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BANGOR COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP "Working Together for our Future"

Letters have been mailed to past donors of the Bangor Community Scholarship Fund (previously known as the David J. Walton Scholarship Fund). If you did not receive a letter, there is still time help out!

We invite you as individuals, businesses, and civic organizations to make a contribution to this worthwhile program. Scholarship grants help numerous students attain educational goals they could not otherwise afford. Students now must raise over 75% of the costs associated with college. With today's economy, our best and brightest need your help more than ever!

Each year, eight to ten \$500.00 book scholarships are awarded to deserving seniors. In today's college world, this scholarship helps pay for books for one semester.

Your contribution is appreciated. Please make a check payable to the Bangor Community Scholarship Fund and mail it to the school address below. If you have any questions or are interested in serving as a trustee of this scholarship committee in the future, please call Jeff Melvin, high school principal, at 427-6844.

Thank you again for your financial support in helping our students to succeed in their education. We deeply appreciate it.

Sincerely,

The Bangor Community Scholarship Board

Mary Burnside, Chuck French, Jan French, Jane Grier, Joann Harden, Bill Yankovich

Bangor Middle School Honor Roll 2nd Trimester *Denotes All A's

5th Grade Tyler Brenne Andrew Cervantes Grace Ford Jennifer Garcia	Jose Garcia Tirza Gennrich Alondra Gutierrez Audrey Hay *Hannah Householder Ke'Arius Jennings	Lisandro Magana Alvaro Martinez Mason May Krea Pittman Emily Pop Jennifer Quinones	Shelby Ray Hailee Stone Summer Torres Ariel Wescott
6th Grade Noemi Arevalo Lucas Artis Ariana Birkhead Mayra Calvillo Abigail Daugherty Emilie Fillmore	Katherine Gallegos Sammy Glidden-Fry Jasmin Gomez Elijah Griffioen *Michael Hardester Emily Hernandez *Carter Hull	Jaedon Jones *Keith Kueny Olivia Kuiper Cameron London Kenneth McPike Kenneth McPike Hannah Mellinger *Abby Moench	Rolando Munoz *Zachary Polk Leonardo Puga Cecelia Salomon Kali Schneider Katalina Soria A J Stigler
7th Grade Lily Canning Marilin Carrillo Shawn Cox Alyssa Eisner Carter Finch Seth Fogg	*Grace Gleason Elena Guel Joseph Hardester Adriana Hernandez Ehliza Kelly Jamie Latterner Victoria London	Marycruz Lopez-Murillo Saylor McGuire Jason McKinney Jenny Medina Demetrio Ivan Mejia Anise Montoya *Olivia Price	Noah Solis-Hammond *Jack Stormont Maleik VerStrate Marshall Weber Brandon Westbrooks Joshua Zordan
8th Grade Jamie Allen Jacob Brink Faviola Diaz Romeo Diaz Deleon Alexzander Ealy Zackeryiah Gargus Austin Gennrich	Benjamin Greiner Elisabeth Jackson Madison Kueny Madison McGuire Breanna McNett Harley Miller Michael Pobuda Tyler Post	Nina Ring Brett Robertson Emily Roe Angelia Ross Katelyn Sanchez Ernesto Saucedo Chevy Smith Megan Sprague	Olivia Stockford Jonathan Strampel Gerardo Villanueva Quentin Walantyn Samantha Zordan

Can You Dig It!

The students at Bangor Middle School recently completed a major fundraiser to raise funds for local needs. The fundraiser called, "Can You Dig It!", has our students asking for pledges to have a chance at participating in activities that center around volleyball skills such serves, hits, and digs. On Thursday, April 3, over 100 students who took part in raising funds were brought to the gym to have fun with the various volleyball skills. As you can see, the fundraiser addresses physical fitness as well as teaching our students the importance of giving and community service. We hope to continue this fundraiser annually to help support local organizations that provide services that directly impact the community of Bangor. This year, the

staff and students of Bangor Middle School decided the funds would be allocated to the Bangor Middle School Student Council who would then use the funds toward improving the courtyard at our school.

The courtyard has been refurbished in the past by various student and community organizations and is now in need of more attention. The focus of the courtyard project will be to have a usable area for our students to enjoy as a place to have lessons, eat lunch, and to create "green" places for various habitats. This year's "Can You Dig It" fundraiser was a huge success with over \$2400 collected by our students.

We want to thank all those who supported this endeavor to improve our community. Next year the Bangor Middle School Student Council will be choosing another Bangor organization to support from the funds of this annual fundraiser.

Middle School Solo & Ensemble

On Saturday, April 19, the middle school band program will be sending the largest number of students to the MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble in Dowagiac at Southwestern Michigan College. For the event, students work on a solo, duet or trio and prepare to perform in front of a judge. Their selection must be a minimum of 90 seconds to qualify for a rating. Students have been meeting after school for the last 9 weeks working with Ms. Huyser and their accompanist in preparation for their

performance. In total there will be 23 events with 25 students performing. The students are: Jamie Allen, Yareli Bentancourt, Lauryn Crandall, Alyssa Eisner, Grace Gleason, Elena Guel, Connor Hoots, Elisabeth Jackson, Jose Marin, Madison McGuire, Breanna McNett, Anise Montoya, Bethany Oliver, Epiphany Parker, Jackie Perry, Madison Perry, Laisha Ramirez, Nina Ring, Brett Robertson, Katlyn Sanchez, Olivia Stockford, Angel Torres, Gerardo Villanueva, Le'Onna Wallace and Holly Watkins.

Effect of Snow Days on 2013-2014 School Calendar

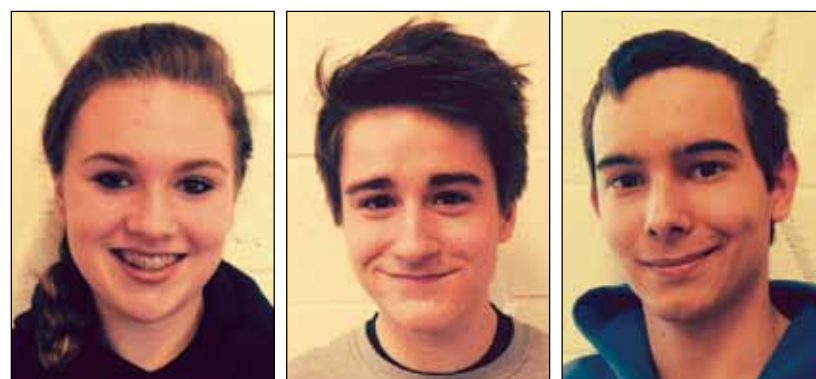
Bangor Public Schools have been forced to cancel school for eleven days so far this year. The State of Michigan allows schools six days per year that need not be made up. In the past, the number of days missed beyond what was allowed by the State were limited to what was needed to ensure the 1,098 hours of instruction required by the State. This year, the law has changed to require all days beyond the allowable six to be made up, regardless of having completed the required 1098 hours of instruction. We have missed five days over the allowable six, and therefore must add five days to the end of our original schedule. This means we will end this year with a half day on Friday June 13th, instead of Friday, June 6th. Graduation will remain as originally scheduled for Sunday June 1st. If you have any questions, please call any school office.

Earn Free Entry to Home Athletic Events

The Viking Club needs spring sports concession stand workers! By working in the concession stand, you can earn a punch pass for free entry into Bangor home athletic events. By working 4 games, you earn a punch pass for free entry to 10 games, a \$50.00 value. By working 8 games, you earn a punch pass for free entry to 20 games, a \$100.00 value. You may use these passes for all regular, home, athletic events held this spring and next fall.

Contact Renee Ward at Bangor High School - 427-6844 or e-mail: rward@bangorvikings.org.

We have a lot of fun, so come help and support our Bangor Viking athletes!



Ciara Capps
(clarinet) - Division I

Anders Mortensen
(trombone) - Division II

Kyle Robertson
(trumpet) - Division II

Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, March 22nd, three students represented Bangor at State Solo and Ensemble in Grandville. These students had to qualify by earning a Division I ratings at District Solo and Ensemble. All three students were first timers to state competition and were able to go and play just their solo. The judging, as expected, is more critical than at district. In the coming years if they qualify for state they will have to play scales and do a sight reading example. These are called proficiency levels. There are 3 different proficiency, and of course, this is the goal for our students to continue to push themselves into more challenging levels.

Show Your Bangor Viking Spirit! Join the Viking Club!

The Viking Club is an athletic booster organization comprised of community members, parents, staff, and Bangor alumni. The primary focus of the Viking Club is to provide support to Bangor High School Athletes.

As a Viking Club member, you support high school athletics by attending games, working in the concessions stand, or participating in a fund raising event.

Money raised by the Viking Club is used to subsidize activities and material goods not covered by traditional school funding. An example of this includes; specialized coaching clinics, equipment, school spirit, and providing scholarships to athletic camps and colleges.

For your child to be eligible for these scholarships, a parent or guardian needs to be a member of the Viking Club by December 31st of the current school year. Membership is easy! Become a lifetime member for only \$5.00.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the high schools. Meetings usually last only an hour.

To join, email: mquinn@bangorvikings.org or call 427-6800 ext. 1031.

MARCH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

9TH GRADE

Eric Frye. Nominated by Lily Schultz.

Comment: Eric has been working hard and trying to always have a good day. I know when I see him he makes me smile.

10TH GRADE

Iriana Hernandez. Nominated Tyonna Walker.

Comment: She is a great leader and she is a nice person. She helps out a lot and she has a great personality. She is focused on what she wants in life and what she has to do to achieve it.

10TH GRADE

Iriana Hernandez. Nominated by Morgan Miller.

Comment: She is a leader in everything she does. She has near perfect attendance. She participates in all sports and is very serious about her education. She would be a perfect Student of the Month nomination. She is a role model.

11TH GRADE

Ricky Ayala. Nominated by Mrs. Putnik

Comment: Ricky willingly volunteered to help all day at our most recent blood drive. We were short staffed and he jumped to the rescue with only a day's notice. He was flexible with where he was stationed and learned new positions quickly. He also elected to stay and clean up afterward. His assistance was greatly appreciated.

11TH GRADE

Ricky Ayala. Nominated by Destiny Perry.

Comment: Ricky is a good guy....always there when you need him.

12TH GRADE

Megan Roe. Nominated by Ms. Mitchell

Comments: Outstanding academic performance in yearbook class. She always displays excellent leadership skills.

Lions Club and American Legion Host Easter Fun!

The Easter bunny has reported that he is very excited the snow has finally melted, and he is anxious to kick off a beautiful spring by hiding candy and prizes for the children of Bangor!

All area children are invited to join him on Saturday, April 19th when the Bangor Lions Club will be sponsoring their annual Easter egg hunt for children up to 10 years of age. This event will be held at Viking Stadium with the gates opening at 11:00 a.m. Mr. and Miss Bangor, and their court, will be there to join in the fun.

Immediately following the Lion's Club Egg Hunt, the Bangor Legion Post 160, located on Center St., will be hosting their annual Easter program. All area children are invited to participate in the egg coloring contest, a hot dog luncheon, and have their picture taken with the Easter bunny.

HELP WANTED:

Registered Nurse to serve as a professional caregiver for individual student. Must have Michigan Registered Nurse License and able to practice without restrictions. Must have previous experience with ventilators, tracheotomy, gastrostomy tube feedings and handicapped and a minimum of 1 year med/surg experience, current on immunizations, and must pass a drug screen and background check, knowledge of basic office equipment including computers, helpful. Nine month contract. Complete job description can be found at www.bangorvikings.org

Apply to: Jeff Melvin, Principal,
Bangor Middle School
799 W. Arlington St.
Bangor, MI 49013
jmelvin@bangorvikings.org

A Reading Fiesta at South Walnut

March was reading month at South Walnut. Every year the staff choose a theme for the month, and this year we chose a "Reading Fiesta." On Monday, March 10, we kicked off our festivities with a guest reader day. This was a day when staff from across the district, parents, family, and community members came into classrooms to read to our students throughout the day. It was a huge success and the kids loved it. On Friday, March 14th, we had state representative Eric Nesbitt come in to read to our students.

Every Tuesday night was designated a "Screen-Free Reading Night" at South Walnut. If students took time to turn off all of the electronics at home on Tuesday night to enjoy a good book, they were entered into a drawing the next day where five students were chosen each week for prizes.

On Thursday, March 20th, our PTO brought in a puppet show that was very well received by the students. The lesson from the show was that no matter how familiar you might be with a classic story like "Sleeping Beauty," your imagination and creativity can always put a unique spin on it then you can make the story your own.

During the last week of reading month, we had our two biggest events. That entire week we had a book fair set up in our media center. Families were able to shop before and/or after school and



students were also allowed to go to the fair during the day as well. This year we had \$4,000 in sales! This was a big increase from last spring. Way to go South Walnut readers!!!

Our Breakfast with Books event took place Tuesday, March 25th through Thursday, March 27th. Tuesday was reserved for our Kindergarten families, Wednesday was reserved for our 1st and 2nd grade families, and Thursday was reserved for our 3rd and 4th grade families. I'm excited to say that we had a great show of support for our breakfast this year from parents and family members.

As always, we would like to say thank you to all of the staff, students, and family members that helped to make our reading month a great success.

South Walnut Elementary March Students of the Month

Miss Byrd nominates: Aliviana Crockett

Aliviana exhibits STAR behavior. She is helpful to me and others students. Aliviana helps others who are struggling with their work and often cleans the room without being asked. She is on task and cheerfully completes her daily work. Aliviana follows directions and does what she is asked to do. She cooperates well with others, is friendly and pleasant to everyone in class
Mrs. Phillips nominates: Ayden Abbott
Ayden Abbott is the student of the month for our classroom. Ayden has worked very hard at home and at school to improve in Reading & Math skills. Ayden is also a good friend. He plays well with others and is always using kind words. Ayden is helpful in class and demonstrates star behaviors in the classroom. I am so very proud of Ayden!

Mrs. Szczyпка nominates: Shailla Gomez

Shailla stays safe by staying in her seat during work time. She takes pride in her work and does it neatly. Shailla acts responsibly by finishing her work on time. She respects others by listening quietly and following directions the first time she hears them.

Mrs. Tapper nominates: Allen Luna

Allan is such a joy to have in class. He always does his best: including his very best reading, his very neat writing, and always pays close attention to directions. He is a good friend to every one of his classmates and helps anybody when the need it. He always dresses very nicely when he comes to school and his hair always looks cool!

Mrs. Cowles nominates: Annalis Ramos

Annalis has made great improvement in her attitude and her working habits. She has become a team player and works very hard at making the right choice. Annalis also has done a wonderful job in all subjects.

Mrs. Moench nominates: Estephani Rodriguez

Estephani Rodriguez is the student of the month for my classroom. Estephani has been working really hard to improve her work habits which has made her stronger in reading and in math. I am very proud of all the hard work that she does everyday. She does everything with a smile and a positive attitude. Estephani is a kind friend to all of her classmates.

Mrs. Goodrich nominates: Carley McCoy

Carley is always willing to help any student in our class. She really enjoys helping others and helps in a very positive way. Carley will offer others help even when she is not asked. Carley has also been working on her own reading skills at school and outside of school she has taken the responsibility of reading seriously and works very hard.

Mrs. Vassar nominates: Devon Geary

I have seen a lot of improvement in Devon's work habits, especially during reading group. He has been putting forth extra effort during reading time and it shows! He has also been working very hard to improve the neatness of his work. His handwriting has really improved! Devon also has been a good classroom citizen and has worked hard to listen and follow directions! Keep up the fabulous work, Devon!

Mrs. Hardester nominates: Caleb Burrows

Caleb is a STAR student in so many ways! He is respectful to peers and adults. He is always willing to participate in with the class. Caleb's attitude towards learning has improved. I am very proud of his confidence he has gained toward his reading. Keep up your hard work Caleb!

Mrs. Ricca nominates: Ethan Woger-Burrows

Ethan is very deserving as student of the month. He gets along well with all students and is a helper to anyone that is in need. Ethan has also shown great improvement in his handwriting! He comes to school prepared and is always willing to go the extra mile. Congrats!!!

Mrs. Ward nominates: Kyra Pirch

Kyra has shown tremendous effort in her learning and is always working hard in the classroom to do the best she can with her work. Not only in the classroom, Kyra also continues her hard work at home by completing homework assignments and doing extra reading practice so that she can continue her progress in 2nd grade! I am very proud of Kyra for the ways she shows responsibility with school work, respect for her classmates and teachers, and pride in her learning!

Mrs. Artis nominates: Abbie Russell

Abbie is our class SOM because she takes so much pride in doing her best in her school work everyday. Abbie is very responsible and a great classroom helper. She has excellent attendance and is one of those students that you can find smiling almost all the time. We are very proud of Abbie. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Christensen nominates: Nevaeh Cross

Nevaeh is an extremely hard worker and is very responsible. She is one of the students I count on when I need help. The best part about Nevaeh is her patience and willingness to help others. She will help them with work, cleaning their desks or any other job I ask her to do. I enjoy having you in my class. Mrs. Christensen

Miss McNally nominates Manny Padilla

Ms. McNally's Student of the Month is Manny Padilla. Manny is a dedicated student who always does his best. He comes to class prepared and ready to learn every day. He is in 2nd grade but has already mastered his multiplication and division facts! Manny is very kind and is a friend to all of his classmates. I am very proud to be his teacher :) Congratulations on being Student of the Month!

Mrs. Mortensen nominates: Alexandra Martinez-Murillo

Alexandra comes to school everyday with a great attitude and is ready to work. She is a hard worker that never complains. Alexandra takes on every challenge and strives to do her very best no matter what the task. She is a joy to have in class!

Mrs. Hoch nominates: Aiden Ball

Aiden Ball is the STAR student I wish I had more of. He is extremely responsible with daily work and his planner. He is maturing nicely, a joy to have in class, and a friend to all! Great Job Aiden!!!

Mr. Klebba nominates: Aaron Banaszak

Aaron has excellent attendance, and an excellent attitude as well! In class he gives every task his best effort and shows true persistence in finishing his work. He shows respect for others and takes pride in his work. I am proud to have Aaron in my class!

Miss Waite nominates Chris Ramirez

Chris has already earned FIVE ENCORES this school year! He always displays STAR behavior. He is responsible and a good friend to the other students in our classroom. He always does his best work and I can count on Chris to make good choices here at South Walnut. He is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Chris!