



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
May 23, 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

May:

May 26th - No School - Memorial Day

May 27th - 5th Grade Field Trip to the Air Zoo

May 27th - 6th Grade Adventure Race during the school day

May 28th - 6th Grade Field Day 8:00 am - 11:00 am

May 28th - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of school - Dismissal 11:10 am

May 29th - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of school - Dismissal 11:10 am

May 30th - Last Day of School - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of school - Dismissal 11:10 am

Aug:

Teacher Letters will be mailed home the week off Aug. 11th.

Aug. 25th - Nickels Open House 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Aug. 27th - First Day of School! Welcome back students

Aug. 29th - Sept. 1st - No School - Labor Day

As we reflect on this Memorial Day - Let us never forget the brave men and women who fought for our freedom!

Medication Pick Up:

The end of the school year is fast approaching and your child(ren) has medication(s) here at Nickels. We need you or a designated adult to come and pick up the medication(s) **by 11 am on May 30th**. Any prescription and/or Over-The-Counter Medication not picked up by this time will be disposed of safely and properly at a medication disposal site as we are legally not allowed to keep medication in the building over the summer. For those who have students taking daily medications, if you would like to come and pick up the medication prior to the last day we can keep just enough to get us to the end of the school year. **We are not allowed to send any medications home with students.** If someone other than those listed on your students contact list will be picking up the medication please respond to this email with their name. If your child will require prescription medication for next school year, please remember to get a medication consent form signed by their physician before the start of the 25/26 school year. For your convenience a copy of the medication consent form has been attached to this email and is also under the "Helpful Links" tab on the Nickels Intermediate School home page. I will be at the open house in the fall to collect any medications.

6th Grade Field Day May 28th from 8:00 am - 11:00 am:

Sixth grade Field Day. Students should wear shoes that are suitable for running, bring sunscreen, a water bottle, and wear the shirt from the CranHill trip.

6th Grade students:

Any current 6th grade students who would be interested in after school art in 7th grade, please sign up using this attached sign up form: [sign up form](#)

May 28th, 29th and 30th - ½ Day of School - Dismissal 11:10 am:

Please feel free to look through the lost and found after dismissal on our ½ days. The school will be open from 11:15 am to 3:00 pm on the 28th - 30th.

Lost and Found:

Please have your student check the lost and found over the next few weeks for any missing items. All unclaimed items left in the lost and found, as of **June 4th**, will be donated to Buist Community Ministries. Parents are also welcome to come and look in the lost and found after school between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

Summer Golf Opportunities:

[Summer Golf Flyer](#) [2025 Spence Cup](#)

Robotics Summer Camp Opportunity for students finishing 4th-6th grade:

Code Red Robotics is offering our NRG Summer Camp once again this year. Camp will take place June 2-5 and 7 in the robotics space at Byron Center High School. NRG is a competitive robotics program for grade 4-6 students where each student builds and modifies their own Arduino robot to play a game. Parents attend each session with their student to assist and serve as a drive coach. In addition to robot work and drive practice, first time students complete STEM challenges, and returning students learn basic programming for their robots. The summer camp culminates in a tournament complete with qualification matches, playoffs, and an award ceremony. Sessions on Monday-Thursday, June 2-5 will take place 6:30-8:30 pm. Saturday, June 7 will be the tournament, 7:45 am-3:00 pm. Cost for first time students is \$150.00 (cost includes Arduino robot kit, a carrying case, and a shirt) and \$50.00 for returning students.

If you would like to register your child for camp, please use this link to the NRG Summer Camp Registration Form. There is a link to the camp schedule included in the form. If you have any questions or need more information, please email linda.baas@coderedrobotics.com. Join us as we have fun with robots and play the game Save the Ducks!

Byron Center Bulldog Power Summer Camp:



BULLDOG POWER
Summer 2025
56er Camp

DAYS
\$60
PER ATHLETE

TUE & THU
11:30AM-12:30PM

**JULY 8, 10,
15, 17, 22, 24**

#MOVEWELLMOVESTRONGMOVEFAST

**BYRON CENTER HIGH SCHOOL
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

BUILDING CHAMPIONS
#BULLDOGPPOWER

<https://byroncenterathletics.com/Registrations>

BC Aquatics Summer Swim Lessons:

[Summer Swim Lessons Flyer](#)

<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/mibca/page/swim-lessons1>

SUMMER 2025 SPORTS CAMPS:

[Registration Link](#)

Byron Center Hockey Summer Camp:

[Summer Camp Informational Flyer](#) [Participation Waiver](#)

2025 Youth Girls & HS Basketball Camp:

[Youth Basketball Camp Informational Flyer](#)

Planning ahead - Suggested supply list for the upcoming school year 25/26:

[5th Grade Supply List](#) [6th Grade Supply List](#)

ETM Children's Observation Summer Camp:

[Camp Informational Flyer](#)

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: [May 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](#)

District Calendar 25/26:

[25/26 District Calendar](#)

District Calendar 26/27:

[26/27 District Calendar](#)

25/26 6th Grade Sports Information:

<http://bcwestmsathletics.com/>

[25/26 Middle School Sports Informational Flyer](#)

Bulldog Growl:

[May Edition](#)

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.

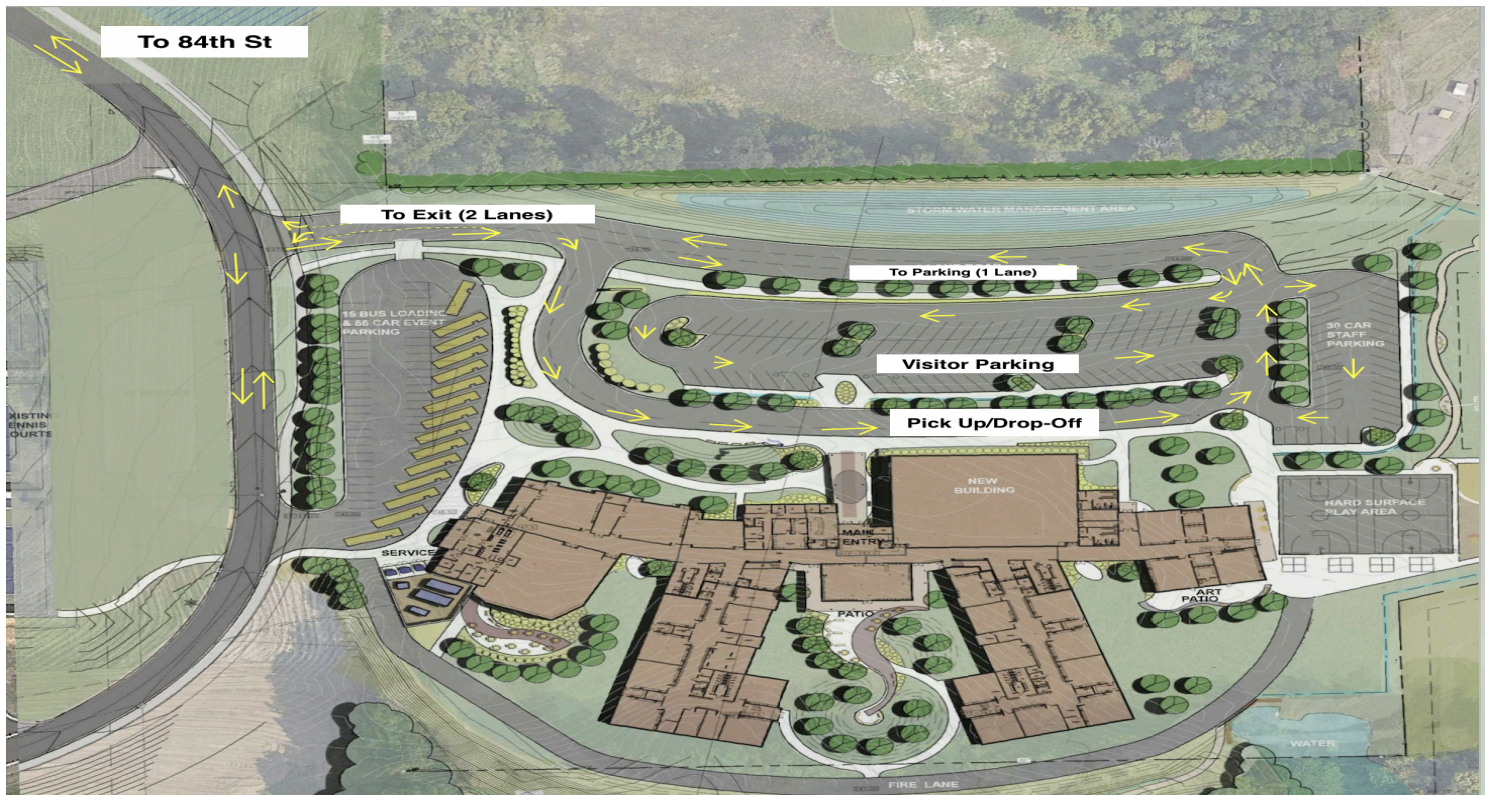
Our goal with this policy is to help all students focus on learning throughout the school day. Thank you for partnering with us!

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 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.

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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