



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
September 26, 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

Sept:

Sept. 26th - MAP and M-Step testing reports were mailed home today.

Sept. 30th - Forte Practice 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Oct:

Oct. 1st - Count Day

Oct. 2nd - Forte Practice 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Oct. 3rd - 5th Grade Vision Screening

Oct. 7th - Forte Practice 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Oct. 8th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Oct. 9th - Forte Practice 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Oct. 13th - Key Card Fundraiser begins

Oct. 14th - No Forte

Oct. 14th - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Oct. 16th - No Forte

Oct. 16th - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Returning Student Registration:

Returning Students Registration letter can be found in your students welcome packet: Please use the snap code on this letter to complete your students registration. This letter replaces the paper demographic form you may have completed in previous years. Please log in and review the information and update emails, phone numbers or other information as necessary. If you have multiple households, only one household is required to complete the online information.

Returning Students Registration Link

Schoology: <https://app.schoology.com/home> Please encourage your child to check schoology daily. If you click on the orange Byron Center symbol in the top left hand corner you will see the "feed". It will show postings by the teacher of what the homework is. Parents, if you connect to your child's account AND get the schoology app you can get notifications of homework sent to your phone. If you are new to schoology and need to register an account for your child, please use this link: <https://app.schoology.com/register.php?type=parent> Please email your students homeroom teacher and they can provide you with a specific access code to your child's account.

Title 1 Informational Meeting:

The annual Title 1 meeting will take place on September 29, 2025 at 6:00pm. This meeting will go over the purpose of Title 1 programming and explain what this programming looks like at Nickels. [Zoom Link](#)

LINKS is launching for Nickels!

You [can use this form to sign up your student to be a LINK](#). LINKS is a peer-to-peer program focused on bringing students with and without disabilities together for shared activities where all students learn together. Our LINKS contribute to Nickels' inclusive environment, learn about individual differences and disabilities, and expand their relationships with peers. We recently talked to students about what LINKS might do -- say "hi" to friends in the hallway, walk with a friend to the bus, play with a friend at recess, or look for other ways to make sure everybody is included. If you have questions about your student being a LINK, you can reach out to the LINKS coordinators Cindy Feenstra cfeenstra@bcpsk12.net or Abby Brinks abrinks@bcpsk12.net.

Parent Teacher Conferences 10/14 & 10/16 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm:

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on the 14th and 16th of Oct. Please look for further communication from your students' homeroom teacher.

There is still time to order photos or a yearbook online. Picture retakes will be Oct. 28th:

Below is the link and school code for Robert Nickels Intermediate School.


gpi.portraitpics.co **579CQCVRBIJZI** **School code**

Family Involvement Team - FIT:


Dear Nickels Families,
We have some exciting opportunities coming up!

School Fundraiser - We Need Your Help!

Our annual school fundraiser is underway, but we've had a slower start than hoped. Your participation can make all the difference! We have two ways you can support our school:

 Make a Donation: Every contribution, big or small, directly benefits our students and programs.

[DONATE HERE](#)

 Become a Sponsor: Partner with us as a sponsor and gain visibility while supporting education.

[SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES](#)

A HUGE Thank You to the following sponsors:

Knapp Orthodontics
Grandville Trailer
Pro Auto Service
Warning Lights

Thank you for your continued support of Nickels Intermediate School. Whether you're donating to our fundraiser, joining us for volleyball, or volunteering your time, every bit of participation makes our school stronger!

Any questions? Please email kristi@nickelsfit.org.

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.

Sign up and Payment information will come late October. Space will be limited.

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

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

Hope College is hosting a Family Math Fun Event 9/28/25:



Byron Center Public Schools has a bond proposal on the ballot in the upcoming November 4 election. The district's bond would enhance academic learning environments, fine arts spaces and athletic facilities, while also supporting districtwide technology upgrades and improvements to the transportation center. For more information about the bond proposal, please visit the district's website.



Come dance with the Byron Center Varsity Dance Team! We are hosting a SPIRIT CLINIC on November 8 and a ZUMBA Fundraiser on November 22. You can sign up by clicking the links below. Reach out to bchsdanceteam1@gmail.com with any questions.

Click to pay for both Zumba and/or the Spirit clinic, once on the page, click ...
<https://payments.efundsfor schools.com/v3/districts/55709>

How to Register for ZUMBA....
<https://forms.gle/21ZCFYNHA6GzroWAA>

How to Register for the SPIRIT CLINIC...
<https://forms.gle/ARevG6GPnnTsGYju7>



BYRON CENTER VARSITY
DANCE TEAM

**SPIRIT
CLINIC**

Work on dance skills with the varsity dance team **followed by a fun performance for families at 11:45 am!** NEW THIS YEAR, the dancers will get a FREE t-shirt and a sweet treat in addition to all the other fun!

\$35
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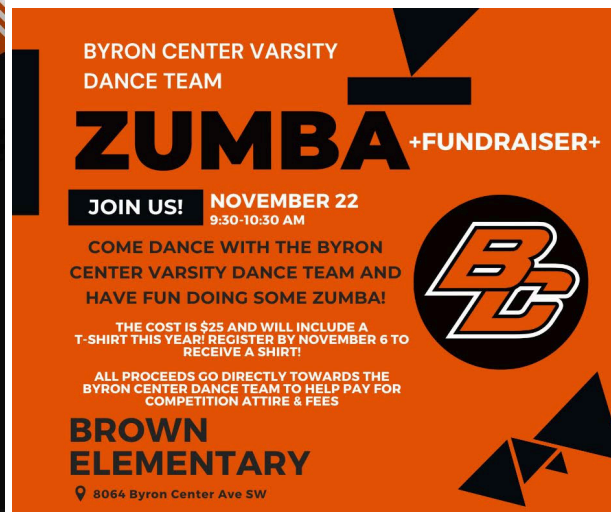
NOVEMBER 8

9:00 – 12:00 PM

BROWN ELEMENTARY GYM
8064 BYRON CENTER AVE

DEADLINE TO GET A SHIRT
WOULD BE TO SIGN UP BEFORE
OCTOBER 24!

Large stylized 'BC' logo in a circle.



BYRON CENTER VARSITY
DANCE TEAM

ZUMBA +FUNDRAISER+

JOIN US! NOVEMBER 22
9:30-10:30 AM

COME DANCE WITH THE BYRON
CENTER VARSITY DANCE TEAM AND
HAVE FUN DOING SOME ZUMBA!

THE COST IS \$25 AND WILL INCLUDE A
T-SHIRT THIS YEAR! REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 6 TO
RECEIVE A SHIRT!

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE
BYRON CENTER DANCE TEAM TO HELP PAY FOR
COMPETITION ATTIRE & FEES

**BROWN
ELEMENTARY**

8064 Byron Center Ave SW

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District Calendar 25/26:

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District Calendar 26/27:

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25/26 6th Grade Sports Information:

<http://bcwestmsathletics.com/>

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

BCPS Food Service:

We want to keep you informed about upcoming changes to school meal guidelines. All K–12 students at BCPS will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch through September 30, 2025. Beginning October 1, families should plan to pay for student meals unless state funding is extended.

The State of Michigan is currently working through the State School Aid Budget, and at this time, it is not yet known whether free meals will be provided for the 2025–26 school year beyond September 30, 2025.

Families who meet federal income guidelines may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Applications can be [found on the district's website](#).

If you need to set up an account or add funds for student meals, you can do so through the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#).

We appreciate your understanding and will share updates as soon as more information becomes available.

Fresh Baked Cookies will be available every Friday for purchase ~ If your student would like to purchase one they are \$1.00 each. [September Lunch Menu](#) [October Lunch Menu](#)

Counselor's Corner:

Counseling Groups:

Counseling groups (often called lunch or small groups) are offered once a week during lunch and recess and meet for 8-10 sessions. If your student is interested in any of the topics offered (see list and sign-up [HERE](#)), please be sure to fill out the digital form or contact the school for a hard copy. Topics will be offered based on demand, and if the topic your student is interested in isn't offered in the fall, there is still a good chance it will be offered later in the year! If you would like more information about any of these small groups or have any questions please feel free to contact me at 878-6418 or spero@bcpsk12.net. 🍂

Thank You!

Shelley Pero

School Counselor

Hand 2 Hand:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to offer your student the opportunity to participate in a program at Nickels Intermediate called "Hand2Hand". This program helps provide a student with food/snacks for the weekends!

Here's how Hand2Hand will work: At the end of the week students who are signed up will receive a minimum of 10 food items in a black school logo drawstring bag that will be provided at the first week of participation (subsequent weeks will be a plastic bag). These food items will be a combination of breakfast, snacks, lunch and/or dinner items. While the food items are meant for the student, they can be shared among the family as well. (Please note: if your student or another family member has food allergies it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check the contents of the backpack each week to ensure the food doesn't contain ingredients which could cause an allergic reaction).

There is no cost to participate! If you sign your student up to receive Hand2Hand, they will continue to receive the weekly bags each week. This opportunity is being provided by Corinth Reformed Church in Byron Center. To learn more about Hand2Hand, please visit their website: h2hkids.org.

Fill out form [HERE](#).

Byron Center Sports Passes Available For Purchase:

Passes will be available for purchase in the Athletic Office (8500 Burlingame Ave.). 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.

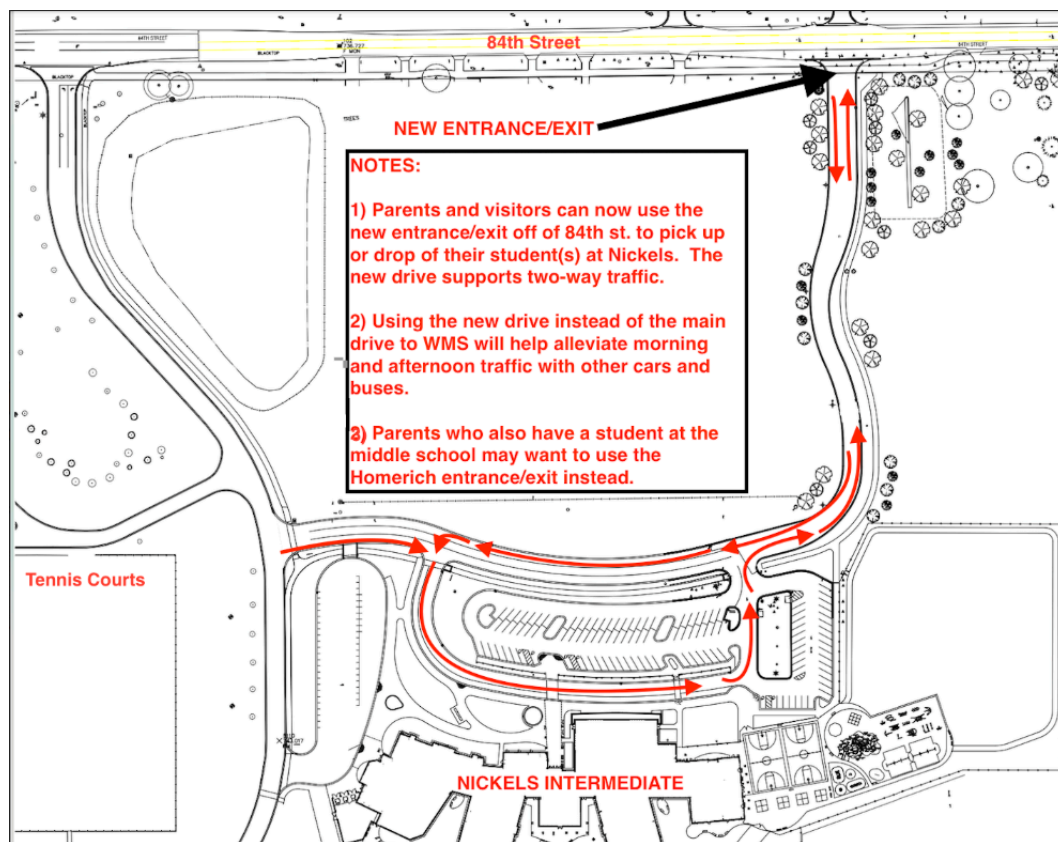
Adults \$50

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.

Student Pick up and Drop off (New Driveway Entrance for Nickels) :



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 Nickels Intermediate. 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. **Do not use the middle lane for entering Nickels driveway.** 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.**

After school dismissal, students at Nickels will get on a transfer bus and ride it over to the bus rodeo (located at Heritage Elementary), students will transfer to their home bus at this location. 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.

[Informational Video of the New Drive to Nickels](#)

Nurses Corner:

Medication Consent Form 25/26

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, etc.

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

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!

