



# BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



**Robert L. Nickels Intermediate**

Nickels Intermediate School  
Friday Office Communication  
November 15, 2024

## 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

### November:

Nov. 18th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Nov. 19th - Bulldog Growl 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Nov. 20th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Nov. 21st - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Nov. 25th - 5th Grade Vision Screening will take place during the school day.

Nov. 25th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Nov. 27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - No School

### December:

Dec. 2nd - Map Testing Starts

Dec. 2nd - Toys for Tots Collection begins

Dec. 2nd - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dec. 5th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dec. 9th - NO Forte Practice after school

Dec. 9th - Forte Performance @ VSFAC 6:00 pm

Dec. 9th - 6th Grade Choir Concert @ VSFAC - 7:00 pm

Dec. 11th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Dec. 12th - Forte Party 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Veterans Day 11/11/24:** As we reflect on this past Veterans day - *Thank you to all our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe.*

**Byron Center Home Football Game 11/15/24:**

The Byron Center Football team would like to Thank you for your support this fall season. Byron Center Bulldogs vs Portage Central is this Friday at home, starting at 7:00 pm. Please know that Friday night's home football playoff game is an MHSAA event. We cannot accept passes of any kind, including staff passes. You will need a GoFan Digital ticket to enter the game. They can be purchased here: <https://gofan.co/app/school/MI10135>

**Key Card Fundraiser:**

Our Annual Key Card sale has begun. 50% of the Sale Proceeds goes to our Nickels Students. For the 5th grade students, the sale proceeds go towards the 5th grade class end of the year Field trip and Holiday party. For the 6th grade students, the sale proceeds go towards their Holiday party and individual student accounts to help with their end of the year Field trip. Your student will bring home a sample for you to review and to show to family and friends. If you're not interested in the key card book, please send the book bag back to school. Thank you for Supporting Nickels! Sale Ends December 6th.

[Key Card Flyer](#)

**Cooler Weather Gear:**

As the weather turns colder 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!

**Ski and Snowboard Club:**

A club for 5th through 12th grade students who enjoy hitting the slopes together. This pre-paid club transports students to and from BCHS and Bittersweet Ski Resort six Tuesdays in January and February.

An option to meet at Bittersweet (no bus transportation) will be available this year for those who prefer to meet us there.

**See the [information document](#) for details.**

Final date for signups is Nov 15, but sign up early if you want a spot on the bus as we fill up fast!

## 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 December 20th, 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.

## Nickels FIT:

Dear Nickels Intermediate Families,

November Appreciation for Teachers & Staff

This November, we're showing extra appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff. Here's how you can help show your gratitude for all they do:

- **Fill the Fridge Friday – November 15th: We'll be stocking the staff lounges with snacks and beverages to keep their energy high for the upcoming holiday season. Please sign up here to contribute:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DA5A82AA5FBC61-53016240-fill>  
**If you would like to volunteer to help us stock the lounges on the 15th, please reach out to Kristi Maines (kristi@nickelfit.org)**
- **Teachers' Favorite Things List: To make your holiday shopping a bit easier, we've compiled a list of Nickels Teachers' Favorite Things! Use the link below to find your child's teacher's favorite items and show them how much you care this holiday season:**  
<https://airtable.com/appepepudjZCKbMK3/shrwM4g0lgFEENPD4>

Thank you again for your generous support of our fall events! We are also thrilled to announce another family event coming up:

## December Family Skate Night

Save the date for Friday, December 13th from 6-9 pm at GR Skate in Byron Center! Bring the whole family for a night of skating and fun while supporting the LiNKS program at Nickels. More details will be coming soon!

## BC Club Wrestling:

[BC Club Wrestling Informational Flyer](#)

**Toys for Tots Collection 12/2/24 - 12/12/24:**



**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.

## **24/25 6th Grade Sports Information:**

<http://bcwestmsathletics.com/>

[24/25 Middle School Sports Informational Flyer](#)

## **District School Calendar 24/25:**

[24/25 District Calendar](#)

## **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: [Nov. 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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