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BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS
PLEASE VOTE May 3, 2022

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SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

The Bangor Public Schools community will have the opportunity to vote on a school bond proposal on the May 3, 2022 election ballot.

If approved, it would provide \$41,540,000 for building and site improvements to address identified and ongoing facility needs based on facility assessments and community input.

WHAT IS A BOND PROPOSAL & HOW CAN FUNDS FROM A BOND BE SPENT?

A bond proposal is how a public school district asks its community for authorization to borrow money to pay for capital expenditures.

Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, buses, furnishings, and equipment. Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used on operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies, and textbooks.

Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm.

VOTING INFORMATION

Polls are open: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registered voters may cast a ballot at the polling location established by their city/township.

Absentee voting: Contact your precinct; ballots available by March 19, 2022

For more information on voting: Visit the State website www.michigan.gov/vote

KEY FINANCIAL POINTS

The District is proposing to continue updating the infrastructure by providing improvements to aging building systems. While the schools have been well-maintained, some building systems are beyond their anticipated useful life.

This bond proposal would fund improvements to make our schools more energy efficient and extend their useful lives.

If approved by voters, it is projected that the debt tax rate would increase by approximately 2.5 mills over the current debt tax rate. This equals approximately an additional \$125.00 per year for every \$50,000 taxable value.

TAXABLE VALUE	COST/ YEAR	COST/ MONTH	COST/ WEEK
\$50,000	\$125.00	\$10.42	\$2.40
\$100,000	\$250.00	\$20.83	\$4.81

District-wide improvements include:

- New transportation office and driver's lounge, including furniture and equipment
- Security and access control equipment
- Transportation paving
- Remodel existing Annex facility for District office and community outreach, including furniture and equipment
- New exterior signage for Annex Building

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For an overview of the bond proposal, please visit the District website. Frequently asked questions and answers, proposed project lists and more will be available at each school and online at www.bangorvikings.org

A public information forum will be held. See the District website for details.

If you have questions, contact Lynn Johnson Superintendent at ljohnson@bangorvikings.org (269) 427-6800 x1100

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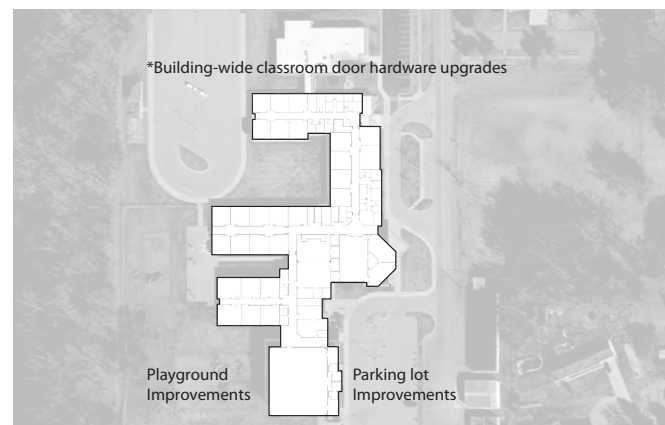
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Join us in discussing the upcoming school bond proposal
BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Community Bond Forum
April 14th, 2022 & 6:30 pm • High School Auditorium
Vote, May 3, 2022 or by absentee ballot
www.bangorvikings.org.our_district/bond

Conceptual site and building diagrams depict potential building and site relationships. Actual layout and design to be determined by the district.

Improvements at South Walnut Elementary School include:



Health, Safety and Security

- Classroom door hardware upgrades
- Selective playground improvements

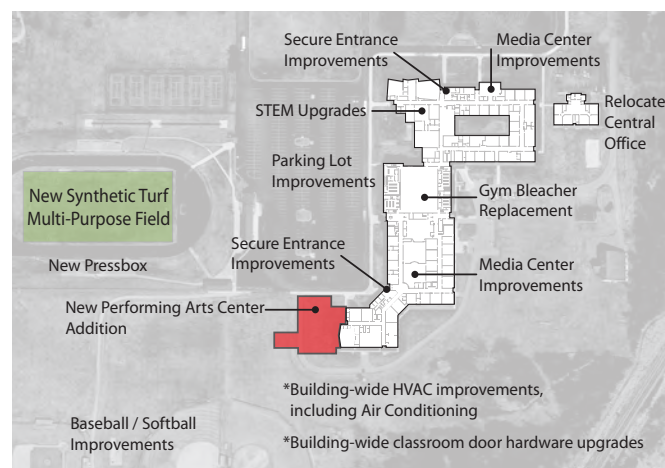
Aging Facilities

- Selective roofing improvements
- Chiller replacement
- Selective parking lot repaving and reconstruction
- New site signage

Educational Programming / Learning Environments

- New educational technology to enhance learning

Improvements at Bangor Middle School and High School include:



Health, Safety and Security

- Secure building entrance improvements
- Classroom door hardware upgrades
- New site wayfinding signage
- Improving air quality through HVAC upgrades
- Additional staff restrooms

Educational Programming / Learning Environments

- New Performing Arts Center
- Media Center renovations
- STEM / Gone Boarding Lab upgrades
- New educational technology to enhance learning
- Remodel under-utilized spaces for educational programming
- Classroom furniture & equipment upgrades
- New synthetic turf multi-purpose field to increase access & playability

Aging Facilities

- Selective roofing improvements
- Selective parking lot improvements
- Mechanical and plumbing system improvements, including:
 - Equipment replacement
 - Chiller replacement
 - Addition of air conditioning
 - Building management system upgrades
 - Domestic water piping replacement
- Selective flooring and ceiling replacement
- Gymnasium bleacher replacement
- Technology infrastructure improvements
- Selective baseball & softball improvements, including: Fencing, Dugouts, Scoring towers
- Stadium improvements, including: Track and field event improvements, new sports lighting, new press box

Apple Tree Preschool



The Reading theme for South Walnut/Apple Tree Preschool this year is Diversity. We have set up an airport in one of our rooms. Each child has received a passport complete with their picture, age, country of origin, date issued and the date it expires. The students come each morning to the airport where their passport is stamped and they are then seated and ready to fly to a new country. The staff read story books about each country they are visiting. To date the students have flown to Mexico, China, Thailand, Egypt, Canada and Australia. The students are looking forward to visiting France, the USA, South Africa, Italy, Greece, Spain, London, Brazil, Germany and Cuba.

A student from each class was randomly chosen to receive the book "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and the book "Horton Hears a Who?" The winners from Mrs. Shafers' class are: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish - Anahi Oseguera and "Horton Hears a Who" was Ever Morales Verdugo. From Miss Shafers' class the winners were: "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" - Andrea Cruz and "Horton Hears a Who" was Lucas Cannon.



We are also very excited to begin a two-year project with FIRST Lego League Discover. (FIRST is a robotics community that prepares young people for the future). Each class received two STEM Park Lego sets that will be used as a base for both years. (S = stem, T = technology, E = engineering, A = Arts and M = mathematics). We also received two CARGO CONNECT sets to be used this year. Next year we will receive a third set. The focus is on transportation and how packages get sorted, transported and delivered. There are 10 sessions that will be taught where the students will experience the engineering design process, meaning the students will be exploring the theme and ideas, creating solutions, testing them, changing them and then sharing what they have created and learned with each other. Each class has been divided into 4 teams, the students chose their team name and they will be creating together during this process. Each student has their own Engineering workbook to complete lessons in. The students and their parents also received a "six brick stack" of Legos to have at home and we are sending activities for the family to do together at their leisure. At the end of the project we will have a Lego celebration event with the families.

South Walnut Elementary

Read Across America March 2, 2022

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

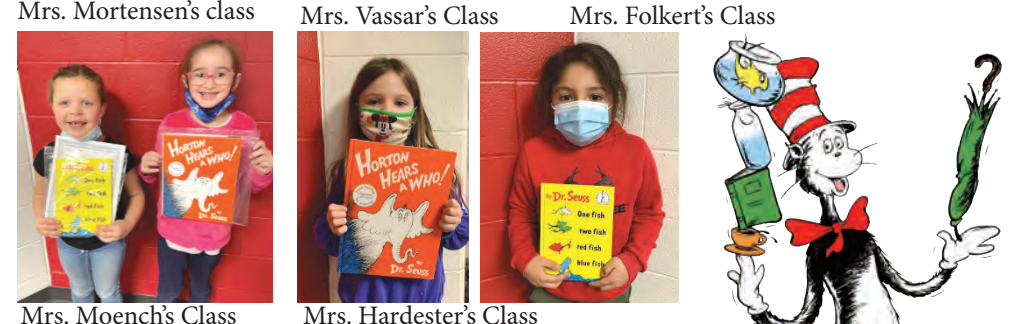
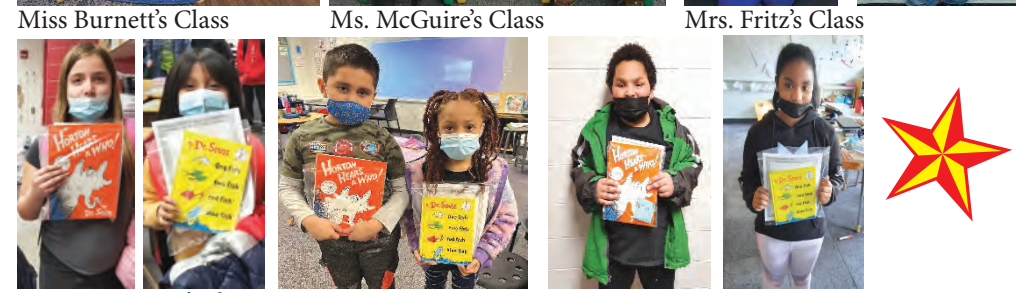


Mrs. Kolosar's Class Mrs. Creager's Class Mrs. Guntz's Class Mrs. Bunting's Class Mrs. Briley's Class Mrs. Ward's Class Mrs. Wade's Class Mrs. Loomis' Class

All students at South Walnut had the opportunity to join in and celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday on Wednesday, March 2nd. Stations were set up so students had the choice of their preferred activity. Props, hats, banners, dot painting, reading with a stuffed Seuss character and drawing were just a few of the options. Fun times for everyone! Students ended the day with a treat bag of colored gold fish crackers for snack. This was a great day to kick-off our March is Reading Month Celebration.

Reading Month • Parent Involvement

"Horton Hears a Who!" and "One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish" were our books of choice to kick off Parent Involvement during March is Reading Month. Each class had the pleasure of hearing their teacher read both books, and raffled them off to send home with students. Books were sent home with activity packets.



Celebration Time!

Students that participate in our EL program at South Walnut recently finished the WIDA testing. WIDA resources are used to make decisions about students' English academic language and helps staff to facilitate their language development. WIDA scores help to support decisions about placing students into appropriate groups for instructional support. It always shows the progress students have made. Miss Jones rewarded all students in our EL program with ice cream sundaes as a celebration of their best effort on the assessment.



Bangor High School

South Haven Fire & Rescue instruct PE Class at BHS

We were pleased to have South Haven Fire and Rescue join our PE Class for the entire school day. The SH Fire and Rescue staff took our students through several rescue demonstrations.



BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND Receives Division 1 Rating at MSBOA District 6 Band & Orchestra Festival



From Director Mrs. Tiana Doe: "The HS Concert Band had a performance that literally brought tears to eyes. It was magical to hear our sounds come together in a beautiful space where we freely created music together in front of family and friend.

Thank you to all of the students, parents, administration, family and friends. The support for our band program does not go unnoticed. We have so many exciting things ahead but today (was) a celebration!"

Congratulations

to Emily Underwood and Briana Sweeney for being chosen "Students of the Quarter," at the Van Buren Technology Center.



EMILY UNDERWOOD
BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL
Allied Health (PM)



BRIANA SWEENEY
BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL
Cyber Security & Computer Network
Technology (PM)

Positive Behavior Intervention System motivates students

BHS students enjoyed another PBIS Recognition session this month in which all Vikings that earned all A's and B's were given a free period. Student chose to play in the gym or watch movies in the auditorium, and also received ice cream. In addition, students may be chosen to be a guest DJ during lunch.

Bangor Middle School



Twelve 7th & 8th grade band students who participated in the MSBOA District 6 MS Honors Band.

Congratulations to:

Anthony Franco-Rivera, Angel Barajas, Carson Crandall, Shayla Gamino, Emma Montoya, Emalee Kraus, Aanzhenii Smith, Jack Loomis, Paloma Martinez-Cortes, Madison Lennox, Hayden Robertson, Trap Abbott.