



BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories



Robert L. Nickels Intermediate

Nickels Intermediate School
Friday Office Communication
September 27, 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

September:

Sept. 27th - Homecoming Parade 5:00 pm

Sept. 27th - Homecoming Game 7:00 pm

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

October:

Oct. 2nd - Count Day

Oct. 3rd - Forte 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

Oct. 8th - Parent Teacher conferences
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Oct. 9th - Art Club 2:50 pm - 3:45 pm

Oct. 10th - NO Forte

Oct. 10th - Parent Teacher conferences
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Parent Teacher Conferences 10/8 & 10/10 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm:

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on the 8th and 10th of Oct. Please look for further communication from your students' homeroom teacher.

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

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 this year for those who prefer to meet us there. **See the [information document](#) for details.**

BCHS Career Speakers:

Byron Center High School is looking for individuals from the community, who would be willing to come in and talk about their careers with a group of our Senior English Students as they look towards their next step after graduation. We set aside 25 minutes from 1:25 PM - 1:50 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays for career presentations. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Pam Gillespie at pgillespie@bcpsk12.net or 616-878-6635 for more information.

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.

[Please see the information for 5th/6th Grade Girls Basketball Rising Stars:](#)

<https://byroncenterathletics.com/Registrations>

[24/25 6th Grade Sports Information:](#)

<http://bcwestmsathletics.com/>

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

Returning Student Registration:

- Returning Students Registration letter: Please use the snap code on this letter to complete your students registration by the first day of school. 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](#)

**Byron Center Sports Boosters**

REVERSE RAFFLE PARTY

Union Pavilion- Railside 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	\$100
10	\$100	160	\$150
20	\$200	170	\$100
30	\$100	180	\$150
40	\$100	190	\$150
50	\$400	200	\$100
60	\$100	210	\$150
70	\$100	220	\$100
80	\$100	230	\$150
90	\$100	240	\$100
100	\$100	250	\$400
110	\$100	260	\$100
120	\$100	270	\$100
130	\$100	280	\$400
140	\$100	290	\$1000
		300	\$1,000

**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

Counselor's Corner:

Counselor Introduction:

It has been an exciting couple of weeks welcoming all the students back for another awesome school year! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to our new families in the building. I am Shelley Pero, the School Counselor here at Nickels! I will be visiting 5th grade classrooms in the coming weeks to introduce myself and explain the process of how they can connect with me and what opportunities we have to offer. Student referrals come to me through teachers, parents, and student self-referrals. If you have any questions about what I can do to support your student or if you would like for me to schedule a check-in now or in the future, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to continuing to work with familiar faces from last year as well as continuing to meet many more new ones! 🌻

Counseling Groups:

It is almost time to start counseling groups here at Nickels! 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](#)

District School Calendar 24/25:

[24/25 District Calendar](#)

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.

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

This month I would like to talk about ADHD. ADHD is something that is very near to my heart. As a mother of boys who have it, I understand the weight that families can feel as they navigate it. Too often I hear that boys are just being boys and they just are not organized. While there may be some truth to that, I believe that children and adults with ADHD, brains are wired differently. They have a lot of impulses firing and it is hard for them to navigate those thoughts at times. When a person has ADHD, they can often struggle with low self esteem. They feel that they are different then others and it can cause anxiety when they impulsively act. Extending grace to our students is key. It can be helpful to have a student sit closer to you and with less distractions. Learning can be harder, dyslexia is more common in a child with ADHD. Also, they may start a project eagerly and then lose interest and become overwhelmed. I have attached two pictures about ADHD, they are very informative and helpful to understand the different types of ADHD and explain ADHD in further detail.

I hope you all have a wonderful September and enjoy soaking up the beautiful weather. Until next month. Be well.

Explaining ADHD

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: [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 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) 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.