



September



COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY

Principal's Message

Off to a Great Start!

We have had such a great start to the school year! It has been wonderful to have our Bulldogs back in the building. Kids are coming through the doors with smiles on their faces, classrooms are busy with learning, and it already feels like we are settling into a great year together.

Thank you for helping us get off to such a positive start. We appreciate you encouraging good attendance right from the beginning and supporting us as we establish our school routines and procedures. Those little things really do make a big difference in helping our days run smoothly and allowing kids to feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn.

Most of all, thank you for sharing your kids with us each day. We love having them here and are excited for all that this year will bring!

Warmly, Cindy Viveen - Principal

Important Dates

September 4 & 7

No School!

September 9

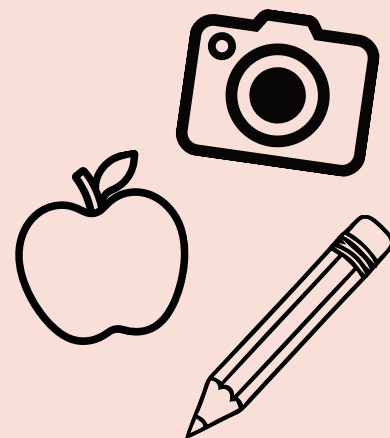
Picture Day

October 7

Count Day

October 9

Walkathon



School Hours

8:30am - 3:40pm

Parent Pick Up Tags

If you would like to order additional parent pick up tags please click the link below. Tags are \$5.00 and payment can be sent to the office. All tags will be delivered to school and sent home with students.

[Parent Pick Up Tag Order Link](#)



Walkers & Bikers

- Bikers/walkers and parents will be met at the service drive entrance at 8:22 am by a staff member who will walk students to their class lines.
- **Please do not block the service drive while waiting in the morning or afternoon.**
- Students will be brought back to this same location at 3:30 pm to meet parents.
- Students may not cross the road alone and will not be permitted to do that without an approved adult.



Student Drop off & Pick up

- Students should be released from their
- cars at **8:25 and not before.**
- Please stay in your car while you are dropping off or picking up.
- Stopping at the playground gates or earlier backs things up for other cars.
- Please pull as far forward as space allows to speed up the pick up or drop off process.

School Breakfast and Lunch Info.

For breakfast and lunch menus at Countryside Elementary, please click the link. [MENUS!](#)

M-Step Reports

M-STEP reports will be sent home with current 4th grade students on Friday, September 11th.

Please watch out for them and reach out if you have any questions.



Pond Table

This is a reminder that the pond table is first come, first serve. The table is only for your child plus one additional student if desired.

There are no parties allowed. Please clean up after yourself!



Hand 2 Hand

We're a Hand2Hand School!

Providing students with nutritious food to take home for the weekends and extended breaks.

Sign up here:

[Hand2Hand registration](#)



[Parent resource:](#)
[Student Handbook](#)

Early Pick up & Appointments

Parents should send a email to csattendance@bcpsk12.net if a student will be picked up during the school day.

To limit classroom interruptions, any changes to end of day transportation must be communicated to the office by 3:00pm

Vacations During the School Year

All vacations must be pre excused. It is the parent's responsibility to obtain a pre-excused absence slip from the main office at least 5 days prior to the scheduled absence. Make up work will be expected to be completed upon returning. It is not recommended that students go on vacation while school is in session. Vacation absences do not count against the daily attendance requirement.

Medication

Any medication should be brought to the Office by a parent and not sent on the bus or put in a lunchbox. (This includes cough drops) Medical permission forms, filled out by the doctor, are required for any prescribed medication being dispensed by the school. Thanks for helping us protect our students!



Absences should be reported to the school office at 616.878.6907 or attendance email (csattendance@bcpsk12.net), no later than 8:45am. You may leave a voice message during non-school hours on the voicemail. Please clearly state your name, child's name, and reason for absence.

Sick Symptoms: Please do not send your child to school if they exhibit any of they following.

- Fever: Fever is defined as having a temperature of 99°F or higher. (a child needs to be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school, that means the child is fever free without the aid of Tylenol®, or any other fever reducing substance.)
- Fever, sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, hacking or coughing accompanied by a fever.
- Vomiting: 1 or more times in a 24 hour period. Note: please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night.
- Frequent scratching of body or scalp, lice, rash, or any other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ringworm.

Cub Scouts

Interested in becoming a Cub Scout? Pack 3250 welcomes boys and girls K-5th. Join us for our Welcome Picnic at the Whistlestop Park pavilion on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm for dinner, games, and other activities! For questions, contact Jeremiah Jordan 616-292-1990, jordanpack3250@gmail.com.

Don't Scrap the App!

We strongly encourage all parents/ guardians to return their Education and Nutrition Benefits application with the Michigan School Meals Program. Completing this application takes less than 10 minutes and can help students receive important resources.

EVERY APPLICATION COUNTS!

Every application that is not submitted means lost educational programs and resources for our students.

Filling out the application may help provide:

- Health and Wellness Services
- Before and After School Academic and Enrichment Programs
- Guidance and College Counselors
- Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions Tests
- Resources for Classrooms. Teachers and Children

YOUTH SOCCER NIGHT
SEPT. 10
WEST MIDDLE
JV GAME @ 5pm
Varsity GAME @ 6:30pm

Halftime Game for youth players
Shoot on the JV goalie at halftime
Walk out with Varsity players at start of game
Youth wearing soccer jersey get in FREE

HANDSHAND Donations at JV and VARSITY GAMES
Mandarin orange cup, pudding cups, microwave popcorn, canned chicken, canned pasta, meat sticks, granola bars, Nature Valley soft baked bars, belvita bars, fruit snacks



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14TH &
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH**

GIRLS & BOYS KIDS CLINIC

**K-2ND GRADE
5PM-630PM**

**3RD-5TH GRADE
630PM-8PM**

**PRICES:
1 CHILD- \$50
2 KIDS- \$75
3 OR MORE KIDS- \$110**

**CALLING ALL **BOYS & GIRLS
K-5TH GRADE!** COME LEARN
HOW TO COMPETE, AND HAVE FUN WHILE
BUILDING YOUR BASKETBALL
SKILLS! GET READY FOR EXCITING
DRILLS, GAMES, TEAMWORK, AND
PLENTY OF BASKETBALL ACTION!
**BRING YOUR ENERGY, LACE UP
YOUR SHOES, AND LET'S GO!**



HOMECOMING COLOR RUN

PRESENTED BY BCXC



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24
BYRON WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL
K - 3RD GRADE - 6:00 PM
4TH - 6TH GRADE - 6:20 PM
\$20.00 - INCLUDES T SHIRT



REGISTER AT WWW.BYRONCENTERATHLETICS.COM/REGISTRATIONS



PARENTS AT COUNTRYSIDE (PAC)



Parents At Countryside (PAC) supports our school by organizing events and activities that enrich the student experience and support our teachers. Join us at our next meeting to see what's happening at Countryside, check out upcoming events, and find ways to get involved!

WHAT DOES PAC DO?

Walkathon	Back To School Open House
Holiday Craft	Veterans Day Assembly
Daddy Daughter Dance	Moms/Sons Event
Teacher Conference Meals	Teacher Appreciation Week
Fall Football Tailgate	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
Kindergarten Popsicles with the Principal	

2026-2027 MEETINGS

6:30PM | Countryside Cafeteria | FREE PIZZA | Kids Games In The Gym!

Monday, September 21	Tuesday, January 19
Monday, October 19	Tuesday, February 16
Monday, November 16	Monday, March 22
Monday, December 14	Monday, April 19
	Monday, May 17



**PAC Parents At
Countryside**

4 followers • 1 following
Countryside Elementary School Parent Group (Byron Center, MI)
Community Organization



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Parents at Countryside

74 posts • 101 followers • 41 following

Follow us for the latest happenings at Countryside Elementary!

New Page!!!!



President@parentsatcountryside.com

Help Stock The Countryside Staff Lounge!

Please help fuel our teachers & staff for a great year!



Please see the sign-up Genius link to see the staff's favorite snacks and drinks!



Items can be dropped at:

- Countryside Open House by the PAC Table (Mon 8/24 4-5pm)
- The school office during regular school hours
- Ordered from the Amazon wish list and sent directly to the school

Thank you for supporting Countryside's great staff!

Stock the
Lounge
Sign Up



Staff Lounge
Amazon
Wishlist

