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## Seniors: apply for scholarships!!!

Scholarship and senior award recipients are already being selected for the Class of 2014. There are a multitude of opportunities out there to apply for by Bangor High School seniors. While many of the opportunities are available nationally or statewide, there are numerous ones awarded locally as well.

Our counseling office also prints a monthly scholarship flyer. This flyer is available to any senior that chooses to pick it up from the counseling center.

The key to securing any scholarship is the application process. A senior has to apply to be considered. Each year we have some disappointed individuals – either students or parents – that just can't understand why they were left out. Most times the reason is that no application was ever completed. To be considered, a senior must complete an application, follow the directions in doing so and meet the deadline. Many scholarships also require one or more letters of recommendation. These letters are usually from a teacher, coach or administrator. It is critical that seniors ask for these recommendations well in advance if they expect a quality, thoughtful letter. Asking at the last minute on the day that the application is due is not a good plan and may

be disappointing if a staff member is unable to complete it.

Senior recipients of other awards are also currently being selected. Many of these awards do not include monetary value, but carry only the prestige of earning the award. The Wendy's Heisman, the Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR), and the Herald-Palladium Academic All-Stars are just a few of the senior awards. Other awards are based solely on a formula that may combine national test scores and grade point average of the core academic subjects.

Selection for recipients begins with a process. Each award or scholarship is unique in how seniors are selected. Some require voting of all staff members. Some are selected by a committee of family members, trustees or board of directors of the scholarship. Some are selected by groups totally outside of Bangor. Whatever the process, it is democratic in nature with guidelines and procedures that are followed per the scholarship. In 99% of the cases, the senior must apply in order to be considered.

The deadline for completed applications this year is Tuesday, April 1, 2014. So seniors, stop in and get your applications today! You won't be considered unless you apply!

## Regional Spelling Bee Results

On Tuesday, February 11, three students represented Bangor Middle School at the Regional Cloverleaf Spelling Bee at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. The students were Le'onna Wallace, Madison Perry, and Nikolis Hoots. There were a total of 60 students participating in the Spelling Bee. Le'onna placed eleventh out of the sixty students. Madison and Nikolis were unfortunately eliminated during the first round, but they put in a great effort.

We especially would like to thank the Bangor Alumni Foundation for sponsoring our spelling bee. They have always been tremendously supportive of our spelling program.

Words they had to spell were begonia, palette (which got confused with pallet), netherlander, susceptible, bellicose, and trepak. The students were given a Spell-it Booklet which is used for the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May. It contains tens of thousands of words students need to learn.



Nikolis Hoots, Le'onna Wallace and Madison Perry.

## Gigiano Recognized at Business Professionals of America Conference

On Friday, January 10th, 120 students and 8 advisors from the Van Buren Technology Center's Business Professionals of America (BPA) student organization traveled to Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. Over 400 students from all over southwest Michigan participated in the annual Region 10 Leadership Conference competing in 54 events. Forty Van Buren Technology Center students were recognized at this competition including 1 Bangor High School student. Sabrina Gigiano won the award for 1st Place in Digital Media Production. Sabrina is a senior at Bangor High School.



Sabrina Gigiano

## BHS Quiz Bowl Team

The BHS Quiz Bowl team is past the midway point in the conference tournament season, defending their first SAC championship from a year ago. So far, the team has compiled a 10-2 record for the buzzer matches, which puts the Vikings at the top of the current standings out of seven varsity teams. This year's team is well balanced throughout grade levels, and are developing the self-confidence, knowledge, and teamwork skills needed for success on the team and beyond. We have seniors with 2-3 years of tournament play, and a number of younger players who are gaining valuable match experience. Team members are: Seniors Paul Gruber, Zachary Helms, Brittany Packard, and Michael Szczyпка, Juniors Zeppelin Torres and Lindsey Weber, Sophomores Madissen Kozel and Mikayla Lake, Freshmen Alonso Garcia, Matt Gruber, Anders Mortensen, and Ozzy Villanueva. Upcoming events are Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 26 (finale) at the Conference Center in Lawrence.



## FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### 9TH GRADE

#### Eddie Bustos. Nominated by Mr. Newberry

Comment: Eddie has been a phenomenal help to me in my health and PE classes this year. He works with Alberto the foreign exchange student making sure he understands assignments and what is asked of him. He is always prepared and ready to work.

### 10TH GRADE

#### Pricilla Calvillo. Nominated by Mrs. McCrumb

Comment: Great student, great worker and a pleasure to have in class.

### 11TH GRADE

#### Juliana Devisser. Nominated by Mrs. McCrumb

Comment: Quiet but a leader by example. Dependable, hardworking, attentive in class, always pleasant.

### 12TH GRADE

#### Briana Haygood. Nominated by Mr. Glamzi

Comment: Briana has done an excellent job as my ZAP minion, doing any task I have asked of her in a timely and efficient manner. She is a great gal.



## Help Wanted Bus Driver

Substitute position, could work into full time. Before and after school bus runs. Must possess patience and willingness to provide safe transportation for children of Bangor Public Schools. Must be reliable and dependable. High School diploma, CDL license, physical exam, drug screening, bus driver training, criminal history check, five years of experience driving a car, and no more than 3 points on license. Beginning pay rate \$13.47 per hour.

Please call: 269/ 427-6800 ext. 3100

## SOUTH WALNUT ELEMENTARY

### February Students of the Month

#### Miss Byrd nominates: Aiden Munoz

Aiden is respectful and responsible. He completes his daily work, works and plays cooperatively with others, and is helpful and polite. Aiden is concerned about others and willingly volunteers to clean up in the classroom or lend another student school supplies. He is obedient and follows the rules and expectations in the classroom.

#### Mrs. Phillips nominates: Kylie Withey

Kylie Withey is the Student of the Month for February for Mrs. Phillips Kindergarten. She is a hard worker and always tries to do her best in class. She is a good friend and plays well with others and is always helping. Kylie is a Star Student, and follows school and classroom rules.

#### Mrs. Szczyпка nominates: Jayden Smith

Jayden stays safe by staying in his seat and doing his work. He takes pride in his work by doing it slowly and neatly. Jayden acts responsibly by listening and following directions the first time. He respects others by keeping his hands and feet to himself.

#### Mrs. Tapper nominates: Madison Lennox

Madison is a very smart girl and she "aims high" just like her mother reminds her, everyday. When it comes to her work she is very careful and it shows because her work is incredible! Madison takes her time with writing and is always willing to share with the class. She is kind and caring to her classmates and is always willing to help anyone at any time. She is a role model in our classroom and this is why she is our student of the month!

#### Mrs. Cowles nominates: Abrahan Alvarado

He is such a hard worker. Abrahan has improved in all subject areas. He always helps others when asked and his teacher too. He always does a great job at showing star behavior in everything that he does. He is just an all-around nice student.

#### Mrs. Moench nominates: Devon Gilliland

Devon is student of the month. He has made great gains academically. Devon is always willing to put forth his best effort and work with the teachers and others. Devon has settled into a good working rhythm. I am very proud of all of Devon's hard work.

#### Mrs. Goodrich nominates: Alejandra Marin-Hernandez

Alejandra has been working very hard on her reading skills this past month. She has moved up in reading groups twice and has exceeded her goal in AR points. Alejandra takes responsibility to read her library book and then to test on her book. Alejandra demonstrates STAR behavior while at school. She is a great listener in the classroom, follows school rules and stays safe.

#### Mrs. Vassar nominates: K'liyana O'Steen

K'liyana shows STAR behavior every day. She works hard to complete her work on time and takes pride in doing nice work. She is a good friend to her classmates and treats everyone with respect. I am very proud of K'liyana! Keep up the great work!

#### Mrs. Hardester nominates: Austyn Keh

Austyn has been doing a wonderful job and I am so happy to have in my class. Austyn has shown improvement in his reading. He is a hard worker and has a very positive attitude toward school. He comes to school everyday ready to learn. Keep up the good work!

#### Mrs. Ricca nominates: Katlin Anderson

Katlin came to our school the end of November. She has adjusted well and has made many new friends. She shows all the characteristics of "Star Behavior". She is very conscious about her school work and always tries her best. She is more than willing to go the extra mile in the classroom. Welcome to our school and keep up the good work!

## Important Dates

**March 10, 2014** School Board Meeting  
**April 4 thru 11, 2014** Spring Break!  
**April 1, 2014** College Scholarship Applications Due  
**May 9, 2014** Bangor Creates  
**June 1, 2014** Graduation

#### Mrs. Ward nominates: Jaiden Horvath

Jaiden Horvath is our February Student of the Month. Jaiden has been doing an unbelievable job with his school work, especially with his writing! I am very proud of the hard work that he has shown. Jaiden also shows STAR behavior in many other ways. He is respectful and helpful to his fellow students. He also acts responsibly in the classroom and throughout the school by following the rules and giving his best efforts!

#### Mrs. Artis nominates: Adan Carillo-Hernandez

Adan is our class student of the month for February because of his excellent attendance and effort to always do his best. Adan can always be seen smiling and is eager to help at any time. He is dependable and hardworking. Adan is a good friend and a great classmate who shows STAR behavior daily.

#### Mrs. Christensen nominates: Marcus Jenerou

Marcus Jenerou is Student of the Month for February! Marcus has made great improvements this year in 3rd grade especially in reading. He completes his work and is a responsible student. One of the best things about Marcus is how caring and helpful he is to all people. I have heard him on many occasions offer to help one of his friends or share kind words to cheer someone up. Way to go Marcus!

#### Miss McNally nominates Madelyn Miller

Madelyn Miller is Ms. McNally's Student of the Month! I truly enjoy having Madelyn in my class. She is a dedicated student who is always focused and on task. Even when she struggles with things she doesn't give up. Madelyn is also a STAR student. In fact in one day she earned 4 star tickets!! She is very kind and a friend to all of her peers. I am very proud of her. Congratulations on being Student of the Month :)

#### Mrs. Mortensen nominates: Brandon Maystead

Brandon's behavior has improved greatly throughout the school year. He is always willing to help in the classroom. He is responsible for making sure that the lunch count is completed every day. We are proud to see that he is trying extremely hard to do his personal best in every aspect of the school day. Great job Brandon! Keep us the good work!

#### Mrs. Hoch nominates: Tempest Sullins

Tempest is an excellent fourth grade student who tries her hardest on every assignment. She is very responsible for her work and her planner. She always has a smile on her face and a story to share with me. Keep up the great work Tempest.

#### Mr. Klebba nominates: Jadyne Petersen

For the month of February my Student of the Month is Jadyne Petersen. Every day I see Jadyne with a smile on her face and a wonderful attitude about learning. She works hard and always gets her assignments turned in on time and does her best on her work. Each day she models star behavior for everyone and takes pride in everything she does. Congratulations Jadyne! Mr. Klebba

#### Miss Waite nominates Lizet Popoca

My Student of the Month is Lizet Popoca. Lizet was chosen because she has made great gains academically. She has improved so much in both Reading and Math that she no longer needs to attend MTSS! She also blew her AR goal off the charts last marking period. She beat her goal by over 300%! Lizet also shows STAR behavior at all times. She has already earned four Encores, and has almost earned her fifth Encore. I'm very proud of how hard she has been working! Congratulations Lizet!

## Know what's happening at your school

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[www.virtualvantage.org](http://www.virtualvantage.org)

On Facebook or Twitter at Bangor Public Schools

or  
 The student news station at  
[BHVTV@bangorvikings.org](mailto:BHVTV@bangorvikings.org).

## Father/Daughter Dance at Elementary

This past Saturday, February 8th, was South Walnut Elementary's first Father/Daughter Dance. It took place from 6:00-8:00pm in the cafeteria. We had approximately 200 people attend. Thanks go out to Karen Bitzer, Maggie Wo, Amy Christensen (and daughter Claire), Chris Daoust, and all of our parent volunteers that set-up, decorated, and cleaned up afterward. Also thanks to those that donated treats for the night. Special thanks go to Amber Mortensen, Alex Hoch, and Frank Hardester (Frank's DJ Service). Alex Hoch did a wonderful job as our photographer. Frank was a true class act as the DJ and made the night enjoyable for everyone. Mrs. Mortensen deserves the most recognition. The night was well planned, looked great, and went extremely well because of her coordination.



## Zombies Invade BHS

Zombies invaded Bangor High School on Monday, February 17th. The faculty and staff coordinated a thematic lesson day for the students at BHS. The day began with a kick-off assembly in the gymnasium. BHS English teacher, Scott Jackson led the assembly by explaining the how the day would unfold. The students moved through their normal class schedule, however, every lesson, in every class, was centered on the "Zombie" theme. Math classes explained exponential growth, English classes wrote essays using Zombie-based writing prompts, and brains were dissected in the science classes. The students engaged in a full day of instruction and participated at a high level.

The purpose of Zombie Day was to use the influence of pop culture to encourage students in a non-traditional manner. The focus was on the theory that students who are interested in subject material will learn more. Through the use of pop culture, the students were better suited to attend to the instructional activities occurring in class. It was also a goal of this special day to provide a fun and lasting memory for the student body. One-hundred percent of the high school teaching staff participated. The teachers, secretaries, and administrators transformed into "Zombies" while the students attended the morning's kick-off assembly. Students participated in a number of challenges throughout the day in an effort to earn raffle tickets for a prize drawing which was held at the conclusion of the day.



Bangor High School "Zombie" Staff

During each class, a "virus" was spread and students became "infected". Infected students then had the opportunity to transform into "Zombies" by the use of make-up. Zombie Day concluded with another assembly where the students were able to participate in competitive games. A Zombie king and queen were also crowned.

The students enjoyed this fun and different approach to their daily lessons. BHS senior, Alex Hoch said "I loved Zombie Day. It was a fun and clever way for us to take part in our classes. It was a welcome break during this crazy winter. I loved how all of our teachers participated." "I love that Bangor tries to make school fun. I feel like not many other schools do that. All the teachers were involved and it was a great break to the winter," said senior, Marissa Carpio.

"The staff worked very hard to pull off this project. It was kept a total secret from the students for five weeks of preparation," stated Mrs. Wendy Tremblay, BHS Dean of Academic Services.

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**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP**

**Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 School Year**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**  
**3:30-6:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**  
**3:30-6:30PM**

Parents must bring:

- Child
- Original Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency

Schools of Choice—If residing out of district, you may apply for your child to attend Kindergarten through Schools of Choice.

Spanish speaking personnel will be present to assist with forms.

Also included at registration:

- Overview of Kindergarten program
- Immunization assessment
- Nutrition information
- Transportation procedures
- Activity with Kindergarten teacher
- Lions Club Vision Screening
- Refreshments

To start Kindergarten, your child must be five years old by October 1, 2014. Each child who registers for Kindergarten will receive a special goodie bag.

Registration available with appointment through the school office after May 1, 2014.

Questions? Please call 427-6863

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