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BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY

Farm Week

The kindergarten classes had a great hands-on ending to farm week. Thanks to the Kubiszak Family and Chelsea Zarate for bringing animals in to share with all our students at Bloomington Elementary. All grade levels enjoyed petting the animal babies and getting an up close experience with the animals they were learning about.



2022-23

BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

DATE: MAY 12 TIME: 5:00PM-7:00PM
LOCATION: BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ONLINE @ BDALECARDS.COM

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2022
CHILD MUST BE 5 BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
(DECEMBER 1 WITH WAIVER)

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:
BIRTH CERTIFICATE
PROOF OF RESIDENCY
UPDATE IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

WE WILL BE SCREENING CHILDREN FOR PLACEMENT,
HEARING AND VISION, AND DENTAL.

PLEASE CONTACT SHELSEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
(269)521-3935 OR SGOUDZWAARD@BDALECARDS.ORG



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FECHA: 12 DE MAYO HORA: 5:00PM-7:00PM
UBICACIÓN: PRIMARIA BLOOMINGTON

POR FAVOR PRE-REGÍSTRESE EN LÍNEA @ BDALECARDS.COM

EL REGISTRO ABRE EL 1 DE MAYO DE 2022
EL NIÑO DEBE TENER 5 AÑOS PARA EL
1 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2022
(1 DE DICIEMBRE CON RENUNCIA)

POR FAVOR TRAER LO SIGUIENTE:
CERTIFICADO DE NACIMIENTO PRUEBA DE RESIDENCIA
REGISTROS DE INMUNIZACIÓN ACTUALIZADOS

*ESTAREMOS EVALUANDO A LOS NIÑOS PARA LA COLOCACIÓN,
AUDICIÓN Y VISIÓN, Y DENTAL.

POR FAVOR CONTACTE A SHELSEY SI TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA (269)521-3935
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PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

March is Reading Month

This year, we really focused on getting our students having lots of fun with reading throughout the month. We kicked off the month with an assembly on March 1 as the principal acted out the book, "The Dinky Donkey". The students loved the comedy of the story and seeing their principal being silly.

We had several guest readers such as a leprechaun and the Superintendent each passing out a special treat with their book. Students were encouraged to read as many books as they could throughout the month. Each grade was given a poster to put stars on

with each book title to see how many books were read.

We had different dress up days throughout the month that were so much fun such as Wacky Day, Dress Like a Farmer, Hat Day, Dress Like a Cat, Dress like Your Favorite Book Character Day, Dress like a Teacher, Twin Day, Pajama Day, and Dress Like Your Favorite Super Hero Day.



Through several donations we were able to purchase many new books for students to be able to select several books to keep throughout the month. Students loved the new books that we could choose from. They were able to make suggestions and we were able to fulfill many of the suggestions.

We finished the month off with a Reading Celebration in the gym. Students were able to take part in different activities in the gym such

as face painting, Guess the number of objects in the jar game, coloring, board games, giant checkers, and putting people in the "Book Jail". Students really enjoyed their time having lots of fun.

It was so nice getting back to having fun with our students. We have been so isolated over the past two years and the Reading Celebration finally allowed our students to be able to have lots of fun together.



PULLMAN ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

DATE: MAY 12 5-7 PM
IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

LOCATION: PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HEALTH DEPT. WILL PROVIDE HEARING,
VISION, & DENTAL SCREENINGS (ALL
REQUIRED TO START KINDERGARTEN)

BRING: YOUR STUDENT, BIRTH
CERTIFICATE, VACCINATION RECORD,
AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE BACKPACK
OF SUPPLIES & A FREE CARDINAL SHIRT.



MSTEP Testing

Students in grades 3-5 are required to take the M-STEP which is an online standardized test. Students in 5th grade will be taking 4 sub-tests: Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students in 3rd and 4th grade will be taking 2 sub-tests: Reading and Math. All testing takes place while students are at school

The testing schedule is as follows:

Date	Grade	Subtest
4/19/22	5th	ELA
4/20/22	4th	ELA
4/21/22	5th	Math
4/26/22	4th	Math
4/27/22	5th	Science
4/28/22	3rd	ELA
5/3/22	5th	Soc. Studies
5/4/22	3rd	Math

We are working hard to ensure that students are prepared for taking the M-STEP. It will be important that students get good sleep the night before each testing date.

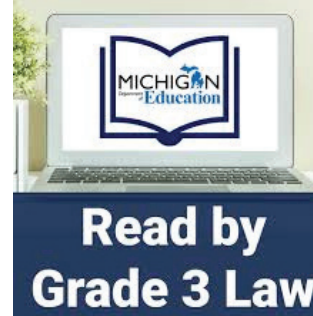
Read by 3rd Grade Law

The State has put into place the Read by Grade 3 reading law that requires schools in Michigan to assess our students 3 times per year to determine if they are at the appropriate grade level in reading. It is expected that students are at the 3rd-grade reading level by the end of 3rd grade.

We use several different assessments that help us to determine the areas in which we need to provide interventions for those students who are not at grade level. Those students receive a tier 2 intervention in the classroom. Those students who require additional interventions, a tier 3 intervention, are pulled out to the Title I Reading Room to work with our Reading Interventionist. We have been able to see good growth for all of our students this school year.

All 3rd grade students will be required to take the M-STEP for the first time in their educational career. The data from that state-required assessment will determine if a student might need to be recommended to be retained due to low reading skills. It is very important that we work together to avoid any of our students having to be retained at the end of 3rd-grade.

The best way to support your student at home is to read with him/her every day. You can have them read to you, you can read to them, you can take turns reading. Any type of reading will greatly benefit your students. If you are in need of books at home please let your student's teacher know.



Read by
Grade 3 Law



BLOOMINGTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

MHS Business Professionals of America

Katelyn Jewett, Madryn Hegelmann and Daniel Danes earned a place at the Michigan Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference which took place at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on March 10-13.



Katelyn was chosen as one of the top four for her Graphic Design Promotion (pictured on left) at the Van Buren Tech Center. She then went on to place 3rd at the regional competition which advanced her to the state conference in Grand Rapids. Katelyn enjoyed the Legacy Launchers at the state meet which consisted of speeches and activities related to business networking.

Madryn advanced to the state competition in Cyber Security by

placing 1st in Microsoft Servers at the regional level. She placed 3rd at state which advanced her to the National Competition in Dallas, Texas on May 4-8. At the conference Madryn became a voting delegate and truly enjoyed her experience.

Daniel placed 3rd at the regional competition in two different fields, C# Programming and C++ Programming. He rocked the state meet and took 3rd in C# Programming which earns him a trip to Nationals in Dallas, Texas. Daniel became a programmer by accident and found that he enjoys the challenges that come with the field.

The initial competition for these students was held through the Van Buren Tech Center. Bloomington students are doing great things! Good luck at Nationals!



Katelyn Jewett Madryn Hegelmann Daniel Danes

National Honor Society

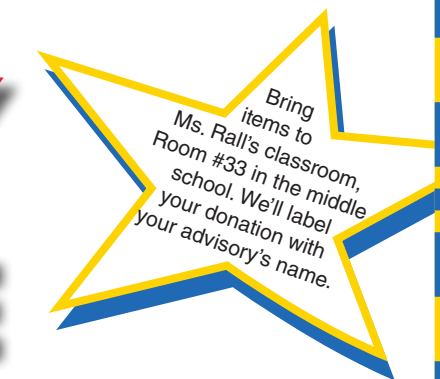
The newly inducted members of the National Honor Society partnered with Ms. Corbin at Pullman Elementary and helped cap off the school's March is Reading Month activity. The NHS members worked with the Pullman Elementary students by reading and playing literacy-based games in a celebration of all the work the students did during March. "This was a great way for the NHS members to interact with the younger kids and provide a fun activity before the students left for spring break" said NHS sponsor Alan Bobalik. The NHS students are looking forward to future service projects in the schools and community.



Community Service Project

Students in Ms. Rall's 6th grade Current Events class study national and international news. The recent focus has been the war in Ukraine, which has created more than 4 million Ukrainian refugees. Learning about those people encouraged the students to develop a community service project to benefit other refugees who have recently moved to our part of the world. After talking with a local non-profit, they learned that many refugee children have few toys, so the students are hosting a toy drive. The donations will be delivered to eight boys and girls, of ages 2 through 16, who have recently resettled in Southwest Michigan. New and gently-used toys and books can be brought to the MSHS office between now and April 22.

TOY DRIVE



For Southwest Michigan Refugee children!

Many refugees have been resettled here in Southwest Michigan, so we're collecting toys and other activities for five boys who are ages 2, 4, 6, 14, and 16 and three girls who are ages 3, 6, and 8. Refugees are people of all ages who are forced from their own countries by war or political unrest. They cannot return home for fear of persecution because of their race, ethnicity, religion and political affiliations.

Suggestions

Legos
Soccer balls, Basketballs, etc.
Action figures
Dolls
Dress Up Clothes

Board Games
Coloring books
Arts and craft supplies
Books
Stuffed Animals

We would like any donations to be new items or very gently used and clean. Donuts will be given to the Advisory class that donates the most items!



Bethany
CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Donated items will be brought to Bethany Christian Services, who will deliver them to these local children. BCS provides support to refugees during their first six months after being resettled in the United States.

Drive ends Friday April 22

