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South Walnut Elementary

Students Clean Up School Grounds in Earth Day Activity



Students in Mrs. Fritz's Kindergarten class picked up trash and cleaned up the playground for an Earth Day activity this month. "In just a few minutes their bags were full and the playground was cleaned," stated Mrs. Fritz.

Bangor Hispanic Student Association and Special Guests Read to South Walnut Students for Reading Month



Senator Aric Nesbitt was also a guest reader this month.

Student Art Is Featured At The South Haven Center For The Arts



Maribel Aquino Martinez, Value Scale Ice Cream Cone, Tempera Paint 1st Grade

Christian Antonio Ventura, Ocean Fun, Construction Paper, Tempera Paint, Sharpie Marker, 2nd Grade

Jusiah Villalobos, Organic Monster and Geometric Robots, Construction Paper, Tempera Paint and Sharpie Marker, 2nd Grade

Elijah Villalobos, Value Scale Ice Cream Cone, Tempera Paint, 1st Grade

Bangor Middle School

BMS Welcomes New Principal

"My name is Tammy Wilson and I am excited to be finishing the school year as the Interim Bangor Middle School Principal. I recently retired from education after 33 years in the field. In my last position, I was the Principal at Lawton High School, a position I held for 17 years. I also have experience as a middle school teacher and administrator at Comstock Public Schools and as a teacher and Athletic Director at Lawrence Public Schools. I have dedicated my career to working with teachers, students and families to gain the best educational experience possible. I am enjoying working with the opportunity to serve the Bangor School Community and hope that the skills and background knowledge I bring will help support teaching and learning and keep students moving in a positive direction through the end of the school year. I am enjoying working with students and staff and proud to be a Viking!"



BMS Students Participate in Solo & Ensemble & Honors Band



On March 30th, several Middle School students that were selected participated in the Honors Band concert at Andrews University. Also, band students participated in Solo & Ensemble competitions this month. The 7th and 8th grade students performed at Paw Paw while the 5th and 6th graders performed at Bangor.



Bangor Career Academy

Congratulations to these graduates on completing the GED Program:

Ethan Taft
Jordan Banaszak
Steven Girard
Ty Woodley



March Reading Month Assembly



At the end of the month of March, Bangor Middle School had a Reading Month Assembly. Students who reached reading goals had a chance to throw pies at staff members. Spring sports participants were also announced, and other games were played. Mrs. Kimbler was a great sport about getting hit with two pies, while Mrs. Doe was a bit luckier in that the two pies thrown at her missed the mark. Students also participated in spirit week dress up days leading up to the assembly.

BMS Performing at MSBOA Jazz Festival on April 18



Bangor Middle School Jazz Band students received great feedback from judges at the Jazz Festival held at South Haven's Listiak auditorium.

Bangor High School

Mr. Bangor Nolan Crandall Takes Second Runner Up At Blossomtime Festival



Our current Mr. Bangor, Nolan Crandall finished as runner up at the Blossomtime pageant on Sunday April 16. Twenty-one community Kings vied for the title of Mr. Blossomtime. They were judged on poise, interviewing skills, community service & communications as well as stage presence & personality. The Blossomtime Festival, established in 1906, is Michigan's oldest and largest multi-community Festival.

Crandall is pictured in the back row, second from the right. Also pictured is Miss Blossomtime Lauren Vegter - Miss Spirit of Blossomtime from the community of Stevensville, 1st Runner Up Javen Graves - Bridgman, 2nd Runner Up Olivia Ippel - St. Joseph, Miss Congeniality Linda Klein - Berrien Springs, Mr. Blossomtime Karl Krause - Berrien Springs, 1st Runner Up Juswin Judge - St. Joseph, and Mr. Nice Guy Declan Finnegan - St. Joseph.

High School Jazz Band Snags Division II Rating At Festival



On March 29, the Bangor High School Band performed at the MSBOA Jazz Band Festival, held at East Kentwood. Bangor earned a Division 2 rating. "We had some fantastic moments and many learning experiences. I am so proud of these students and their pursuit to develop their jazz playing," said Band director Tiana Doe. On Tuesday, April 18 the High School Jazz Band participated in another festival at South Haven High School. In this particular event, no ratings were given but judges gave constructive feedback.

Bangor Robotics Team Finishes Season After Competing in Three Events



Valhalla Nation had fantastic season, competing in three events. In their second competition at Lakeview High School, the team brought home the judge's award and finished 5th. For their final competition at Kentwood they earned 13th, and finished the season ranked 340th out of 636 teams.

"We are excited to complete our parade robot before the end of the school year," stated Robotics Coach Thomas Laird.

Bond Proposal

BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS

Vote by Election Day: May 2, 2023

NO TAX RATE INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT RATE

Upcoming School Bond Vote

SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, our community will vote on a school bond proposal for Bangor Public Schools.

If approved by voters, this bond will provide \$7,250,000 for district-wide improvements with no tax rate increase expected over the current tax rate.

- What safety improvements are in the 2023 bond proposal?**
- Adding a secure building entrances at the Middle & High School
 - Classroom door hardware upgrades district-wide
 - Access Control Improvements district-wide
 - Parking lot expansion and re-configuration
 - Restroom renovations and additional staff restrooms at the Middle & High School
 - South Walnut playground improvements

- What educational improvements are in the 2023 bond proposal?**
- New educational technology district-wide to enhance learning
 - At the Middle School & High School:
 - Media Center renovations
 - STEM Lab renovations
 - New educational technology to enhance learning
 - Classroom furniture & equipment upgrades
 - Classroom flooring selective replacements
 - Cafeteria servery improvements

The proposed projects focus on two areas: Safety and Educational Improvements. Learn more at www.bangorvikings.org

TAX IMPACT

The debt millage rate is estimated to remain the same as the current rate with no tax increase.

VOTING INFORMATION

Polls are open: Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Absentee Voting: All registered voters may vote via absentee voter ballots. Ballots available as early as Saturday, March 23, 2023.

Election and Voting Information: Visit www.michigan.gov/vote to view your sample ballot, verify your voter registration, and more.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit www.bangorvikings.org for an overview of the bond proposal, frequently asked questions, and community forum dates.

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

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