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BLOOMINGTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Student of the Marking Period Awards Science Dept



6th Grade Deisy DeLeon-Meza—Deisy is a super hard-working student who is self-motivated and caring. She makes sure all her assignments are completed, even when she is absent. She will ask for help when needed, and she is willing to help her classmates understand their assignments too. Always willing to lend the teacher a hand and an all-around great young lady, we are glad to have a student like Deisy!

Nathan Coleman—Nathan is a super quiet, studious young man. He is self-motivated and goes above and beyond the assignment. You can tell he works hard in all of his classes. He is willing to help when needed, and is sociable with his peers. It is a pleasure to have Nathan in our classes!

7th Grade Emma Reynolds is an outstanding student and is always giving a 100% in all of her classes. Emma always contributes to class discussions with well thought out and intelligent comments. Her positive presence is a welcome addition in our classrooms.

Victor Armijo has been like another teacher in our class. Very intelligent, he likes to answer questions during class discussions and is often helping explain content to others that need help. He has a great attitude and is an outstanding learner and class leader.

8th Grade Joshua Dowd: He has been an outstanding member of science class all school year. He brings a great attitude to class everyday and a drive to learn things. He can be counted on to be involved in class discussions, turn in high quality work, and keep the mood light and fun in class. It is a joy to have him in class each day.

Joanna Deaquino-Rojas: She has been a phenomenal student in science class this year. Her behavior is outstanding, she does great work, but most importantly she is a huge help to her fellow classmates. She takes time to make sure the students around her understand the content in class and encourages them to stay on task and work hard. She is a great example of a silent leader, she makes a huge positive difference in class every day.

9th Grade Jordyn Gillan: She is a focused & determined student. She always strives not only for excellence, but understanding. She has a positive outlook and is friendly to all her peers.

Jaiden Horvath: He is very intelligent and a great communicator. Not only does he pay attention to detail, but is very precise in all of his work. He has fostered a positive student-teacher relationship remotely.

10th Grade Manuel Alberto-De La Rosa is now working remotely. The distance doesn't matter, he is participating, he's commenting, & he's doing great work. During this weird & stressful year, Manuel is making school look easy.

Monica Corona-Garcia is continuing to meet the high standards she's had for herself since middle school. It doesn't matter that we're in the middle of a pandemic, she's working hard & taking her education seriously.

Shelby Hassing has been a shining star throughout this weird school year. No matter how rough it gets, or the struggle of being forced into virtual learning she still keeps a smile on her face, and gives a 100% into her school work. That level of commitment is impressive.

11th Grade Makennah Vandommelen: Being a remote student has some challenges to it though she did not let anything stand in her way. She was constantly asking questions and would work until all of her questions were answered and she understood the material. It was a pleasure having her in class and look forward to seeing what she can accomplish the rest of the school year. Salvador Serna: He is a pleasure to have in class. He is hardworking and focused. Every assignment was always turned in on time. We never heard him complain about anything, even the days that had a lot of assignments to be completed.

12th Grade Olaisa Moss: She is an incredibly hard worker and an amazing classmate. She has excelled both in the classroom and as a remote learner. She works hard at everything she undertakes and is a quiet voice of reason and rationale whenever we need her. She makes every attempt to do everything to her own exceptionally high standards. She arrives everyday ready to learn and ready to make the best of our unusual circumstances. She is a great example of a student who really put in the work to make sure she is always doing her best. She is intellectually gifted and her work ethic and drive are consistently impressive.

Maria Herrera: Beneath a reserved and angelic exterior lies a fierce young woman with opinions to express and a perspective to offer. She has blossomed in the last few months, making it impossible to ignore how ready she is for the next level of her education. Always the impressive student, she has shown herself a leader and an example to follow. She is kind and loving. Her thoughtful and meditative positivity are wonderful. She is a gifted learner and a hard worker. She is always looking for ways to keep busy and stay motivated making her an ideal student no matter the course.

Welcome Mrs. Roberts

I have volunteered and worked as a paraprofessional at Bloomington Public Schools on and off for 7 years. I have also worked for Allegan Public Schools for 3 years. During those 10 years I have gained many titles and certifications in education.

I am married and have four children. Two sons who currently attend Bloomington High School, a daughter who graduated from Otsego High School, and a son who attends Lakeview Middle School.

We are expecting our first grandbaby any day now and couldn't be more excited!

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my kids and husband on our small farm.



My name is Nathalie Yanes. I'm a second year teacher who has been lucky enough to find what I hope to be the community I develop my career in for as long as can be. I'm originally from California, but my family moved to Michigan when I was about 9. My dad fell in love with the countryside of Wayland where he was able to have his chickens and garden like in his home country. My parents are immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala and have taught my 2 sisters and me so much about hard work. I have two little sisters, both of which are in college at U of M and Eastern Michigan. I also have my bestest friend in the whole world, my doggy Sparky. I'm so excited to be starting my science teaching career at Bloomington. (Science Rocks!) Thank you for welcoming me into the community.

possible. The new guidelines are: in a two-week period, if your child rides the bus less than 4 times, they will be removed from the bus roster to allow another student to ride. Please understand, we will never remove your child from the bus roster without speaking to you first.

If your child is off due to COVID-19, you will need to contact the Transportation Office at (269)521-3906. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Transportation office or email bstone@bdalecards.org.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY



We are so thankful to our local Mobil station here in Pullman for applying for a 2020 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant on behalf of Pullman Elementary. We were able to receive \$500 to be used for math and science-related needs. We appreciate your support!

Our Paraprofessionals Are Great!

This year has been a challenge for all staff members, including our paraprofessionals. Our paraprofessional staff works very hard every day to provide support to the students and teachers at Pullman Elementary. During the school day, they are busy working in different classrooms, supporting the core instruction that the teachers are providing and supporting our Title I teacher by providing additional interventions to students who might need additional instruction in core content areas. The paraprofessionals have to be very flexible from minute-to-minute throughout the day. They are not only supporting academic needs, but also emotional and behavioral needs. In addition, they are supporting students when they are at recess.

We have had the great opportunity to add several new paraprofessionals to the amazing Pullman Elementary staff. Mrs. Rebecca Waldschmidt, Katie Rojas, and Vanessa Serna are working as paraprofessionals. Each of these ladies brings with them many skills that have added to the exceptional instruction that we offer our students.

With all of the changes that have taken place this year, our paraprofessionals are also helping teachers with planning for the in-person and remote learning being provided. In addition, our paraprofessionals are scheduling Google Meets with our students to be able to provide additional support academically as well as providing an opportunity to connect with their peers via Google Meets.

We are very lucky to have these ladies supporting not only our students, but also our teachers. Pullman Elementary would not be the same without the incredible support from our paraprofessional staff.

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Project Lean

The students at Bloomington Elementary might be talking about eating healthy and from all the food groups. This is because they are lucky enough again to be participating in Project Lean. Due to safety restrictions, this looks a bit different than the past, but this VBISD-sponsored program is keeping their interest all the same. This literacy focused nutrition intervention, encourages students to increase their physical activity and fresh vegetable and fruit consumption. Parents can help by reinforcing these habits at home. Eat those fruits and vegetables!

Meet Our Cadets

Two former elementary students are gracing our hallways once again, this time as Bloomington high school cadet teachers. Carolina Perales is a senior and is completing her second year as a cadet teacher in Mrs. Farnquist's 5th grade classroom. She has started teaching lessons to the class and the students are completely engaged knowing she once sat where they are and not that long ago. She plans to attend community college in the fall and continue her dream of becoming an educator. Kaitilyn McNees is a junior and in her first year of cadet teaching. She is thoroughly enjoying working with the youngest students in Mrs. Martinez's pre-kindergarten classroom. She is also starting to teach lessons, read to the students, and she adores her interactions with them. We are thoroughly impressed with these cadets and their eagerness to become the next generation of educators.



A Unique Experience

Some of the classes at Bloomington Elementary took two virtual trips around the world this month. They had the pleasure of meeting with a couple of exchange students who were not able to come to the United States because of the pandemic. However, they were eager to connect with students from our school, so they held Zoom meetings and presented some interesting facts and wonders of their countries. First they met 16-year-old Tala Abu-Rmeileh, from Amman, Jordan. The students were amazed by the Dead Sea and the unique architecture of her country. The next virtual tour took students to Tbilisi, Georgia where they met 16-year-old Vakhtango Gabunia. Here our students were mesmerized by colorful currency and particular looking buildings. The exchange students did a great job answering all our students' questions and keeping them engaged. It was a wonderful and unique experience.



Spanish Club

We are always looking for silver linings while in the midst of a pandemic. Mrs. DeVries' 3rd & 4th grade students have learned many new computer skills this year. Recently, 3 of her students have decided to create their own Spanish Club. Valeria Gonzalez, Jasmin Munoz Nunez and Dayanna Grimaldo are 4th graders and are starting a weekly Spanish Club. They got the idea because they know that when students get older and are in secondary school they will be able to take Spanish class. These girls thought it would be great to help their peers to get started early! They stated, "Our brains are like sponges so we can absorb all the knowledge!"

All of the Spanish Club meetings will be Google Meets on Fridays after their regular class Google Meets. "We have different Bitmoji classes that we made and put into Schoology. The Bitmoji classrooms teach Spanish words for pronunciation, colors and foods. We also have reading rooms with Youtube videos of books in Spanish," stated the girls as they were discussing their Spanish Club.

Each of the girls have designated different topics to cover in their Bitmoji classes. Jasmin's first activity was making

Valentine's cards. She taught the viewers writing, reading, and communication. Valeria's first activity was teaching feelings. "I will say the feeling and the kids will try to guess what feelings in Spanish," stated Valeria. Dayanna will be teaching colors in her Bitmoji classes.

Their first day for the Spanish class was Friday, February 12. They kept students engaged in learning the Spanish words for about 45 minutes. During the Google Meet, Mrs. DeVries helped to monitor the chat as well as help the girls to ask guiding questions and make suggestions on how to support the other students who attended the Spanish Club.

These 4th grade students are very hard working and driven students. They enjoy learning and sharing the skills that they have with their classmates. After attending so many Google Meets this year for their learning as well as learning how to add slides to Google Slides, these three students have shown that they, too, can teach others new skills.

Bloomington Public Schools Board Of Education Seeks Input In Superintendent Search

Bloomington Public Schools Board of Education is beginning the process of hiring a new superintendent. The Board is soliciting community and staff input on the qualities, experiences, and skills needed in the new superintendent. Residents of the district, all staff and administration are encouraged to participate in the process.

The Board is being assisted in its search by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), a service organization that supports the work of school boards throughout Michigan. Patrick Kreger is facilitating the search on behalf of MASB.

Kreger will be holding meetings virtually and on-site to give the community and staff opportunity for input. Parents and community members are invited to share their perspectives at the following meetings:

March 1, 2021	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Virtual link to be posted on bdalecards.com
March 2, 2021	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	On-Site

Input may also be shared via an online survey, which is available at this URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bloomingtondalsearch>

The survey is being administered by the MASB Executive Search team on behalf of the District and takes about ten minutes to complete. Anonymous individual responses will be combined with those from the virtual meetings with stakeholders to provide important community input to the Bloomington Public Schools Board of Education as it seeks to identify the best candidate for the position.

Maintenance Crew

Brad Ashbrook, Tim Payne, & Justin Withrow

We would like to say that in years past we have had very strong maintenance crews, and the current group is no exception.

They take a lot of pride in their work, not to mention that they truly enjoy working within a school district. They're a group that continues to look for ways to improve in all areas of our maintenance program.

Thank you!



<u>Advanced Manufacturing</u>	<u>Emergency Medical Technician</u>
<u>Agriculture and Natural Resources</u>	<u>Engineering & Architectural Design</u>
<u>Allied Health Technologies</u>	<u>Finance, Investment, and Technology</u>
<u>Auto B-E-S</u>	<u>Fire Science Academy</u>
<u>Auto E-E-P</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
<u>Cadet Teacher Academy</u>	<u>Marketing /Entrepreneurship</u>
<u>Commercial Design</u>	<u>Medical Biotechnology</u>
<u>Construction Trades</u>	<u>Patient Care</u>
<u>Cosmetology</u>	<u>Pharmacy Technician</u>
<u>Culinary Arts & Catering Management</u>	<u>Polymer Technologies</u>
<u>Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology</u>	<u>Print Media Technologies</u>
<u>Dental Assistant *Coming Soon*</u>	<u>Software Engineering</u>
<u>Early Childhood Careers and Education</u>	<u>Van Buren Middle College Welding</u>

This is an awesome opportunity for students to gain a hands-on experience while earning college credit, or learning about Trades. Our school also provides bussing. 10th grade students will sign up starting February 17th with the School Counselor, Mr. Campbell. More information is coming about this wonderful opportunity soon.