



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
February 21, 2025

Important Information:

Attendance Line:

Please call the attendance line at 616-878-6400 or email nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net, if your student will be absent, running late, or needs to be picked up for an appointment during the school day. If we are unable to answer, please leave us a detailed message with your name, the name of your student, the reason for the absence, or the time your student will be arriving or need to be picked up for an appointment. Thank you for your help in this.

Nickels website

School Hours:

Full Day: 7:55 am - 2:50 pm

Half Day: 7:55 am - 11:10 am

Office hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Phone number: 616-878-6400

Upcoming Dates

February:

Feb. 24th - 27th - Nickels Book Fair

Feb. 24th - NO Forte

Feb. 24th - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Feb. 26th - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Feb. 27th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

March:

Mar. 3rd - Map testing starts

Mar. 3rd - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mar. 5th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Mar. 6th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mar. 6th - Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm @
the VSFAC

Mar. 6th - Band Concert 7:00 pm in the
Nickels Gym

Mar. 9th - Daylight Savings Time- Turn
clocks ahead an hour before going to bed on
Saturday

Mar. 10th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mar. 11th - 5th Grade Choir Concert -
Just Sing - Please see details in newsletter

Mar. 13th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

NIS Employment Opportunity:

[Lunch Recess Information Flyer](#) **[Application Link](#)**

The Nickels Intermediate School Annual Education Report (AER) is now available to provide performance for the 2023-2024 school year. Please click [here](#) to access the AER, or visit our school website. Printed copies are available in the Nickel's main office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Tom Trout, Nickels Intermediate School Principal at ttrout@bcpsk12.net or 616-878-6400.

Buist Community Assistance Food Drive - February 18th - February 28th:

Our student leadership team is partnering with Buist Community Assistance Center to host a food drive at Nickels Intermediate to help families in need in the Byron community. Donated items may be brought to your students classroom and placed in the collection box.

Suggested items:

RICE - All varieties

CANNED BEANS - All varieties

DRINKS - Coffee, Tea, Instant dry mixes

CONDIMENTS - Ketchup, Mayo, Jam

SNACKS - Crackers all varieties

BAKING - Mixes, Spices/Seasonings, Cooking oil, Evaporated or Condensed Milk

DIAPERS - All Sizes

The Book Fair is coming to Nickels February 24-27!

There's nothing quite like a brand new book! Students can shop during their library time and during parent/teacher conferences.

More details can be found here - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/nickels>

If you would like to help at the fair, here is a direct link to volunteer -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFA722AAF4C34-54715780-nickels#/>

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Conferences are scheduled for February 24th and 26th. These conferences will be student-led. During a student-led conference, your child will lead the conference, so the format is different than you may be used to. Please look for an email from your students' homeroom teacher for conference time. Mr. Amo will not be available for conferences on the 24th and 26th. If you would like to have a conference with Mr. Amo please contact him mamo@bcpsk12.net.

As we gear up for our upcoming Conference Meals during the week of February 24th, we're reaching out for your support! We kindly ask for your help in providing donated items to make these meals extra special for our hardworking teachers and staff. From snacks to beverages, every contribution counts! Please consider signing up to donate items and have them delivered to the school by Monday, February 24th. Let's show our staff some love and appreciation for all that they do! Thank you for your support! [Conference Sign Up](#)

March is Reading Month:

WILD about Reading

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 READ! READ! READ!	3 AT HOME: Set a goal for how many books you want to read this month and make a plan to reach it.	4 WEAR CAMO to stay hidden in the WILD!	5 Read EXTRA at home tonight!	6 WILD animals can be soft and cuddly. WEAR SOFT, COMFY CLOTHES.	7 FUN FRIDAY: Color a jungle bookmark. Your teacher will have some for you.	8 AT HOME: Read the lyrics to your favorite song about the jungle or a wild animal.
9 READ! READ! READ!	10 AT HOME: Find and read an article about your favorite animal.	11 Blend in with the WILD animals. WEAR ANIMAL PRINT.	12 Read EXTRA at home tonight!	13 WEAR SAFARI GEAR to go on an adventure through the WILD.	14 FUN FRIDAY: Bring a flashlight to school for reading time.	15 AT HOME: With your family, watch a movie that is also a book.
16 READ! READ! READ!	17 AT HOME: Do research about habitats in the world with wild animals.	18 Everyone's reading future is sunny! WEAR A HAT!	19 Read EXTRA at home tonight!	20 Everyone's reading future is bright! WEAR SHADES to reduce the glare.	21 FUN FRIDAY: Bring a snack to eat during reading class.	22 AT HOME: Read a cookie recipe, and then bake cookies that look like WILD animals.
23 READ! READ! READ!	24 AT HOME: Read to your pet or a stuffed animal.	25 In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lions sleeps tonight. WEAR PAJAMAS!	26 Read EXTRA at home tonight!	27 Run with the WILD animals. WEAR ATHLETIC GEAR.	28 FUN FRIDAY: Read with a friend today.	29 AT HOME: Go to the library or bookstore to find a book to read over break.
30 READ! READ! READ!	31 AT HOME: Build a fort to read in at home.	~READING MONTH INFO~ March 18 @ 1:00 Battle of the Books April 3~Reading Month Celebration in Homeroom			Spring Break	

[6th Grade Winter Band Concert - 3/6/25 - Nickels Gym @ 7:00 pm:](#)

[6th Grade Winter Concert Informational Flyer](#)

[5th Grade Choir Concert - Just Sing - 3/11/25:](#)

[Just Sing Detailed Parent Flyer](#)

6:00 PM: Smith / Greenman / DeHaan / Deppe / Burns / Frody

7:15 PM: Krieger / Hunt / Sabin / Kuiper / Keller / Snyder / Morris

[Byron Center Equestrian Team - Meeting 3/18/25 - High School RM #600 @ 6:30 pm:](#)

[Equestrian Informational Flyer](#)

[Byron Center Aquatics - Spring Swim Lessons:](#)

[Swimming Lessons Spring Flyer](#)

[Bulldog Growl:](#)

[February Edition](#)

[Cooler Weather Gear:](#)

With the colder weather please have your child dress warmly for recess (sweatshirt, pants, winter coat, gloves, hat, boots and snow pants). Students do go outside unless the temperature/wind chill is below Zero.

Thank you for your help in this!

Family Math Fun 3/8/25:

Family Fun Flyer

Bulldog Power Spring Break 56er Camp:

We are excited to open up the weight room for the Byron Center 56er athletes to come in and workout at BulldogPower Spring Break Camp:

April 7th, 8th and 9th from 10am-11am This camp will focus on the BulldogPower concepts: Move Well, Move Strong, Move Fast. It will also focus on an introduction to strength training, as well as, age-appropriate long term athletic development skills such as jumping, sprinting and agility. \$25 PER ATHLETE (30 ATHLETE LIMIT)

BRING ATHLETIC SHOES AND A WATER BOTTLE

?s EMAIL COACH JOE AT JCHIARAMONTE@BCPSK12.NET

Registration Link:

<https://byroncenterathletics.com/Registrations>



BULLDOGPOWER
Spring Break
56er Camp

DAYS
\$25 | **MON, TUE, WED** | **APR 7, 8, 9**
PER ATHLETE | 10:00AM-11:00AM

#MOVEWELLMOVESTRONGMOVEFAST

**BYRON CENTER HIGH SCHOOL
USE ATHLETIC ENTRANCE
MEET IN WEIGHT ROOM**

This camp will focus on age-appropriate Long Term Athletic Development skills like Jumping Sprinting Strength & Agility

REGISTER:
[HTTPS://BYRONCENTERATHLETICS.COM/REGISTRATIONS](https://byroncenterathletics.com/registrations)
CONTACT:
COACH JOE CHIARAMONTE
JCHIARAMONTE@BCPSK12.NET

BUILDING CHAMPIONS
#BULLDOGPOWER

District School Calendar 24/25:

[24/25 District Calendar](#)

District Calendar 25/26:

[25/26 District Calendar](#)

District Calendar 26/27:

[26/27 District Calendar](#)

24/25 6th Grade Sports Information:

<http://bcwestmsathletics.com/>

[24/25 Middle School Sports Informational Flyer](#)

Nurses Corner:

Medication Consent Form 24/25

Medication Policy Reminders:

1. If your student needs to take medication while at school they MUST have a medication consent form completed.

Prescription meds require BOTH a parent/guardian AND a physician signature. Over the counter (OTC) meds require a parent/guardian signature only. No student will be administered medication without the proper consent forms.

2. Please remember that students are NOT allowed to self carry ANY medications (prescription or OTC) per our district policy UNLESS it's an emergency medication and we have the appropriate forms completed and signed.

3. All medications must be stored in the office and brought to school by a parent/guardian. They must be in the original container with the appropriate label (and not expired). We will not accept any medications in baggies, envelopes, ect.

Amy Voiles RN-BSN Direct Phone: 616-878-6414 Fax Number: 616-345-1924

Cell Phone Expectations and Consequences:

Our policy states that all cell phones must be off and stored in a student's locker (or homeroom teacher's classroom) from

7:30-2:50 each day. This policy is a three strike system. Please review the consequences below with your student to ensure understanding of cell phone use at school.

Cell Phone Policy (Electronic Device Policy)

1st Offense – Device is taken away for the remainder of the day.

2nd Offense – Device is taken away, parents are called, and parents must come pick up device from school.

3rd Offense – Parent is called and device is banned permanently from the school for the remainder of the year.

Our goal with this policy is to help all students focus on learning throughout the school day. Thank you for partnering with us.

Byron Center Sports Passes Available For Purchase:

Passes will be available for purchase in the Athletic Office (8500 Burlingame Ave.) again this year. Normal office hours will be from 8:00am - 2:00PM for purchase. (Lunch from 12:00-12:30). These passes can be used at all regular season MS and HS home events.

Adults \$50

Students \$25.00

Family Max payment of \$150.00

Cash or Checks payable to BCPS. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out at 616-878-6642.

Breakfast and Lunch are FREE for K-12 BCPS students during the 2024-2025 school year!

Second meals and a la carte items are not included, and must be purchased separately.

Please fill out an application if you think you may qualify because it will benefit you and your school! Free/reduced students receive reduced fees for sport fees, testing fees, and possible EBT cards. Applications for the 2024-2025 are open online [here](#).

Lunch Menu: [Feb. Lunch Menu](#) [March Lunch Menu](#)

Fresh Baked Cookies will be available every Friday for purchase ~ If your student would like to purchase one they are \$1.00 each.

[HOW TO CREATE A FAMILY PORTAL ACCOUNT](#)

[HOW TO MAKE A DEPOSIT TO FAMILY PORTAL ACCOUNT](#)

Student Pick up and Drop off:

Dear Parents and Guests-

The following diagram shows the directional flow of how pickup, drop-off, and parking will occur before, during and after school at the new Nickels Intermediate building. Please note that the pickup/drop-off lanes directly in front of the building are one way and counter-clockwise. Students should exit to the sidewalk on the passenger side of your vehicle. Please be sure to pull forward if space allows along the curb. Once your student is safely dropped off, it is ok to pull out into the exit lanes.

Please also note that there are two exit lanes heading back out to the main drive where you will turn right to exit to 84th St. Please continue to use the designated drop off/pick up loop when dropping off or picking up your student at school. **Please do not use the bus loop (west of the school), the main drive between West and Nickels or the parking lot to pick up or drop off your student.**



For the 2024-2025 school year, our bus transfer (bus rodeo) location is at Heritage Elementary. Students at Nickels will get on a bus and ride over to the bus transfer, then get on their home bus before traveling home. In the past, some parents came to the bus transfer area (bus rodeo) to pick up their kids. We are asking that you avoid picking up your students from the bus transfer area. Our bus riders will load and unload buses on the far west side of the building in a separate and protected lot designated for this purpose. When picking up your student at the end of the school day please exit towards 84th street.

