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PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

Anime Club

Mr. Larson hosts the Anime Club on Fridays after school for 4th and 5th grade students at Pullman Elementary. This club is geared towards students who have a passion for anime, manga, and Japanese culture. Students will be introduced to school-appropriate anime. Club activities include discussions on anime, drawing lessons, and screening episodes.



Pullman Cardinal Master Builders

A team of six 2nd and 3rd grade students make up the Pullman Cardinal Master Builder Lego team. The team is part of a larger organization, FIRST Lego League Explore.

This year our students participated with students around the world in a challenge called Cargo Connect. The team completed several Lego builds by following diagrams, built their own creations, and used basic coding skills to make robotic parts move. All of their work was based around the theme of sorting and moving cargo from one place to another.

This year's team members include: Harmony Amos, Mattilyn Jankowski, Romeo Gutierrez, Ricky Gutierrez, Edison Lagunes, and Jonni Cardona.



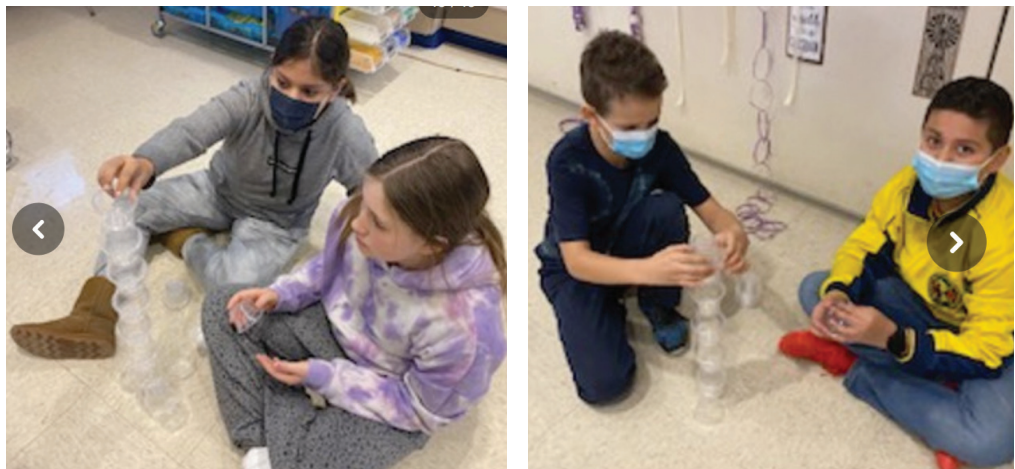
What it Means to Have Hope

The 3rd graders in Mrs. Harris' room have been thinking about what it means to have hope and talking about things they'd hope for themselves, their family, the school and their world. They've been reading the short stories from Christine Hassing's Hope has a Cold Nose. Christine is a Bloomington graduate and former school board member; she's published a book that features veterans and the relationships they have with their service dogs. She visited the classroom and answered many questions that the students have been wanting to ask and prompted them to think about what hope means to them. They were given special pens and paper to write and/or draw about hope. When finished, each student had time to share their project with Christine. You can check out her work at christinehassing.com

STEM

We are very excited to be able to offer STEM classes to our students this year as a special. STEM started when the second semester began on January 24. Ms. Morehead is teaching STEM. Students are having the opportunity to explore hands-on activities, build things, and investigate how things work. Students are using fun tools to build, along with Legos. Our younger students are focusing on building their fine-motor skills as well.

The students LOVE STEM and are excited to work on the next project!



BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY

Bloomington Elementary students had a fun time ice skating in South Haven on Wednesday.



Buddies

Buddies are back! The Big Buddies/Little Buddies program at Bloomington Elementary has made its way back into classrooms. Classes from the lower elementary are paired with classrooms from the upper elementary. The younger kids really look up to the older kids. It gives them a way to develop relationships and have mentors that may read to them, help them with math, or create a fun project together. For the older students, this is an opportunity for them to shine as a role model for others. It was always a success in the past, and it is off to a pretty exciting start once again.

BLOOMINGTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Amazing Cardinal Race Day

An advisory scavenger hunt with a twist

The advisory class who finds all the answers first and completes all the challenges wins. Once an advisory class knew the answer to the first clue, they wrote it on the answer sheet and sent the first team (with the clue slip) to that location to complete the activity and collect the Activity Token. Students needed to bring the token back to their Advisory room so they could tape it to the answer sheet. The teacher will then read the next corresponding clue to the class to solve and so on. There were 10 clues in all. This continued until all the clues and the activities were completed. The advisory classes that finished first and followed all the directions, won a pizza party. The High School winning advisory class was Mr. Bily's Advisory Class and the Middle School winning advisory class was Mrs. Hey's Advisory Class. The administration chose one Outstanding Advisory Class who showed perseverance and good sportsmanship and that was Mr. Swier's Advisory Class. These classes will enjoy their pizza at the PM Cardinal Time on February 16th. All the advisory classes did a great job and the whole building was popping with excitement during the Amazing Cardinal Race 2022.



Quiz Bowl

The Middle School Quiz Bowl team traveled to White Pigeon on Saturday, 2/12 for their first competition. Led by eighth-grade captain, Aubrey Newberry, Natalie Gumpert, Patrick Robinson, and sixth-grade teammates, Hunter Ellis and Kyle Groh placed third out of ten teams. It was their first experience with a buzzer tournament format that lasted five hours. They hung in there and placed in the top three. Congratulations! GO CARDS!!!

The High School Quiz Bowl team has completed two of its three competitions for this season, also at White Pigeon. We have one team of underclassmen: Emma Hosier, Isaiah Hopson, Rowan Hegelmann, Ben Krall, and Jacqueline Sivak and one team of seniors: Alan Grimaldo, Antonio Garcia, Jacob Kolean, and Malachi Cassels. Competing against seven other teams, the senior team placed first in the first competition, and third in the second competition. Their last competition takes place on Saturday, February 26.

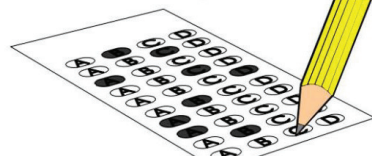


MS/HS (SPRING 2022) Upcoming Testing Schedule

Upcoming Testing Dates

02/07/22 - 03/25/22	WIDA ACCESS & WIDA Alternate ACCESS FOR ELLs Testing Window
04/11/22 - 04/29/22	Accommodated Testing Window for the SAT
04/11/22 - 05/06/22	Accommodated Testing Window for the ACT Workkeys
04/11/22 - 05/20/22	M-Step Testing Window for 6,7,8 & 11 Grades
04/11/22 - 05/27/22	Mi-Access Alternative Assessment Window
04/13/22	PSAT 8/9 for Grades 8 and 9
04/13/22	PSAT 10
04/13/22	SAT with Essay
04/13/22 - 04/29/22	Accommodated Testing Window for PSAT 8,9, and 10
04/14/22	ACT Workkeys
04/26/22	Make-Up SAT
04/26/22 - 04/27/22	PSAT Make-Up Window for Grades 8, 9, and 10
04/28/22	Make-Up ACT Workkeys

State Testing Info



Middle and High School Perfect Attendance

Kylie King 6
Alexander Garcia 7
Allie King 8
Dakota Shaffer 8
Isaac Goudzwaard 9
Abraham Morales 9
Reed Remington 9
Jose Ruvira 9
Kelsey Simms 9
Staci Hassing 10
Evan Jewett 10
Monica Corona-Garcia 11
Stephos Georgiou 11

Teachers with Perfect Attendance

Carly Anderson
Arienne Bowman
Thomas Pryer
Matt Swier



Welcome

My name is Bill Taylor. I come to Bloomington with over 33 years of experience and education. During my time in education I have served as a math teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, principal, graduate assistant at Purdue's athletic department, football, basketball and track coach. I've been an active member in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for 25 years and was granted life membership after my initial retirement. During the summer I often spend time working at Beeches Golf Club in South Haven or volunteering at Camp Lake Louise in northern Michigan. I've spent many years on the worship team at my church and as youth leader for youth group. During my free time I'm usually at the golf course, playing basketball, spending time with friends, or watching a ball game. Also enjoy traveling, going to concerts or other live music, or the theater. I have two wonderful 27-year-old twins.



Mock Interviews

Mrs. Nelson's Senior Personal Finance class holds mock interviews to practice what it would be like to go through a real interview. This year we interviewed Deb Rodgers, Mike Campbell, and Scott Pfeiffer. We decided that Bloomington hired the right people for their jobs.

