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BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY

PTO Party

Although it looked a bit different than years past, our students were thrilled to participate in some fun provided by our amazing PTO. While ensuring all safety protocols were in place, students got to climb a rock wall, enjoy inflatables, popcorn and their favorite thing ever, snow cones! It has been quite a year, and it was so wonderful to see the students have lots of fun and enjoy activities outside. We are very grateful to our PTO for making this opportunity possible for our students.



PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

Come Hear A Story

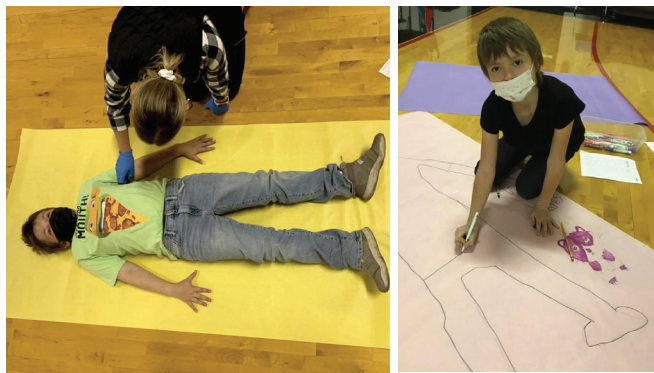
Pullman Elementary will be hosting a Pop-Up Lit Lab on July 9 and July 30 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Come hear a story, get a book, do fun activities, get a snack, and have lots of fun!

All families are welcome to attend. We will be at the pavilion at the playground. We are partnering with Project L.E.A.N. and Great Start Collaborative. We hope to see you there!



Positive Traits Silhouette

The 4th and 5th grade students of Pullman Elementary School celebrated their end of the year social and emotional learning lessons by having fun with some art! Each student brainstormed 20-30 positive words that describe their personalities and unique characteristics. Each student traced their body on large poster paper then wrote the positive words they came up with in or around their bodies on the paper and decorated it however they chose. It was a fun way to wrap up end of the year SEL lessons and practice having a growth mindset!



Welcome Class of 2034!

On May 20th, we welcomed the class of 2034 at Kindergarten Round-Up. We were thankful to see so many eager kids ready to become little Cardinals. If you missed it and will have a school aged child in the fall, please contact the office to get him/her registered. You can also register online. We look forward to meeting all of the students in this class come fall! In the meantime, you can help your incoming kindergartener by practicing the following over the summer;

- Writing - especially their name
- Letter & number recognition
- Shapes and colors
- Cutting with child-safe scissors
- Attention and following directions
- Read to your child - EVERYDAY!

Who is ready for kindergarten?

"We are!"



5th Grade Orientation

We were pleased to welcome the Bloomington and Pullman Elementary 5th grade students to the Middle and High School for their Orientation on Monday, May 24th. The kids got to tour the building, listen to the fight song, learn about what their school experience next year will be like and hopefully they feel a little less nervous about the transition to middle school. We are looking forward to having them learning with us next year!



"Gold's Curse" Adventure Sail

Ever imagine what it would be like to be trapped on a pirate ship searching for clues to help you escape? This is exactly what a group of Bloomington sixth graders experienced on May 6th!

The students met Captain Megan at the South Haven Yacht Club and learned the details of their impending adventure. Teams were created, safety instructions were drilled and reviewed, and then the vessel, Serenity set sail for the open waters of Lake Michigan!

While underway the students had to work together to solve puzzles and find clues, all designed to develop teamwork and cooperation, while stretching their imaginations and their persistence.

Riddles and puzzles dealt with Mermaid eggs, leaky milk pails, clues locked in bottles, or written on the back of broken plates, and messages on scrolls written in invisible ink!



All of the clues lead to the students finding key words or phrases that in turn, led to other key words! When all of the key words were found, the "curse" was broken!



Students were also challenged by plotting a course, using navigation tools and taking a turn at the helm.

"The clues were hard!" reported a student. "We really had to listen to each other and try out different ideas," another student added.

"That is what success sounds like," said Mr. Blough, one of the attending staff, commenting on the students responses.

"Getting the students into an environment like this with these different challenges, could create a life long, positive memory: a sense of belonging in a socially distanced school year," he continued.

The event was presented by Maritime Academy and Sail Training (Mastsouthhaven@gmail.com) and by the owners of Serenity, a tall ship out of Saugatuck. (sailingsaugatuck.com)

"The Serenity was in South Haven giving free sails to first responders and frontline workers, so the timing for the Bloomington's student adventure with us, worked out perfectly." "I am glad we can be a leader in these types of programs," continued the Captain, "and the Bloomington students worked hard on the clues and really respected the vessel." "They were great!"

BLOOMINGTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsors of this Year's Graduating Class



With a little creativity and the right amount of cash, obstacles can be overcome and fun can be had! This has been the case for the Senior Class of 2021. Thanks to these generous community partners, the seniors were able to go to Timber Ridge in Gobles in February, Airway Fun Center in Portage in May, plan a cookout for the last day of school, plan prom, and hold a prize raffle at graduation practice. None of this would have been possible without generous donations of both time and money from these community partners:

Cherry Bennett, Great Lakes Pondscapes of Paw Paw, J&H Family Stores M-43 Marathon Plainwell Meijer, West Main Target.

Bloomington friends and family, please keep these individuals and businesses in mind when out making your purchases. These local sponsors deserve your support and certainly have our admiration!!

Thank you again to our 2020/2021 Senior Class sponsors!! We are grateful for all you did to make this difficult year memorable in all the right ways.



Outstanding Remote Learners of the Year

This year, many students and families opted for the fully-remote learning option offered by Bloomington Public Schools. These students faced all of the obstacles presented by learning the required curriculum as well as technological and time management issues. Through the steadfast dedication of their teachers and the perseverance and positivity of all involved, remote learning proved to be an unqualified success for many. Bloomington Middle and High School teachers were so proud of so many that they took it upon themselves to celebrate and acknowledge this year's Outstanding Remote Learners with special recognition. Yard signs were placed in front of the residences of 47 All Stars who went above and beyond, meeting each expectation set out for fully-remote students. These qualities in a learner included: being a student who stayed in contact regularly with teachers, completing consistent, quality work, attending Google Meets whenever possible, submitting work on time, and being a remote learner for the majority of the 2020/2021 school year (including when the awards were given).

The following is a list of this year's Outstanding Remote Learners:

6th Grade

Lluvia Alberto-DeLaRosa
Allen Eldridge
Ezekiel Gonzalez
Travis Graham
Moises Perales-Salazar
Nevaeh Shinn
Lexi Wertz

7th Grade

Chayse Ciborski
Brady Bard
Hannah Billings
John Eldridge
Isabelle Horvath
Dale Null
Dominic Schellenberg
Dakota Shaffer
Andrew Suranyi

8th Grade

Brandt Byers
Anai Benitez
Alex Finch
Loucas Georgiou
Kyra Pirch
Michael Sullins

9th Grade

Rosa (Katrina) Garcia
Cadence Graham
Jaiden Horvath
Katie Karvanek
Lita Null
Yulissa Perales
Jocelyn Suranyi
Roxanne Sustaita

10th Grade

Kyleeah Barbosa
Madryn Hegelmann
Olivia Kelly
Maribel Perez

11th Grade

Devin Halliday
Jacob Kolean
Riley Nowak
Eva Rosas Flores
Araceli Salazar
Leslie Sustaita
Hunter Thrasher
Makennah
Vandommelon
Hailey Wertz

12th Grade

Angelina Andrade-Marquez
Mavrick Manning
Icel Marin-Gomez
Katelynn Slater



Special thanks to Angela Murphy for creating the yard sign art, Carrie Levering for mapping out student addresses, Deb Rodgers for organizing the sign distribution, and seniors Kallie Harrison, Maria Herrera, and Olaisa Moss for donating their time to put up the signs.