



# BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



**Robert L. Nickels Intermediate**

Nickels Intermediate School  
Friday Office Communication  
March 21, 2025

## Important Information:

### Attendance Line:

Please call the attendance line at 616-878-6400 or email [nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net](mailto: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

### March:

- Mar. 21st - End of the 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 24th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Mar. 26th - Student grades will be finalized in Powerschool by 3:30 pm for the 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 27th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Mar. 27th - Family Night - GR Fun Skate 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Mar. 28th - Return to District survey due
- Mar. 31st - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Mar. 31st - 6th Grade - Co-Curricular selection for 7th grade due

### April:

- Apr. 3rd - NO Forte
- Apr. 4th - 11th - NO School Spring Break
- Apr. 14th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Apr. 16th - 5th Grade M-Step testing starts
- Apr. 16th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm
- Apr. 17th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Apr. 21st - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

### Spring Break Attendance:

As we approach spring break, if your family has plans to extend your time away before or after spring break, could you please call the office at 616-878-6400 or email [nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net](mailto:nickelsattendance@bcpsk12.net) before April 2nd. Wishing you and your family a wonderful spring break!

### 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 can turn right to exit to 84th St. or left towards West Middle. Do not use the middle lane for entering the Nickels drive. 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.

### **March is Reading Month:**

[Reading Month Calendar](#)

### **25/26 Return to District Survey:**

It has been a pleasure having your child here at **Nickels Intermediate** this past school year. We are now making plans for the 2025/2026 school year and need to know if your child will be in attendance in the Byron Center School District. Please complete the attached survey by **Friday, March 28, 2025, if you have not already done so at parent teacher conference or earlier this month.**

We appreciate your assistance. Thank you! [Return to District Survey](#)

### **6th Grade Students:**

West Middle School is making plans for the 2025-2026 school year. As we create your child's schedule, it is important for us to consider the course selection your child desires. The class selection form will close on 3/31/25. Students who do not submit a form will have their electives chosen for them. Please call 616-878-6500 if you have any further questions. [WMS 7th Grade Co-Curricular Selection Form for 2025-2026](#)

### **2025 Bond Proposal Survey:**

Byron Center Public Schools has been discussing the possibility of a November 2025 bond proposal to enhance our schools and facilities. Please take a moment to fill out the following survey for BCPS.

[Survey Link](#)

### **M-Step Testing 5th Grade Starts 4/16/25:**

Testing will occur in the morning on the following dates: 4/16, 4/17, 4/18, 4/22, 4/23, 4/24, 4/25, 4/29, 5/2, 5/5, 5/6, 5/12, 5/13, 5/14, 5/15 & 5/16. Please avoid scheduling appointments during those times if at all possible.

### **M-Step Testing 6th Grade Starts 4/30/25:**

Testing will occur in the morning on the following dates: 4/30, 5/1, 5/2, 5/7, 5/8, 5/12, 5/13, 5/14, 5/15 & 5/16. Please avoid scheduling appointments during those times if at all possible.



**Family Skate Night - GR Skate - March 27th 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm:**



Nickels Intermediate  
**FUN**  
GR SKATE  
& EVENT CENTER  
BYRON CENTER LOCATION

**\$10** Per Person  
Inc Reg Rental  
Everyone Pays Skaters/Non-Skaters

Buy Tickets Online

**Thursday March 27th**  
**5 - 8 pm**  
\* Games \* Prizes \* & More  
\$5 Roller Blades / \$5 Skate Mates

Food Combo \$5  
Add Pizza, Pop, & a Cookie

Family Combo \$20  
Lg. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  
& Pitcher of Pop

Please Support Our School!

www.grskateandevents.com 3651 84th Street SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

**Kent County Sheriff's Youth Night! March 28 @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm:**



KENT COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
**YOUTH NIGHT!**  
BYRON CENTER STUDENTS  
5TH - 8TH GRADE

**Gellyball**

**DETAILS**  
DATE: MARCH 28, 2025  
TIME: 5:30PM - 8:00PM  
WHERE: BYRON REC CENTER  
2120 76TH ST. SW.  
BYRON CENTER, MI

**ACTIVITIES**  
ACTION PACKED BATTLE ARENA  
FROM MICHIGAN GELLYBALL!  
PLUS:  
• GIANT JENGA  
• CONNECT 4  
• CAKE WALK  
• AND MORE!

Registration is FREE!  
Parents must pre-register  
and complete the waiver  
by Friday, March 21  
\*Students must be in good standing with  
the school to be eligible to attend.\*

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**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](mailto:JCHIARAMONTE@BCPSK12.NET)

**Registration Link:**

<https://byroncenterathletics.com/Registrations>

**Byron Center Aquatics - Spring Swim Lessons:**

**Swimming Lessons Spring Flyer**

**Check this out, the VSFAC is on the list for Community Bests: Fave Things to Do: Performing Arts Org:**

[Van Singel Fine Arts Center](#)

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**BYRON CENTER SPORTS BOOSTERS**



**LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2025**  
Join us on April 1 to support the Byron Center Sports Boosters.  
No flyer or code needed. A percentage of all pick-up and carry-out orders will be donated to the Sports Boosters.

**BYRON CENTER**  
8233 Byron Center Ave.  
(616) 878-4748

\*Not valid on delivery. Please use online ordering or text order if possible to help process your order quickly.

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**Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Educator Award:**

The Byron Center Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for its Educator Award. Our educators give so much to students and they deserve to be recognized! Nominate a Byron Center Public Schools educator who has had an impact on your life.

Fill out this [Google Form to nominate an educator!](#) **Nominee applications due Friday, April 21.**

**6th Grade Field Trip - CranHill - May 22nd 10:30 am to 6:00 pm:**

[CranHill Informational Flyer/Permission Forms](#)

**5th Grade Field Trip - AirZoo - May 27th 8:40 am to 2:40 pm:**

[AirZoo Informational Flyer](#)

**The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center proudly presents The Sleeping Beauty:**

Join Princess Aurora, the Three Good Fairies, and a cast of beloved characters as they battle Maleficent and celebrate the triumph of true love. Don't miss this spellbinding production featuring talented students from all over West Michigan.

Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 & 4:30

Sunday, March 30 at 1:00 pm

**Tickets (virtual option) - [fhfac.ludus.com](http://fhfac.ludus.com)**

**A Royal Invitation: Sleeping Beauty Tea Party!** - 11:30 AM before both Saturday & Sunday 1:00 PM shows.

Join Aurora and her friends for a charming Spring Tea Party before the performance! Delight in sweet treats, fun crafts, and special visits from your favorite fairy tale characters! Every guest will enjoy a light assortment of snacks, magical photo opportunities, and a special souvenir to take home! Tea Party tickets are available as an add-on when purchasing show tickets! Don't miss this enchanting pre-show experience! A perfect event for little princes and princesses!

## **Dynamite Dawgs**

### **BYRON CENTER DYNAMITE DAWGS**

#### **5K & 1 MILE RUN**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**[Register Here](#) - Early Registration Closes on April 4th, 2025**

Location: West Middle School  
8654 Homerich Ave SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315

Start Times:

5:30pm - Boys 1 Mile Run  
5:45pm - Girls 1 Mile Run  
6:00pm - Boys and Girls 5K

T-Shirts: Each pre-registered runner will receive a Dynamite Dawgs t-shirt commemorating the event, the kids will have to wear these shirts the day of the event.

Training: Each elementary school will be doing a mileage club during the school day.

Course: The run will take place on the Varsity Cross Country course located behind West Middle School.

Post race: After the race results will be posted on the results board as well as available on the district website. Each runner will receive a medal for completing the race.

Parents: Parents who wish to run the race with their child may do so if they wish.

Attire: Students must wear the shirts provided from this year's running season. We want to be able to identify the runners.

ALL BIBS MUST GO ON THE FRONT OF THE SHIRT.

## **Bulldog Growl:**

### **[February Edition](#)**

## **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](#)

### **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.

### **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: [March Lunch Menu](#) [April 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](#)



## 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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