



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Office Communication
November 26, 2024

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

November:

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. 6th - Key Card Sale Ends

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

Dec. 13th - FIT Family Skate Night from
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm @ GR Skate

Dec. 13th - BC Hockey Elementary Night
7:00 pm - Southside Ice Arena

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



Nickels FIT:

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 Hockey Elementary Night 12/13/24 - 7:00 pm @ Southside Ice Arena:

[Informational Flyer](#) [Hand 2 Hand Informational 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!

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.

6th Grade Holiday Activity @ 3 Mile Project - 12/19/24:

6th Grade Permission Forms

5th Grade Holiday Activity @ 3 Mile Project - 12/20/24:

5th Grade Permission Forms

Fall 2024 Nickels Links News:

Links Newsletter

Bulldog Growl:

November Edition

PE Pickleball:

The P.E. Department would love to introduce a Pickleball unit. We are looking for [new pickleball paddle sets](#)/gently used pickleball paddles to be donated to the school. If you have any available, please drop them off to the office. Thank you!

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](#)

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.

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.

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: [Dec. 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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