

## Mike Hescott Honored for 14 Years of Service



Mike Hescott, School Board President, and Dennis Paquette, Superintendent

The Bangor Public School District would like to take this opportunity to thank our board president Mr. Mike Hescott for his fourteen years of service to the Bangor Board of Education. Mr. Hescott has been a very active and hardworking member of our school board during his tenure. He has always been very visible at school and community functions. During Mr. Hescott's time on the board the district has passed two bonds that both renovated and added to our school facilities. The district also eliminated a sizable deficit budget during his tenure as Board President. It is with great appreciation that we honor Mr. Hescott's service to Bangor Public Schools and wish him the very best in the future.

## South Walnut Elementary

### "Tis The Season!"

*Wishing you all the joys a wonderful holiday season can bring.*



The South Walnut TEAM would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy New Year!!

### Christmas Concert



Fa la la la! Hope you could join South Walnut Elementary on Wednesday, December 14th for the annual Christmas Concert. The evening was another great success. The students have done a remarkable job singing and playing various instruments. We also had our annual "Raffle Basket Project 2016" taking place. Thank you to Mr. Chris Measzros, music teacher, and the South Walnut P.T.O. This year is another one to remember!!

## South Walnut Elementary

### Shop with a Cop 2016

Two students at South Walnut Elementary won't forget this day of shopping! They both had the opportunity to shop for Christmas presents--- with the help from Michigan State Police, Paw Paw Post, 5th District's Finest!! Students had lunch with Troopers and shopped at Meijer all made possible by gracious donations!



Audriya and Xavier with Michigan State Trooper B. Casperson.



Shop with a Cop works with law enforcement all through the year to give back to the community. The premise of Shop with a Cop, a program that has operated for 11 years now, is simple. Uniformed officers from various police agencies in Van Buren County are paired up with children between the ages of 5 and 12 who are deserving of such an exciting experience. The two students at South Walnut were given gift cards from Meijer to help check off their Christmas list. With all of the hustle and bustle the holiday season brings, we get worried about holiday parties, throwing the perfect holiday gifts, and buying just the right gifts for our friends and family members. It's easy to forget that there are so many others, especially young children, who would do anything to experience any of the festivities we associate with this time of year.

A delightful lunch with the officer and then off to shop was the perfect plan for these two! A fun ride in the cop car helped top off the perfect day!

## December: A GREAT month to Focus on Kindness

Kindness is a valuable character trait to instill in your child. Students who are caring and think of others are more likely to get along with their teachers and classmates - which contributes to a positive learning environment.

To help promote kindness during the holiday season:

Encourage your child to make presents for family members. Maybe an art piece from school or home, coupon books, or ornaments.

Have your child look in their closets and bedrooms to find items to donate to a charity; toys and clothes are a great start.

Bake cookies together and take them to nursing homes, fire department, police station or homeless shelter.



Help your child express thanks. Remind them to say thank you and have them write a hand written thank-you note and mail or deliver it. (Early Childhood Parents, December 2016, Vol.21, No.4)



Students also had the chance to meet with Santa! Our Santa Village was open prior to the concert for all students to take pictures and have a moment to talk about Christmas dreams and good behavior throughout the year!!

## Bangor Middle School

### Dear Bangor Families,

This past month, I had the opportunity to meet with Laura Crosbie, a membership specialist with Girl Scout Heart of MI that supports Van Buren County, to discuss the opportunity of opening a Girl Scout chapter right here in Bangor, MI. This chapter would be open to middle school-aged girls who are interested in joining the Girl Scouts. Coming up in January there will be an informational meeting during lunches for any girl interested in joining this organization. You can look for this organization to be up and running by mid to late February. The meetings will take place at the Simpson United Methodist Church on Joy Street. I would like to encourage all that are interested to continue to visit their website at <http://www.gshom.org/>.



### Good Luck Middle School Spellers!



The Middle School Spelling Bee will take place on January 5th, at 6:30 pm in the middle school library. This year's contestants are Logan Page, Abel Munoz, Sammy Glidden-Fry, Michael Hardester, Keith Kueny, and Ramsey Reyes. The spelling bee is conducted in rounds. Each speller will be asked to spell a word. Once the spellers are given a word, they may ask for the language of origin of the word, a definition of the word, the word used in a sentence, and the part

of speech. Spellers are encouraged to say the word first, spell it, and then say it again when finished spelling it. This will let the judges and pronouncer know that the student is finished. The round of play begins with a practice round. A student will remain in the bee until he/she spells three words incorrectly. Once this occurs, the student drops out of the competition, unless the competition is down to the last two spellers. All spellers eliminated in the same round are tied for the same place. After the champion has been determined, spelling bee officials may opt to conduct a tiebreaker to determine the next two qualifying spellers.

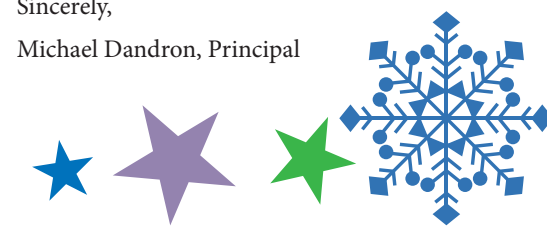
This autumn, our Bangor Middle School students have been very active in supporting worthy causes for our Bangor community. BMS students have collected canned foods for local pantries, collected socks for Socktober, a charitable work created by Kid President, raised funds to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through The Pennies for Patients initiative. Recently BMS students collected crayons and coloring books for children who are on long term hospital stays for a great charitable organization called Crayons 4 Kids and their Operation Scribble drive. Teachers and administrative staff believe that providing opportunities for our students to look at the greater community helps them to learn to help others, teaches humility, inspires others to get involved and it is always good to give back to your community. Each of these successful charitable events were sponsored by student organizations and led by our Bangor Middle School teachers. Great job students!!



If you ever have any questions at all, please feel free to stop by or contact the main office at 269-427-6824.

Sincerely,

Michael Dandron, Principal



## Bangor High School

### Bangor High School Participates in Anti-Bullying Week

by Wendy Tremblay, High School Principal



Anthony Ianni

The Middle School and High School celebrated Anti-Bullying week the week of November 21st. Students participated in both dress up days and lunch time activities during the week. The week culminated with a guest speaker from the Office of Civil Rights, Anthony Ianni. Ianni is a former Michigan State University basketball player that spoke to students about his own experiences in school with bullying and encouraged the students to make positive choices. Ianni was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) at a young age which is on the Autism Spectrum. Ianni is the first known athlete with autism to play Big 10 basketball. We were honored to have him speak to our students and encourage them to "Live Your Dreams".



### Polar Express Arrives

What more could a teacher want during the last week before the holiday??? TIME!! All Staff at South Walnut received "The Gift of Time." Principal, Mrs. Bitzer and Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Jamrog put together a special event for all students. The Polar Express movie, cookies, milk and coloring activities were a hit so staff could enjoy their time! Toot! Toot! Train is leaving the Station!! See you in 2017!!

