wendling of Bellaire. Kristina maintains a 3.954 grade point average and has earned the trust and respect of her peers and teachers.



Kristina has taken rigorous classes including Advanced Placement and dual enrollment at Northwestern Michigan College for English and algebra. She is also able to balance participation in numerous extracurricular activities. A three-sport athlete, Kristina's athleticism has driven her all four years as a member of the track team, two years on the cross country team, and two years on the junior varsity volleyball team. She also plays the trombone in marching band and charmed audiences as the character of Babbitt in last year's musical *Beauty and the Beast*.

Outside of school, Kristina is passionate about her civic responsibility. She volunteers at the Bellaire Youth Center, St. Luke's Catholic Youth Group, as a Green Cord tutor, and at animal shelters. She also spearheads many school activities as vice president of the Bellaire Chapter of the National Honor Society, a leader in Student Council, and senior class treasurer.

Kristina is a problem solver, person of action, and a leader who leaves a lasting impression on her community and peers. After high school she plans to study communications and media.



## Inspiring Student Goals

Peter Nestler of Jump Rope Masters led an assembly for kindergarteners through eighth graders. He performed his incredible jump roping skills while spreading his message about work ethic, setting goals and perseverance. Pictured below, Jason Kowalski is double jumping with Mr. Nestler.



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Congratulations to 2018 Homecoming King Jeremiah Lockhart and Queen Amber O'Neal!



Jacob Boyko displays his pumpkin book report

# November - December 2018

## Bellaire Public Schools

### Meal Prices

**Important Note:** The elementary school no longer qualifies to offer free breakfast for all students. Students will be charged full price for breakfast as listed below unless families qualify for free/reduced meals.

#### Breakfast

All grades \$1.50  
Reduced \$0.30

#### Lunch

Elementary \$2.60  
MS/HS \$2.80  
Reduced \$0.40  
Adult (tax incl.) \$3.80  
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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NOVEMBER 1 School Picture Retakes MS B BB v Inland Lks VB Districts @ Central Lk	2 Half Day of School End of First Quarter MS G BB @ Mancelona	3
5 No School Prof. Development MS B BB v Pellston	6 VB Regionals	7 MS G BB @ Forest Area	8 VB Regionals	9	10
12 MS G BB @ Central Lk	13 Parent Teacher Conferences MS B BB @ Mancelona	14 MS G BB v Onaway MS B BB @ Gaylord SM	15	16	17
19 Board of Education Meeting MS G BB v Joburg	20 Parent Teacher Conferences MS B BB v Forest Area	21 Half Day of School	22 No School Thanksgiving Recess	23	24
26 School Resumes	27 MS B BB v Central Lk	28 MS G BB @ Joburg	29 MS B BB @ Onaway	30	DECEMBER 1
3 V B BB v E Jordan	4 MS B BB @ Joburg	5 V B BB @ Central Lk	6 V G BB v Kalkaska	7 V B BB @ Charlevoix MS G BB v Mancelona	8
10 MS B BB v Joburg	11 V G BB @ Central Lk	12 V B BB @ Mancelona	13 MS B BB v Mancelona	14 V B BB v Forest Area	15
17 Board of Education Meeting V G BB @ Lake City	18	19 V B BB @ Gaylord SM	20 V G BB @ Mancelona	21 V B BB v Joburg	22
24	25	26 No School Christmas Recess	27	28	29
31 JANUARY 1	2	3	4	5	
No School Christmas Recess					
7 School Resumes	8 V G BB @ E Jordan	9 V B BB v Onaway	10 V G BB @ Joburg	11 V B BB v Pellston	12

Dates and times subject to change