



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
January 24, 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

January:

Jan. 27th - Report cards will be mailed home.

Jan. 27th - NO Forte

Jan. 28th - Spelling Bee will be held during the school day (Rescheduled from the 21st)

Jan. 28th - Bulldog Growl 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Jan. 30th - NO Forte

February:

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

Feb. 3rd - RoundBall Bash Doors open 5:30 pm - Nickels vs West @ 6:50 pm

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

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

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 - Bulldog Growl 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Feb. 19th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

NIS Employment Opportunity:

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

[Grant-Funded Paraprofessional](#)

Important Club MS Baseball Reminders:


If your son is interested in trying out for the 6th grade baseball teams, and you have not already completed this [tryout interest form](#), please do so ASAP. As a reminder tryouts will be held at the BC Admin Gym on the following days/times:

6th Grade: Saturday, January 25th from 1:45-3:30 pm


Coach: Brian Nealon 616-450-7347

If you have scheduling conflicts, please connect with your team coach directly.

Roundball Bash 2/3/25 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm:



**2025 BC Booster Round Ball Bash
& Silent Auction**




MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2025
BCHS Main Gym
\$3 Cash Admission (NO Passes!)
Doors open @ 5:30pm
*Silent Auction *Credit Cards accepted**

<u>DODGEBALL</u> 6:00pm - Brown vs Heritage 6:25pm - Countryside vs Marshall 6:50PM - Nickels vs West	<u>BASKETBALL</u> 7:15pm Free Throw/3Pt Competition \$1 per shot -SAN2025 committee hosting- 7:30 - HS Staff vs Students
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Wear Shirts/Colors to show your support
ELEMENTARY - CLASS SHIRTS
NICKELS - GREY
WEST MS - BLACK
BCHS - ORANGE

30+ Raffle Items
Link for Auction coming soon!!**

**50/50 Raffle
Concessions Open!**



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!

✨ **Be a part of BCCHS Theatre's Guest Audience Workshop for *High School Musical!*** ✨

📅 **Date: Friday, February 7**

🕒 **Time: 4:30-6:30 PM**

📍 **Location: Van Singel Fine Arts Center**

👤 **Who: Open to all 3rd-8th grade students!**

👉 **Register: vsfac.com/guest**

Get a sneak peek of our High School Musical rehearsal, play fun theatre games, and participate in a Q&A with the cast!

Questions? Contact Michelle Wagner at mwagner@bcpsk12.net



✨ 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!

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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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Bulldog Growl:

December Edition

Christmas Recipe Edition

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: [Jan. 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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