



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
October 18, 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

October:

Oct. 21st - Picture Retakes

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

Oct. 21st - Fundraiser Pick up 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Oct. 23rd - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Oct. 24th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Oct. 25th - End of First Quarter (grades will be finalized in powerschool on the 30th after 3:00 pm)

Oct. 25th - Key Card Sale Starts

Oct. 28th - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Oct. 29th - Bulldog Growl 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

November:

Nov. 1st - 5th Grade Harvest Party (More Details to come)

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

Nov. 4th - Orchestra Concert in the Nickels Gym:

6:30 pm - Viola, Cello, Bass

7:30 pm - Violin

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Fundraiser Pick Up Monday, Oct. 21st:

On Oct. 21st, Fundraiser orders will be available for pick up from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Pick up will take place in the Nickels Cafeteria. Unfortunately, we do not have the freezer space for the cold items to be stored overnight. Please make arrangements to have those items picked up on the 21st, if you are unable to do so yourself. Thank you! If you have any questions please call the office at 616-878-6400.

Photo Retakes 10/21/24:

Picture Retakes will be held during the school day on Oct. 21st. If you have any questions about your students' picture order please contact Geskus photos at 616-453-4170, or if you would like to order online:

<https://www.geskusphoto.com/fall-pictures>

Online Code: 579CQCVRBIJZI

👋 ✨ **Join us for a Guest Audience Workshop for *It's a Wonderful Life!*** ✨

📅 **Date: Thursday, Oct 24**

🕒 **Time: 4:30-6:00 PM**

📍 **Location: VSFAC**

👤 **Who: Open to all 3rd-8th grade students!**

👉 **Register: vsfac.com/guest**

Experience a sneak peek of our HS Theatre rehearsal, play fun theatre games, and join a Q&A with the cast!



Dear 5th Grade Parents,

We had a fantastic week of Parent Teacher Conferences, and we want to thank everyone who participated! Special thanks to those who donated items for the meals that FIT provided for our Teachers and Staff throughout the week. Thanks to your generosity, we served homemade soups alongside sandwiches from Boardwalk Subs on Tuesday, and sandwiches, wraps, and salads from Apple Spice Catering on Thursday. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Fundraiser Update – Keep the Donations Coming!

We're excited to share that we've raised \$12,025 so far for our fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who has contributed. We're getting closer to our goal of \$20,000, but we still need your help! If you haven't donated yet, please visit <https://givebutter.com/FIT2024> to contribute. Every little bit makes a difference!

5th Grade Harvest Party – Friday, November 1st

The 5th Grade Harvest Party is right around the corner! Here are the details:

- **Date & Time: Friday, November 1st, 3:00-4:30 PM**
- **Tickets: \$3, available online at <https://givebutter.com/HARVEST5> or in the office (if paying by cash)**

When you purchase a ticket, your child's name will be added to a list, and they will receive a wristband from FIT on the day of the party. Wristbands will NOT be sent home. If paying with cash or check, please send payment in an envelope with your child's NAME and TEACHER clearly printed on the outside. **If the \$3 ticket presents a financial hardship, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. FIT is happy to cover the cost to ensure all students can attend.*

Halloween:

We'll celebrate Halloween with a low-key day on Friday, November 1. Students may wear school-appropriate costumes to school on Friday, November 1. (No costumes Thursday, October 31.) FIT is also planning an after school Harvest Party that day (November 1) for 5th graders and (November 8) for the 6th graders. More details to follow.

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.

BC Club Wrestling:

[BC Club Wrestling Informational Flyer](#)

BCMS Club Baseball 2025:

The Michigan Middle School Baseball organization is once again offering a MS baseball league for West Michigan. For the past several years, we have formed Club teams so that our MS kids have a chance to play some early season ball. If you are interested, we will be offering teams at the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels this year. Please complete this [interest survey](#) for more information and next steps.

8th Grade Head Coach: Dan Sterckx

7th Grade Head Coach: DeWayne Reed

6th Grade Head Coach: Brian Nealon

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!

Links Program at Nickels:



[Nickels Links Permission Form](#)

Please Contact Stephene Diepstra, School Social Worker, sdiepstra@bcpsk12.net or 616-878-6417 or Carrie VanDeRoer, Speech Pathologist, cvanderoer@bcpsk12.net if you have any questions or concerns.

6th Grade Band Concert 11/7/24:

[Band Concert Informational Flyer](#)

BCFAB Craft Show 11/9/24:



Saturday, November 9, 9:00 - 3:00
 Byron Center High School
 Free parking and shuttle at Heritage Elementary
 Interested in volunteering? Email bcfabvolunteers@gmail.com

BC Sports Boosters 11/9/24:

Byron Center Sports Boosters

REVERSE RAFFLE PARTY

Union Pavilion- Rainside Golf Club | **November 9, 2024**

The Byron Center Sports Boosters would like to invite you to our Reverse Raffle Party. Doors will open at 6:00 and the raffle kicks off at 7:00. There will be appetizers, beer and wine along with a cash bar. You can expect a fun time with friends as we celebrate our community and the athletes we are there to support. All proceeds will go towards our Byron Center Athletic Programs.

There will be 31 cash prize winners (see table below) and 100's of other prizes for other draws. There will also be other ways to win, for example there will be chance ticket drawings, side raffles, and other 50/50 raffle drawings that will happen throughout the evening. Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold. Get your ticket for a chance to win...

\$15,000

Raffle Tickets \$150 each

With the purchase of a raffle ticket you will get one entry into the party. Extra party tickets are \$50 each.

Purchase online @ www.Byroncentersportsboosters.org/spirit-store

- You do not need to be present to win. The drawing will be updated live online.
- More information about the Event and more chances to win coming soon on the BC Boosters website

31 Winning Draws

Draw	Prize	Draw	Prize
1	\$200	150	\$500
10	\$50	160	\$50
20	\$50	170	\$100
30	\$50	180	\$50
40	\$50	190	\$50
50	\$600	200	\$700
60	\$50	210	\$50
70	\$50	220	\$200
80	\$50	230	\$50
90	\$50	240	\$100
100	\$300	250	\$600
110	\$200	260	\$300
120	\$200	270	\$500
130	\$50	280	\$600
140	\$200	290	\$1000
		300	\$15,000

**Cash prizes subject to 300 tickets being sold. If less than 300 tickets are sold cash prizes and number of draws will be adjusted. Must be 18 years or older to enter raffle.
 ***Must be 21 years or older to attend tailgate party License #R72249

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.

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.

Amy Voiles RN-BSN Direct Phone: 616-878-6414 Fax Number: 616-345-1924

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: [Oct. 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 ACCOUNT](#)

[HOW TO MAKE A DEPOSIT TO FAMILY PORTAL](#)

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) 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.

