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South Walnut Elementary

Students of the Month June



Kindergarten: McKenzie Brayman, Ana Berry, Junter Herbert, Lyvia Frost. **First Grade:** Maria Marin-Hernandez, Ariana Ramos, Anthony Darling, Makenzi Houchin, Mason Johnson, Ysenia Ventura-Jose, Emmely Silva-Perez, Jazzmin Honea. **Second Grade:** Samantha Ogrody, Isabella Macedo, Asionn Litt, John West. **Third Grade:** Aysa Latham, William Summerhill, Araceli Ramos, Ismael Rodriguez-Gutierrez. **Fourth Grade:** Aaron Mora, Jaydon Smith, Madison Lennox, Justin Hunt, Breana Wines.

Pre-School Send Off!



Students at Apple Tree Pre-School enjoyed their last day with parents and activities. Each classroom had a video culminating a year of progress!! A certificate was awarded to each child, along with a bucket hat they could decorate. When all was said and done, each child received a helium balloon to launch before they left.

Mrs. Shafer and Miss Shafer, (mother-daughter duo) said, "We had a wonderful year and enjoyed all of the students!" South Walnut looks forward to having all of the Pre School students register for Kindergarten and join us as Little Vikings!!

Walking Club



Congratulations to the following classrooms and students who participated in Mrs. Coates' Mileage Club this year. The laps and mileage far exceeded her expectations. The results are in... Mrs. Hoch's Class walked 3,453 laps and 690.6 miles. Mrs. Lee's Class walked 3,552 laps and 710.4 miles. Mrs. Luter's Class walked 4,563 laps and 912.6 miles. GRAND TOTAL= 11,568 laps walked and 2,313.6 miles!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Eduardo Gutierrez, Colton Burrows and Jack Loomis for tracking the most miles!!

Little Viking Credit Union



Aria Reed wins the IPAD this year!



4th Grade Bank Tellers

Honor Credit Union has been working with South Walnut to open our own Little Viking Credit Union here at the school. Each Wednesday the students have the opportunity to deposit their money into personal accounts. Each month students that make a deposit have the opportunity to have their name drawn for a prize. All names are entered for a year end prize for an IPAD. This year our lucky winner was Aria Reed. Not only has she won, but she has also learned a lifelong skill, having her own bank account and saving money!! Congratulations!

Honor Credit Union offered the opportunity for South Walnut to earn money. For each deposit made the school would receive a kick back. Everyone would like to thank the Bank for the opportunities and the work you do with our students each Wednesday!! Thank you!

Bangor Middle School

Dear Bangor Families,

Congratulations to our students, parents and staff on a very successful school year!

The end of the year is always a fun time of year especially when Bangor Middle School teachers plan great field trips for their students! This year each grade level earned money through class fund raisers which enabled them to have fun opportunities at various places. All of the field trips are great adventures and allow students to interact in positive ways and great memories are always made.

This year the 5th grade students journeyed to Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Michigan where they spent the day having fun in the water, the sand and the water park near the beach. Mrs. Davison, 5th grade teacher, stated that she had "never witnessed so much excitement from her students because everyone was involved and just having pure outdoor fun."

Mrs. Cathy Kimbler again organized her annual 6th grade field trip to Battle Creek's Full Blast water park. For over 20 years the 6th graders have splashed each other and thanks to Mrs. Kimbler's efforts in fundraising, the students are able to attend at the most minimal cost.

The 7th grade class attended Education Day at Homer Stryker Field in Kalamazoo and then were able to watch the Growlers win a close game as they played a team from Wisconsin. Beth Squires, middle school science teacher, has headed this event over the years. She believes this is a good event because she gets to witness our students witnessing baseball in a large park, something many have never experienced before.



Pam Hoehn, 8th grade math teacher, decided that our 8th grade students needed a grand opportunity for their last field trip in our school. After speaking with some of the students, she decided to fund raise for a trip to Michigan Adventure in Muskegon, Michigan. Ms. Hoehn, new 8th grade Language Arts teacher Mrs. Packer, Mr. Coggins and Assistant Principal Mr. Thorbjornsen were there to chaperone the trip and to make sure all of the students were safe and having fun. And fun is what everyone had! "Watching students ride roller coasters for the first time and making so many memories as they went from ride to ride was a great thrill for me," said Ms. Hoehn. The teachers who chaperoned were very impressed with the 8th grade students and their mature behavior. All said they would definitely try this type of trip again with future 8th grade classes.



Outdoor Summer Activities

The temperature's rising, schools out of session, and all your kids want to do is sit inside and play. Make the next warm summer day more fun than ever with games, crafts, and activities they can't really do indoors. From messy projects to those that will cool kids off with splashes of water, head outside this summer!! Here are 10 easy, fun activities to try!

- 1. Jump rope:** Go outside. For more fun, pick up a book of jump-rope rhymes.
- 2. Balloon ball:** There are endless ways to play with balloons outdoors. Try to keep it off the ground or just play catch.
- 3. Wheelbarrow, crab and bear-walk races:** Holding one of these tough positions gives you a real workout.
- 4. Obstacle course:** Create a course in your yard or driveway or take chalk and make a course outside.
- 5. Follow the leader:** Add to the workout with energetic movements such as jumping, stomping and squatting.
- 6. Dance party:** Turn on the music and shake your groove.
- 7. Freeze dance:** When the music stops, freeze in your pose and hold it until the music begins again.
- 8. Scavenger hunt:** Write up clues and hide them around the yard. Kids can race to find each clue for a small prize at the end.
- 9. Jumping jacks:** Simple but good for coordination and they get your heart going.
- 10. Parachute:** This kiddie gym standby can be re-created at home with old sheets. Each kid takes an end of the parachute or sheet and fans it upward while one of you runs underneath.



Valedictorian Salutatorian



Class of 2018 Graduates



Valedictorian, Karyssa Gallegos-Cuevas and Salutatorian, Brittney Suh-Ann Lyzenga.



Top Ten



Front row - left to right - Estefania Alcaraz-Flores, Karyssa Gallegos-Cuevas, Brittney Lyzenga, Christine VanNuys. Back row - left to right - Alexander Ealy, Samantha Zordan, Brett Robertson, Madison McGuire, Gerardo Villanueva, Madison Kueny.

Bangor Middle School

Bangor Middle School ended this school year with grade level Academic Award ceremonies in the high school auditorium. Certificates were awarded to students for outstanding achievement and most improved in classes such as math, reading, science, social studies. P.E. awards were given to students who showed strong effort and improvement in Pacer and Curl Up testing. Also, those students who had Perfect attendance were also identified and awarded certificates and a prize.

A Principal's Award was given to a male and female student from each grade level. Mr. Dandron, BMS Principal, has awarded students with this prestigious honor for the past 3 years. He and a select group of teachers identify the students based on the following four criteria: academics, citizenship, participation and leadership. The 2017-2018 awards for the principal's prize are:

- 5th grade - Melanie Hernandez and Abrahan Alvarado
- 6th grade - Kenzie Parish/Vrenda Ayala-Barajas and Clint Cagle
- 7th grade - Lexi Olson and Hunter Mann
- 8th grade - Brisa Sanchez-Valdez/Aleena Keh and Alex Hay



Another prestigious award, "The Viking Way", was also presented to two top 8th graders. This award has been given each year since 2012 to individuals based on their 4 years in the middle school by displaying exemplary effort, sportsmanship and determination in the classroom, on the athletic fields/courts and community. All students who are nominated for the "Viking Way" award receive a letter signed by Mr. Dandron and Mr. Thorbjornsen confirming their efforts and leadership abilities. The winners of the award receive a letter and a plaque that also confirms their top leadership qualities amongst their peers. The 2017/2018 winners of the "The Viking Way" award were Briana Sweeney and Christopher Walker. Congratulations to all of our students who received awards!

Class Of 2018 Scholarships

- Alcaraz, Estefania** - Red Cross Blood Drive
- Allen, Jamie** - Helen & Warren Freestone Memorial
- Baldwin, Skyler** - Viking Club
- Gallegos-Cuevas, Karyssa** - Deborah Weber Memorial
- Greiner, Benjamin** - Viking Club, Ross Normington Memorial
- Kueny, Madison** - Dr. Avison & Maude Gano Memorial, Bronson South Haven Auxiliary, Allegan General Hospital Foundation, American Red Cross
- Lyzenga, Brittney** - American Red Cross, Bangor Arts Council
- Mcguire, Madison** - Norm Johnson Memorial, Patrick O Watkins Memorial, Kvcv Volleyball
- Mcnett, Breanna** - Teri Lynn Wilson Memorial
- Perry, Jacqueline** - Board Of Trustees
- Robertson, Brett** - Ferris State Crimson, Viking Club, Bangor Lions Club, Frances E Martin Memorial, Dr Avison & Maude Gano Memorial, Bill Mayhak Memorial, Chapter Order Of The Eastern Star Of Michigan Educational
- Roe, Emily** - Bangor Lions Club, Kaye Myrtle Memorial
- Ross, Angelia** - Bangor Middle School Staff
- Slone, Regan** - Peace Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund
- Villanueva, Gerardo** - Michigan Tech Award Of Schools, American Red Cross
- Walters Mcdaniel, Connor** - Gvsu Lakers, Elmhurts Presidential, Olivet Nazarene

An exciting opportunity for all students comes from the Bangor Library which is part of the Van Buren County District Library. Tutor.com a website for educational resources is up and running and is free to use for those who have a current library card. Tutor.com has many capabilities that will definitely assist all students to grow in academic progress. The Bangor Library would love to have all students take advantage of this website. Please visit the library for more information on this opportunity and if you do not already have a library card, please sign up for your own individual card.

