



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
March 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

March:

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. 12th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

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

Mar. 14th - MAP Testing ends

Mar. 17th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mar. 18th - Battle of the Books for students during school - 1:00 pm

Mar. 18th - Bulldog Growl 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Mar. 20th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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. 28th - Return to District survey due

NIS Employment Opportunity:

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

Thank you Nickel's family for your generosity and support during our Buist Food Drive!

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 return the following information by **Friday, March 28, 2025**.

We appreciate your assistance. Thank you!

[Return to District Survey](#)

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](#)

Girls Lacrosse:

Drop-ins are at the gym in the admin building

Byron Center Administration Building

8542 Byron Center Ave

Wed March 12

6:15-7:00 3rd/4th

7:00-8:00 5th-8th

Mon March 17

6:15-7:00 3rd/4th

7:00-8:00 5th-8th

Wed March 26

6:15-7:00 3rd/4th

7:00-8:00 5th-8th

Wed April 2

6:15-7:00 3rd/4th

7:00-8:00 5th-8th



Registration for the upcoming season is available through Byron Rec.

<https://www.byrontownshiprec.org/youthprograms>

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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.



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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](#)

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.

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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