



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
February 7, 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. 10th - 14th - BC Links Spirit Week
- Feb. 10th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 12th - Count Day
- Feb. 13th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 14th - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School - Dismissal 11:10 am
- Feb. 17th - NO School Mid-Winter Break
- Feb. 18th - Buist Food Drive Starts
- Feb. 18th - Bulldog Growl 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
- Feb. 19th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm
- Feb. 20th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 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

[NIS Employment Opportunity:](#)

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

[February 10-14 is Byron Center's Links Inclusion Week!](#)

As a Special Olympics Unified Champions school, we seek to promote understanding and awareness of different disabilities. We strive to make schools and communities more inclusive for everyone. We plan to celebrate all week with learning opportunities, activities, and spirit days.



[Girl Scout Culvers Night 2/17 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm:](#)

[Culvers Informational Flyer](#)

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#/>

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

Bulldog Growl:

January 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!

2025 Byron Township Little League:

Registration is in full swing for the 2025 Byron Township Little League season!! Opening day is just over 90 days away!!

Do not forget to register your athlete TODAY! Please click on the "more information" under each division that your child is eligible for to make the best decision for your player. If you have any registration questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out via email to BTLLpresident@gmail.com.

Standard registration closes on February 2, 2025 and the last day for ALL registrations is February 16, 2025.

We are also looking for sponsors for the 2025 season! If you or someone you know owns a business, please check out our many sponsorship opportunities! Our league depends on the generosity of our community, thank you for your consideration. For any questions on sponsorships, feel free to email BTLLsponsors@gmail.com.

Register or sponsor today!

www.byrontownshiplittleleague.org



Family Math Fun 3/8/25:

[Family Fun Flyer](#)

✨ Exciting Theatre Opportunities at Van Singel! ✨

Van Singel Junior Theatre

- Production: Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.

- Grades: 6th–8th

- Dates: March 3rd–May 10th

- Registration Link: vsfac.com/mermaid

Van Singel Youth Theatre

- Production: Madagascar Jr.

- Grades: 3rd–5th

- Dates: March 25th–June 14th

- Registration Link: vsfac.com/madagascar

👉 Spots are limited, so register soon!

Questions? Contact Michelle Wagner at mwagner@bcpsk12.net

Junior and Youth Theatre Registration

<p>Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.</p> <p>Van Singel Junior Theatre Grades 6-8 March 3rd–May 10th</p> <p>Registration Link: vsfac.com/mermaid</p> <p><i>Make waves and become part of the magical undersea world!</i></p>	<p>DREAMWORKS MADAGASCAR A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR.™</p> <p>Van Singel Youth Theatre Grades 3-5 March 25th–June 14th</p> <p>Registration Link: vsfac.com/madagascar</p> <p><i>Move it, move it, to the wildest adventure on stage!</i></p>
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BC Sports Boosters:

BYRON CENTER SPORTS BOOSTERS

We're Hiring



Concession Leads

The Sports Boosters are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to join our team as Concession Leads. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and college students (18+) to engage with the community, support local athletes and their families, and earn extra income. The main duty is to assist the Concession Coordinator on event nights.

Why You Should Consider

- Meet and interact with fun parents and kids from the community
- Give back and support the BC Community
- Receive a family pass valid for all home BC athletic events
- Get paid per event worked

Must be 18 or older | Friendly and outgoing personality
Ability to work evenings and weekends | Reliable and punctual | Not responsible or required to attend Booster meetings or order/manage inventory

To apply, please email:

sportsboostersbyroncenter@gmail.com

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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.

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.

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