



Superintendent's Article

Music Appreciation

By Dennis Paquette, Superintendent



I'm not very musically inclined. I cannot play any musical instruments and I cannot sing very well. The extent of my musical participation ends with me listening to Bruce Springsteen on the radio. That said, I have come to appreciate our middle school and high school bands programs. Our band, under the direction of Mrs. Tianna Doe, recently performed at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. This could be a once in a lifetime event for many of our students.

tracurricular activities, student government, reduces behavior problems, and increase the odds that students will go on to graduate from both high school and a four-year college. In short, music helps improve the overall quality of a young person's life.

The band program provides many opportunities for our students to learn and grow. Our students who are involved with the band program learn about the arts, and performing as artists. Music is an essential part of a well-rounded and complete education. The music program allows our students explore realities, relationships and ideas that cannot be conveyed simply in words or numbers. Also, the music program allows for innovative problem solving that students can apply to other academic disciplines at the same time.

Music education will help with memory. Even when performing with sheet music, music students are constantly using their memory to perform. The skill of memorization can serve students well in education and beyond. Music students learn to improve their work. Learning music promotes craftsmanship, and students learn to want to create good work instead of mediocre work. This desire can be applied to all subjects of study. Music students stay engaged in school. An enjoyable subject like music can keep kids interested and participating in school. Student musicians are likely to stay in school to achieve in other subjects. Music students have greater levels of self-confidence. With encouragement from teachers and parents, students playing a musical instrument can build pride and confidence. Musical education is also likely to develop better communication for students.

Researchers have studied the benefits of music education for decades, consistently finding strong correlations between music and academic achievement. For example, positive results have been noted in standardized tests. According to one study that tracked more than 25,000 middle and high school students, music-making students get higher marks on standardized tests than those who have little or no music involvement.

Nearly everyone enjoys music, whether by listening to it, singing, or playing an instrument. The band program is doing great things for our kids... and maybe, just maybe one of our students will end up as a member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band.

Not all benefits derived from a music education are academic. Many studies have found that involvement in music programs leads to positive personal, social and motivational effects. Studies have demonstrated that the arts significantly boost student involvement in ex-

South Walnut Elementary

Fourth Grade Transitions to Middle School

The move to middle school is exciting and rewarding! This transition can be easier if you start to prepare now. At South Walnut we will start talking about this big move and get our students prepared. Some things that can be done at home to support your child's progress and independence:

1. Learn everything you can about the middle school. Read the website, visit and ask for a tour.
2. Build School spirit! Learn about clubs, teams, classes, and wear your school colors.
3. Encourage important habits. Stick to a daily homework routine and stay organized!
4. Ask for advice. Summer programs or reading programs may be a great question.
5. Keep communicating. Talk to your child about concerns and hopes. Solve problems together. Keep in touch with your teachers, too.



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Students of the Month



Kindergarten: Geovanni Luna, Cielo Maldonado, Andrea Barajas, Isabell Macedo. **First Grade:** Rodrigo Munoz, Brenda Martinez-Jimenez, Hayley Cummins, Keily Soriano-Ramirez. **Second Grade:** Jose Gonzalez, Victoria Quinones, Briana Pop. **Third Grade:** Asia Cruea, Colyn Strampel, Gabriella Quiroz. **Fourth Grade:** Yrral Campbell, Ethan Woger-Burrows, Katlin Anderson

Bangor Middle School

Bangor Middle School Honor Roll 3rd Marking Period

5th Grade
 *Alexis Abbott
 *Daniel Adams
 Lilliana Alcauter
 Sandra Barajas-Gutierrez
 Violet Barber
 Connor Brouwer
 Kiera Canning
 Kenzi Canseco
 Adan Carrillo-Hernandez
 Jazmen Castillo
 Aaron Cervantes
 *Nolan Crandall
 Emma Darling
 Gracie Eisner
 Yasmin Garcia
 Amy Gomez
 Austin Haberland
 Cloe Hull
 *Izabel Krumrey
 *Esther Lopez
 *Nicholas Markovich
 Alexandra Martinez-Murillo
 Dylan Mandujano
 Tilden McPike
 Ariel Mitchell
 Emma Munn
 *Abelardo Munoz
 Jose Munoz
 Vanessa Munoz
 Indiya Newell
 Breanna Noe
 *Lexie Olsen
 Maribel Perez
 Ramsey Reyes

Raquel Reyes
 Maya Rodriguez Reyes
 *Briselda Sanchez
 Jessica Saucedo
 *Tyler Westbrook
 Keshawn Williams
 Summer Zink

6th Grade
 Aiden Ball
 William Burt
 Juancarlos Garcia
 Alex Gil
 Alejandro Gutierrez
 *Alex Hay
 Thomas Johnson
 *Aleena Keh
 Elley Levora
 Vicki Mandujano
 Jacqueline Medrano
 David Mazelin
 Jady Petersen
 Nicholas Polk
 Ariannabella Russell
 Siney Santiago
 Joanne Saucedo
 Maria Soria
 Alexzandra Strampel
 *Briana Sweeney
 Kendra Tait
 *Emily Underwood
 Samuel Villasenor
 Charles Walantyn
 Christopher Walker
 Brandyn Wheeler

7th Grade
 Noemi Arevalo
 Lucas Artis
 Genesis Dixon
 *Samuel Glidden Fry
 *Jasmin Gomez
 Michael Hardester
 Stephanie Hicks
 Carter Hull
 Lucinda Johnson
 Cameron London
 Jacqueline Mandujano
 Kenneth McPike
 *Hannah Mellinger
 *Abby Moench
 Rolando Munoz
 Zachary Polk
 *Leo Puga
 Hunter Saffell
 Cecelia Salomon
 A.J. Stigler

8th Grade
 Gabriel Barber
 Tyler Brenne
 Dirk Brunt
 *Andrew Cervantes
 *Kayla Corzine
 *Grace Ford
 Jonathon Galvez
 Jennifer Garcia
 Jose Garcia
 Audrey Hay
 Sarah Hicks
 Hannah Householder
 Hannah Jacob
 Ke'arius Jennings
 Elizabeth Lopez Cruz
 Lisandro Magana
 Mason May
 Max McGuire
 Colby Petranek
 Krea Pittman
 Jocelyn Ponce
 Jennifer Quinones
 Jefferson Saucedo
 Hailee Stone
 Summer Torres
 Erika Villegas
 Eric Wheeler



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Bangor Middle School

Dear Bangor Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone feels rejuvenated and ready for the home stretch of the 2015-2016 school year. Last week the middle school kicked off the M-Step test as previously mentioned in the last Viking Press. The 8th graders began the testing sessions on Tuesday, April 12th. The 5th graders will be testing next beginning Thursday, April 21st. The 6th and 7th graders will be tested in May. I can say that it was a great start. Attendance rates were high and students seemed very confident heading into the first two sessions. The high school and middle school welcomed the Flying Aces professional Frisbee team to help motivate students to be successful. Thank you to Brian Hayes and his team for such a magnificent show.



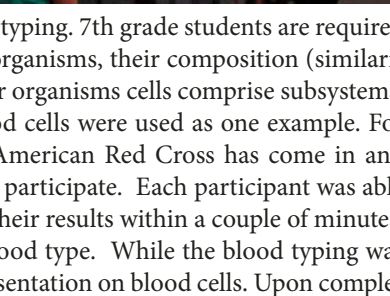
The 5th graders in Mrs. Remington's class are working on Project Based Learning, by creating a presentation citing reasons that the American Colonies are "breaking-up" with Great Britain after the American Revolution. Students are creating posters, videos, slide shows, Kahoots, and any other format that their group selects and then these will be presented to the class.



In Ms. Squire's class, students were learning about blood typing. 7th grade students are required to understand that cells are the basic units to all living organisms, their composition (similarities/differences of animal and plant), and in multicellular organisms cells comprise subsystems. One component is talking about specialized cells. Blood cells were used as one example. For more than 10 years, Mrs. Vadonna Jackson from the American Red Cross has come in and performed blood typing for the students who wanted to participate. Each participant was able to see how their blood type is determined and received their results within a couple of minutes. Students were then given a sticker to wear with their blood type. While the blood typing was going on, another representative from the ARC did a presentation on blood cells. Upon completion of the blood typing, we gathered data and graphed the different blood types to be displayed for the students. This not only gave students a first-hand look at a specialized cell, but allowed the students to get information on a career in nursing/health care, etc.

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together as a team to provide your child with the best educational experience that strives to meet the district's mission - Providing Educational Excellence as a Pathway to Success.

Michael Dandron
Principal.



Bangor High School

The 2016 Heroes in Education Award Winners

Amber Mortensen & Lucas Smith



The 2016 Valued Viking Award Winners



Front Row: Juanita Oviedo, Stephanie Alkemade, Elida Segura, Amber Mortensen, Lucas Smith, Ryan Vree, Jennifer Zordan. Second Row: Tina Loomis, Elva Segura, Karla Vassar, Jason Maynard, Deb Pobuda and Dan Thorbjornsen. Third Row: Joanna Llvratos, Bangor Police Chief Tommy Simpson and B.A.A. Fire Chief Derek Babcock

District Recognition

Last year we started a new tradition. We honored our first ever Valued Viking Award winners. Building administrators, and directors, chose two individuals who have been going above and beyond in their work efforts for students and activities within the buildings. These recipients were given a Valued Viking paper weight. This is just a small way for the administration to say thank you to our staff members for the hard work they do for the students and families within our district. So this year we presented the 2nd Annual Valued Viking Awards.

We also announced the winners of the 2016 Hero in Education Awards. The Hero in Education Award is presented at a banquet in Lawrence at the ISD Conference Center in June. The award was started six years ago as a way to honor employees who make a difference in the lives of children from the eleven school districts in Van Buren County. I would like our staff to know that we recognize and value their efforts as we make Bangor Public Schools a great place to educate children.

We separated the recipients of these awards into six categories: South Walnut Elementary School, Middle School, High School, CEC Building, The District level and The Community.

Bangor Band Goes to Disney

Over 45 Bangor High School band students had the life changing experience of traveling to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Accompanied by 14 chaperones and their director, these students had a variety of unique experiences that only the band and Walt Disney World could offer. The trip began on April 1st, and concluded on April 6th.

While in Walt Disney World, the band experienced City Walk, Hard Rock Cafe, The Blue Man Group, Disney's Magic Kingdom, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Epcot Center. The group had the "full" Disney Experience, and enjoyed every park, attraction, and show the facilities had to offer.

During the trip, the band participated in the "You're Instrumental" workshop. This is an opportunity for the students to work with a

Our Valued Viking Award winners are...
South Walnut Elementary School: Stephanie Alkemade & Karla Vassar. **Middle School:** Jason Maynard. **High School:** Ryan Vree. **CEC Building:** Juanita Oviedo & Joanna Livieratos. **District winners** are: Sherry Schultz, Deb Pobuda, Elva Barajas, Elida Segura & Dan Thorbjornsen. **Community honorees** are: Tina Loomis, Jen Zordan, Bangor Chief of Police Tommy Simpson & B.A.A. Fire Chief Derek Babcock

Hero in Education Award. The purpose of the Educational Hero Award is to honor and recognize people who make a positive impact on the educational setting as a K-12 educator or community member. The awards will be presented to our recipients at a banquet in June. This year's winners for Bangor are: Amber Mortensen, South Walnut Elementary School teacher & Lucas Smith, Bangor Middle School teacher.

It is our privilege to honor these exceptional people who have demonstrated their skill, commitment, passion and professionalism throughout our district. Through tireless trials and commitment to the improvement of the safety, education, and quality of life for the children of Bangor Public Schools. We thank you all.

professional Disney musician. While working with these musician, the students learned what it is like to be a professional musician, what kind of opportunities a performer has, and the tips and techniques for how to approach the music like a professional would. At the end of the workshop, the students recorded a Disney song, and had film edited to fit their recording.

On Monday, April 4th, the band had the chance to march in the "Pre-Parade" that took place through the heart of the Magic Kingdom. The band paraded from Frontierland, to Cinderella's Castle, down Main Street, and out the front door. The band was exposed to the entire crowd at Disney's Magic Kingdom on that day. They represented Bangor Public Schools very well, and we are so proud of each and every one.

South Walnut Elementary

SUPER STAR Readers

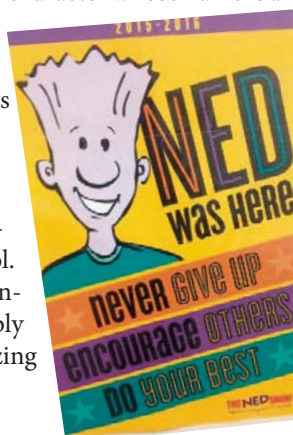


Congratulations to our SUPER accelerated readers during March is Reading Month! Each student was the top reader in their grade level. Cielo Maldonado, Araceli Ramos, Madison Lennox, Trinity Davis and Elizabeth Ogradny!!

NED Assembly

A huge thank you to our School Counselor, Mrs. Small, for scheduling the NED assembly here at South Walnut! NED is a school wide character education program that centers on a lovable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for:

Never give up
 Encourage others
 Do your best!



NED promotes kindness and excellence at school. Students really enjoyed the assembly and are still buzzing about it!



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