



The Weekly Growl

Brown Elementary School

Byron Center Public Schools

January 16, 2026

School News Network Reader Survey

School News Network (SNN) is a local publication dedicated to sharing the stories of teaching and learning, students and educators and the education issues shaping our schools. SNN is currently seeking feedback from its readers.

Please take a moment to fill our School News Network's [2026 audience survey](#) by February 27. Your comments will help the SNN team plan for the future and reach more people with articles, podcasts and videos about Byron Center Public Schools. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential. Thank you for your input!

Newsies Guest Audience Workshop

Join us Thursday, February 13th from 4:30–7:00 PM at the VSFAC

Open to all 3rd–8th grade students

Get a behind-the-scenes look at a Newsies rehearsal, play theatre games, and chat with the cast during a Q&A session!

Register: vsfac.com/guest. Come be part of the energy and excitement of *Newsies*!

Electronic Devices

Cell phones, tablets, or gaming devices that distract from learning must remain in backpacks during the school day and brought at the owners risk as lockers/cubbies are not locked. Smart Watches may be worn in school as long as they do not disrupt the learning environment. Personal communication devices are not permitted to be used for communication through text, email or calls during the school day. In the event students need to communicate with home, school staff will assist and calls/emails will be sent from school.

Staff Lounge Donations

If you would like to sign up to bring a donation for the staff lounge please use this [link](#)!

Boys Lacrosse

Looking for 1st-8th grade boys interested in lacrosse. See more information [here!](#)

Kids Heart Challenge

Join us in spreading kindness, building healthy habits, and making a lasting difference. Together, we can create a healthier future, one heart at a time. Sign up [here!](#)

When to Keep Your Child Home from School

Please see more information [here](#) on when to keep your child home from school. Thank you for you for helping to keep our kids here at school healthy!

Attendance

If your student will be absent or needs to leave early for an appointment please contact the teacher along with our attendance email: brattendance@bcpsk12.net

Upcoming Dates

January 19: No School

January 27: PUP Meeting 6pm

January 29: [Roundball Bash](#)

February 13: 1/2 Day of School (Dismissal at Noon)

February 16: No School

February 26: Pajama Day

