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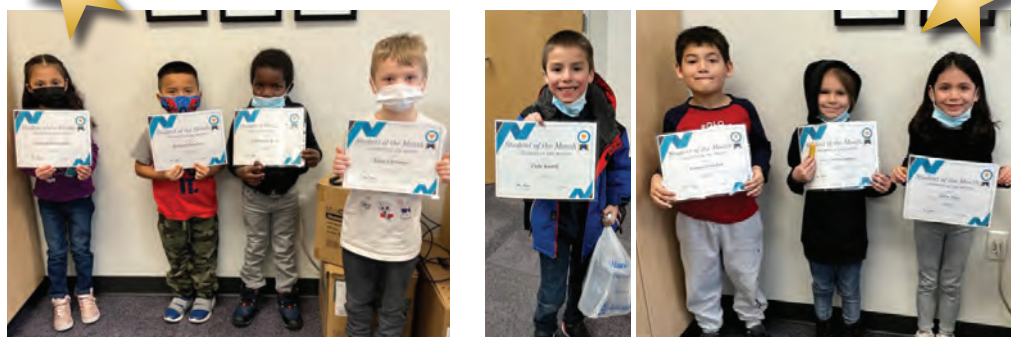
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## South Walnut Elementary

### January Students of the Month



Kindergarten 1st Grade



2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade

- **Kindergarten:** Jimena Hernandez, Roberto Ramirez, A'Donovan Hegler, Bane Christner
- **1st Grade:** Cole Smith, Gustavo Rojas, Valeria Alvarea-Medina, Ellie Noe
- **Second Grade:** Jesus Gonzalez, Manuel Cruz Gonzalez
- **Third Grade:** Ellie Guminski, Arlington Hernandez
- **Fourth Grade:** Jacob Cowley, Kloey Hayes, Brisma Barajas

### Welcome School Social Worker Mrs. Johnston

Mrs. Johnston is a welcome addition to South Walnut. She has jumped right in and started working with students individually, small group, and whole class lessons. In this picture she is working with Mrs. Briley's kindergarten class. During this lesson she is working with students on identifying their feelings. These short, mini-lessons are great for all students



### Little Viking Credit Union Honor Credit Union Opening Day Scheduled for Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>



Congratulations to the following 4th grade students for interviewing with Honor Credit Union and being our "Tellers" for the 2022 school year. Ben Loomis, Diariana Williams, Abigail Marfia, Brisma Gutierrez, Maci Remington, Emma Desantiago-Roberts, Kloey Hayes, Carmine Jonjevic, Owen Hills

### Thank you! Donors Choose



Mrs. Hardester's Class ★★★★★

### Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Ms. Wade



We are happy to have Ms. Wade join us from the sunny, warm state of Florida!! Ms. Wade has family in the area, and is so happy to be in cold, snowy Michigan!! She is excited to bring her expertise to South Walnut, and looks forward to finishing the year with her awesome students. WELCOME!!!

### STAR EXPECTATIONS At South Walnut

**S.T.A.R.**  
Bathrooms, Bus, Cafeteria, Classroom/ Instructional Areas, Hallways/Common Areas, Playground...

- S** = Stay Safe
- T** = Take Pride
- A** = Act Responsibly
- R** = Respect Everyone

South Walnut will review our Schoolwide expectations during the month of January. It is always our goal to have all students understand basic expectation in and out of the classroom. Talking about these at home is a great way to start a conversation!

## Bangor Career Academy

### Lake Michigan College Campuses Welcomed Career Academy

On January 21st, 9-12th grade Career Academy students toured both the South Haven and Benton Harbor campuses of Lake Michigan College to learn about what each campus has to offer students for post-secondary programs.

The students arrived at the LMC South Haven campus at 9:00 a.m. and following introductions, had lunch and a tour of the Benton Harbor campus at 11:00 a.m.

This was the last college visit for the group for the 2021-2022 school year. Visits to local colleges are done with the intent of providing exposure for students to post-secondary training and career options.

### Reading Together

Contributed by Mrs. Leticia Derry, K-5th grade teacher

Improving students' reading skills is difficult in a regular classroom and especially challenging in a virtual classroom. I had established grade level Google Meets soon after school began to foster a feeling of togetherness for each grade. The Google Meets have been well attended so shortly after fall parent conferences each grade level from 1st through 5th grade started a group chapter book reading for the purpose of modeling reading and to offer opportunities for them all to read as well. We are reading: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Charlotte's Web, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Frindle

I am so proud to report that every student has volunteered to read in the Google Meets and they are showing improvements. Many students are apprehensive to read in front of others but this demonstrates their comfort level with me as well as their classmates. They were all patient when anyone needed to sound out a word or needed help. Sometimes they offered that assistance

in a polite way also. They were great at supporting each other. Most of the classes are only about half way through their books but the 5th grade group read Frindle and we finished it just before the winter break. It is a story that shows a power struggle between a student and the teacher. In the end the teacher wins, but the student wins even more. I cried. It was a great story for my students to hear about how to respectfully stand up for what they believe in, and to foster a positive attitude toward reading in the process. I hope to read another book together with each grade group in the spring.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to these Bangor Community Education students for passing GED tests:  
Bridget Poindexter: Social Studies  
Wil Moore: Math • Tristan Ayotte: Social Studies • Sydney Cramer: Science

## Bangor High School



The Wilderness Survival Class braved the cold, thus showing their classmates that they can survive outdoors using only tools from the wild.

### Gone Boarding Class



BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

COMING SOON THIS SPRING 2022

MARCH 24, 26 & 27

**clue** On Stage

Congratulations to the students who will be performing in the spring play!

- Cast list:
- WADSWORTH** Oliver Peterson
  - YVETTE** Kendra Russell
  - MISS SCARLET** Isabel Marfia
  - MRS. PEACOCK** Kenzie Parish
  - MRS. WHITE** Nicole Winkleblack
  - COLONEL MUSTARD** Charles Walantyn
  - PROFESSOR PLUM** James Gleason
  - MR. GREEN** Hayden Robertson
- FEMALE UNDERSTUDIES / FBI AGENTS** Araceli Ramos, Maison Arkauskas
  - MALE UNDERSTUDIES / COPS** Thomas Mellinger, Ayden Hamlett
  - THE COOK** Aaliyah Bilbo
  - THE MOTORIST** Bella Russell
  - SINGING TELEGRAM GIRL** Jennica Walantyn
- MR. BODDY** Alex Hay
  - A COP** Josh Guel
  - COSTUME CREW:** Gabbi Quiroz
  - TECH CREW:** Aanzhenii Smith, Mackenzie Houchin, Madison Smith
  - STAGE CREW:** Paloma Martinez-Cortes, Serenity Desantiago
  - MANAGEMENT CREW:** Roberto Franco-Aguirre

Jennifer Unger from the Aveda Institute came to visit Bangor High School to share information about a program which prepares students for careers in Cosmetology, Barbering and Massage Therapy.



## Bangor Middle School

### Middle School Students Recognized At Breakfast Of Achievement Event

Bangor Middle School's Breakfast of Achievement invites students that won Student of the Week (SOTW) and Viking on the Rise (VOTR) and the parents of the BMS students that won the awards. Teachers nominate students that exhibit the qualities of Viking Strong. This is a motto created by the Bangor Middle School Principal Mr. Paul Marfia. These qualities include Teamwork, Integrity, Pride, Excellence, and Respect. Students that LIVE these principles can be nominated by our teaching staff to be Student of the Week and awarded the title Viking on the Rise. SOTW includes students that are Viking Strong but also are performing well in the classroom. Also, we award students with the title VOTR, which are students that live Viking Strong and are improving their grades.

Viking Strong was explained to attendees and also how each student earned the awards. Our main goal was to recognize and celebrate each individual student and give them a certificate for their efforts. This included a big applause from the crowd of parents/guardians and students. The final award of the breakfast is Student of the Marking Period. The teaching staff voted on all the past SOTW award winners from each grade (5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th) to find four students that will be recognized for Student of the Marking Period.

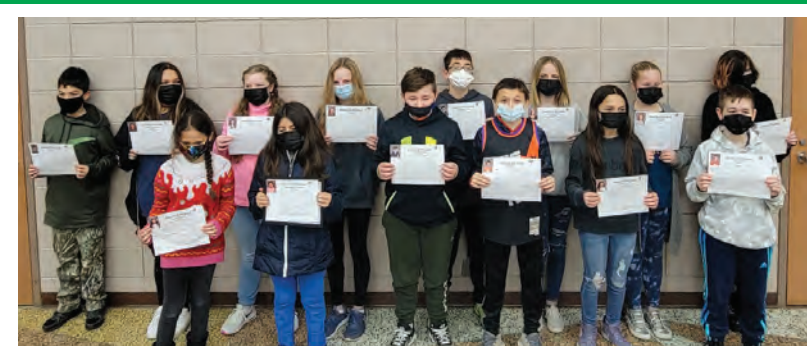
These students live the Viking Strong Motto and give their greatest effort in the classroom to become Bangor Middle School's Students' of the 2nd Marking Period. The Breakfast of Achievement was a way to honor and recognize our students that live the Motto "VIKING STRONG" and work hard in the classroom.



Mr. Aleman hands Serenity De Santiago her Student of the Second Marking Period award. She was voted by her teachers to be Student of the Marking Period.



The following students won Student of the 2nd Marking Period: Maria Marin-Hernandez (5th grade), Rachel Loomis (6th grade), Savannah Marfia (7th grade), and Serenity DeSantiago (8th grade).



Students of the Week 2nd Marking Period: back row starting on the left are Humberto Garcia, Serenity DeSantiago, Emalee Kraus, Claire Heimsath, Nicholas Hardester, Savannah Marfia, Rachel Loomis, Scarlett Bus. Students' names in the first row starting on the left are Serenity Preston, Maria Marin-Hernandez, Ethan Nielsen, Jayden Smith, Isabella Macedo, and Talon Abbott. Not pictured Solexy Calderon, and Lukas Remington.



Viking on the Rise 2nd Marking Period, starting in back row on the left are Devin Sandora, Steven Crans, Hayley Cummins, Jonas Slazek, Anna Beelen, Enrique Macedo, and Marlee Nead. In the front row starting on the left are Jose Aragon-Filomeno, Aubrey Smith, Chloe Pobuda, Wyatt Schneider, and Sayda Geronimo-Morales.