



Bett Pride

Bettendorf Community School District
Community Newsletter
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**Passion
Purpose
Pride!**

Education During COVID-19 A Year Like No Other

The 2019-2020 school year has been one of the most memorable school years ever. As COVID-19 affected our world, it presented unprecedented challenges and opportunities for the education of our youth and support of our employees during a year like no other.

We are very fortunate that the Bettendorf Community School District has staff, families, students, and a community that pull together to help each other during times of need.

Our custodians and maintenance staff quickly adapt to the demands and immediate needs during a pandemic. Our nutrition services and outreach teams identified needs and opportunities to meet the necessities of students and families. Our administration, staff, teacher leaders, and office support staff worked diligently at developing and adapting plans to help meet the needs of our students, families and staff. Our educators quickly and thoughtfully developed materials and resources to support student learning while engaging personally with one-on-one and small group contacts to students and families. Student services and outreach connected with families to identify needs and supports. We thank all of our employees for their professionalism and dedication to serving our students, families and each other.

During the challenges due to COVID-19, parents and students were an amazing inspiration within the district. Thank you to parents for supporting their students' continued learning and connection with our schools. We would also like to thank our students for not only continuing to participate in ongoing learning, but also, taking education into a new world. We especially appreciate the videos, pictures, and social media posts that help share their engagement, appreciation and love of learning.

Please continue to partner with us as we work through the challenges of COVID-19 and pursue opportunities to continue to educate our youth and link learning to life with passion, purpose and pride so that all students can make a positive difference.



3,179
CHROMEBOOKS & I-PADS
BEING USED BY STUDENTS & STAFF AT HOME

AVERAGE OF
900
FREE MEALS
A DAY PROVIDED TO FAMILIES IN NEED

505
TEACHERS & PARAEDUCATORS
SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING AT HOME

225
AVERAGE OF LESSONS
CREATED EACH WEEK FOR ELEM & MS STUDENTS

100
HOTSPOTS
SUPPORTING STUDENT & STAFF HOME ACCESS TO ONLINE LEARNING

Saluting Our Retiring Faculty & Staff BCSD 2020 Retirees

Please join us in thanking our retirees for their years of service and dedication to the students, families and staff of the Bettendorf School District.



Susan Alagna
Program Nurse
Bettendorf High School
11 Years of Service



Vera Betts
Attendance Secretary
Bettendorf High School
29 Years of Service



Kevin Caldwell
Custodial Supervisor
Bettendorf Middle School
29 Years of Service



Julie Cowley
Paraeducator
Bettendorf Middle School
19 Years of Service



Cindy Franklin
Secretary
Bettendorf Middle School
21 Years of Service



Carolyn Garnaas
Paraeducator
Bettendorf Middle School
20 Years of Service



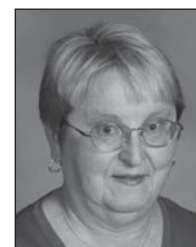
Terry Goodall
Registrar
Bettendorf High School
15 Years of Service



Carol Grondlund
Extended Learning Program
Grant Wood/Paul Norton
13 Years of Service



Joan Honson
Paraeducator
Bettendorf High School
19 Years of Service



Connie King
Language Arts Teacher
Bettendorf High School
17 Years of Service



Cindy Kothenbeutel
Technology
Administrative Assistant
Administration Center
25 Years of Service



Craig Lennon
Art Teacher
Bettendorf Middle School
31 Years of Service



Diane Lichtenberg
Physical Education Teacher
Bettendorf High School
36 Years of Service



Deb Mayhew
Secretary
Edison Academy
15 Years of Service



Dean McCrea
Custodian
Bettendorf Middle School
35 Years of Service



Joyce McCutcheon
Paraeducator
Mark Twain Elementary
18 Years of Service



John Miller
Physical Education Teacher
Neil Armstrong Elementary
24 Years of Service



Pamela Niebuhr
Paraeducator
Bettendorf Middle School
17 Years of Service



Danell Randall
Human Resources
Administrative Assistant
Administration Center
28 Years of Service



Patty Topping
2nd Grade Teacher
Neil Armstrong Elementary
33 Years of Service



Judy Wade
Family & Consumer Science
Teacher
Bettendorf Middle School
50 Years of Service

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Bett District Update

Passion . . . Purpose . . . Pride

Sign up for **Bett District Update**, the district's weekly e-newsletter for parents, staff and community. Simply email - cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.

Investing in Our Schools 20-21 Property Tax Rate Levy Decrease \$.20

At the April 6 meeting of the Bettendorf Board of Education, directors approved the 2020-2021 levy rate of \$12.87 per \$1,000 taxable valuation, a \$.20 decrease per \$1,000 taxable valuation compared to the 2019-2020 rate of \$13.07. The district strives to remain a good steward of taxpayer dollars and manages the overall levy to provide needed resources with the smallest tax burden possible on taxpayers.

Join us in welcoming . . . Our New Superintendent Michelle Morse, Ed.D.

Michelle Morse, Ed.D. will begin her position as superintendent of schools beginning July 1, 2020.



"We are excited for Dr. Morse to join the Bettendorf Community School District," said Adam Holland, School Board President. "She brings a skill set that will help enable our already tremendous staff to carry out the district's goals and mission. Dr. Morse has the demonstrated experience of being the life-long learner that we strive to develop our students into becoming."

Dr. Michelle Morse has more than 25 years of experience in public education and currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources for the Newhall School District in Valencia, California. Prior, she was the Director of Special Education for the Conejo Valley Unified School District in Thousand Oaks, CA. Morse also has experience with Saugus Union School District in Santa Clarita, California where she served as the Director of Child Development Programs, Program Specialist for Student Support Services, and Summer School Principal. She has also worked for Generation Ready, based in New York, as the West Coast Education Director. Dr. Morse has served as Adjunct Faculty for the University of Southern California Doctor of Education Program as well as College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, CA in Early Childhood, Allied Health and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program.

Dr. Morse has her Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California. Her dissertation is titled "Strategies Used by Superintendents in Developing Leadership Teams." She received Professional Administrative Services Credential Tier II from Chapman University, San Diego, CA. In addition, she has an M.A. in Educational Leadership and an M.A. in Special Education (Early Childhood Special Education emphasis) from California State University, Los Angeles. She has a B.A. in Communication Disorders with a minor in Psychology from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL.

Bettendorf Ranks Highly in State #BettPride

BHS Ranked #11 in Iowa

Bettendorf High School was ranked #11 in Best High Schools in Iowa by US News & World Report. <http://bit.ly/BHS-US-News-World-Best-HS>

BCSD Ranked #14 in Iowa

The Bettendorf Community School District is ranked #14 in Iowa by Niche. <https://bit.ly/Niche-Bettendorf>



Noah Matthew Abbott | Spencer Logan Abbott | Michael Luis Adrales | Zoey Cathleen Ahrens | Angus Riley Anderson | Rachel Elizabeth Anderson | Alivah Lucille Antle | Brooklyn Delaney Arnold | Isaac Christopher Arp | Alissa Ann Renay Baker | Dylan Scott Baltazor | Bruno Oliveira Barros | Alexis Chase Barry | Nicholas Ethan Barry | Lauren Elizabeth Beck | Parker David Beck | Jack Thomas Begeke | Abigail Marie Behrends | Angelina Jewel Bell | Malaki Robert Bergeson | Zachary Taylor Berntgen | Olivia Nicole Bert | Harrison Edwin Bey-Buie | Gabriel Logan Bitner | Benjamin Wallace Black | Faith Nicole Black | Faye MacDiarmid Blackman | Christopher Joseph Bliss | Isabella Mae Bliss | Kyanne Marie Bliss | Ronisha Lashae Samone Blount |

Tiana Michelle Bogan | Olivia Christine Bohren | Stephen Marc Bonin | Dylan Matthew Bonis | Gillian Nicole Borden | Chloe H.C. Boudreau | Arianna Mashel Boyce | Kristin Marie Boyler | Annika Caroline Tietjens Braaten | Emma Elizabeth Brandel | Haileigh Lynn Brauer | Robert James Brault | Nicholas Mitchell Brewer | Ethan James Brownson | Tiernon Jackson Bruyntjens | Janya Shade Bryant | Audrey Marie Buchanan | Thomas Mack Buckwalter | Rosemary Anna Bumgarner | Charles Richard Bunn | Jakob Lawson Burke | Dylan Burnett | Josiah Max Burt | O'Landra Raegine Butler | Joseph Martin Byrne | Layken Elizabeth Bytnar | Peyton Rose Bytnar | Austin Edward Canas | Jack Gerhard Cannon | Isabell Christine Carranza | Aaliyah Monique Carter | Kyler Paul Castro | Matthew Joseph Cavins | Carly Jo Chelf | Mya Lee Christensen | Collin Joseph Cincola | Jamey Ann Nichole Clark | Maysen Bryan Clark | Daveion Elijah Clark | Chantelle LaShae CarLorRose Cobenais | Shantae LaMae CarDeRose Cobenais | Aliyah Ann Connelly | Nyah Mae-Lynn Connelly | Nicholas Constantinides | Samuel Joseph Cotton | Sarah Elizabeth Coughlin | Joseph Robert Courtney | Isabella Rose Cravero | Jacob Matthew Crouch | Margaret Sage Cullum | Angelica Elizabeth Czykier | Nadalee Jean Dailing | Mathilde Teglund Damgaard | Nicole Anne DeBruyn | Logan Juwon DeLacy | Emma Lynn Dennison | Reilly Jacqueline Donovan | Derek Jon Doty | Allen Keith Douglas | Brandon Joe Driever | Mitchell Anthony Duncan | Samuel Joseph Dunn | Jacob Charles Duran | Antonio Javier Durkin | Zander Nicholas Eckermann | Molly Jane Edwards | Aurora Jade Egert | Gabriel Ninos Elias | George Elias | Matthew Shukri Elias | RaeAnna Susan Erbst | Maggie Marie Erpelding | Aiden Ryan Evans | Jacob Thomas Faber | Brady Alan Feaster | Collin Kenneth Feaster | Madison Marie Focht | Demetrius DeShawn Foster | Jaylon Mykale Foster | Shepard Logan - Brice Foster | Lawrence Lee Fox | Gabriel Saur France | Hanah Gail Fuessel | Kennedy Christine Gagne | Melody Victoria Garrison | Luke Evan Gaydos | Emmalee Anne Grace | Joshua William Graves | Brianna Lynn Green | Megan Jacqueline Greenley | Jayonna Shailea Griffin | Mia Katherine Griffin | Hailee Marie Grovo | Emma Samantha Gustafson | Angel Lynn Hannon | Maesa Daelyn Harris | Deliah Leene Harris-Taylor | Elliot Donte Harrison | Lillyan Leslee Hartz | Katelyn Rose Haven | Lucas Bradley Hayes | Sophia Clare Hazelett | Nathan Stephen Heald | Adeline Anita Held | Alisa Ranae Henderson | Isabella M Hengl | Caleb Paston Hennings-Simpson | Jack Gregory Hester | Justin Tyler Hettlage |

The Class of 2020 has been a part of history as a result of the worldwide pandemic. You are bright, talented, and high-character people and the world needs your innovative ideas and your goodwill. You are inextricably connected to the Bettendorf Community, the citizens of our nation, and the people of the world. As you continue to do the kindest things in the kindest way, you will build a better world one act at a time. Congratulations!

Joy M Kelly, Ed.S.
Principal



Griffin Peter Hinch | Tyler Jacob Charles Kenneth Hornaday | Jake Allen James Houk | Emma Marie Hovey | Howat | Peter Michael Hurd | Dylan | Nathaniel Jared Jackson | Zachary Nicholas Castro Jennings | Jason Jean Johnson | Erica Renae Johnson | Johnson | Mickel Lamear Jones | Elizabeth Kelly | Kyleigh May Kemp | Ketelaar | Adam Joshua Kitsis | Allison Michelle Knabe | Jacob Paul Knight | Elizabeth Renae Koehler | Andrew Paul | Allison Kathleen Laird | Rachel Elaine Matthew Lawson | Kelley Marie Lent | Adam Michael Like | Amelia Celeste Noel Loquist | Ean Scott Lovett | Robert Andrew Carter Lunsford | Caleb Steven | Madalyn Grace Makoben | Gabriele Zachery Paul Marsh | Madison Lynn Mason | Christian James Maxfield | McClaine | Cullen Davis McDermott | McGee | Grace Elizabeth McKenzie | McWilliams | Chase Bradley Melton | Mickelson | Isabella Grace Miletich | Mitvalsky | Kelsey Elizabeth Moeller | Zane Forrest Moser | Jessica Ann Murray | Nicholas Scott Naumann | Taylor Layne Neofotist | Alyssa Anne Brian Nikulski | Brayden Marad Noble | O'Brien | Benjamin Alberto Ocampo | Ryan Jean Faith Olson | Alexis Lynette Ottavianelli | Carter Reece Owens | Paris | Abigail Lynn Parrett | Tyliyah Jas P. Patel | Kesha D. Patel | Hunter Autumn Rayne Perez | Joanna Bignall Bernice Petersen | YaPreccce William Mack Ploessl | Shannon Nicole

Notice of Nondiscrimination - It is the policy of the Bettendorf Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the Affirmative Action Coordinator, Administration Center, 3311 18th St., Bettendorf, IA 52722, (563) 359-3681 or jdotson@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.

Investing in Facilities 2020 Summer Projects

Herbert Hoover Elementary Roofing Project

The district is having a new roof membrane installed over the library and music classroom at Herbert Hoover Elementary School. The project will increase the amount of insulation on the roof and provide some energy savings for the district for years to come.

Paul Norton Elementary Security Enhancement Project

Bush Construction of Davenport, Iowa is constructing a small building addition which will enhance the security of the main entry for the facility. Visitors will now have to enter directly into the office upon being buzzed into the facility. The addition will include a new office area, principal's office, and conference room. The main entrance will also feature new entry signage. The existing office area will be turned into an enlarged nurse's office and school counselor's office. Other enhancements throughout the facility included updated restroom fixtures and finishes.



Free Breakfast & Lunch Summer Meal Program

Bettendorf Community School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children 1-18 years old without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.



Drive-Through Meal Pickup

Monday - Friday 11:30 am - 1 pm

Neil Armstrong Elementary - 3311 Central Ave.
Bettendorf Middle School - 2030 Middle Rd.



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Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation

What does the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation do?

Provide Funding that Benefits Bettendorf Students & Teachers

The funds are dispersed in the form of scholarships to seniors, innovative classroom grants to teachers to supplement their curriculum, Pride Grants to HS teachers to extend the learning opportunities during Pride block, classroom makeovers, and HAVlife Grants to students between the ages of 10-15 to participate in the arts or athletics. Grants awarded during the 2019/2020 school year made tremendous impacts on the students involved.

Register Now for Run with Carl

Monday, September 7, 2020

<https://bit.ly/RunWithCarl2020>



Classroom Makeovers

BCSF started a new program in the Fall of 2019. One teacher from each school was randomly selected from Facebook entries to win a \$250 Classroom Makeover. Teachers could use the funds to spruce up their classrooms and acquire needed supplies.

Shannon Campbell's classroom at Bettendorf High School before (below) and after (right).



Innovative & Pride Grants

The BCSF is pleased to announce that over \$30,000 was approved for Innovative and Pride Grants during the spring grant cycle. We look forward to seeing these in action when we return to school.

Innovative Grants:

- Experiencing Mindfulness at Edison Academy
- Outdoor Classroom at Hoover Elementary
- Therapy Dog Initiative at BHS
- Sensory Spaces at Mark Twain Elementary
- Reading and Writing Rocks at BMS
- Pilot 5th Hour Program at BHS

Pride Grants for the High Schools:

- E-Sports Team
- Learning Latin
- Vaping Cessation Group

BCS Foundation Announces 2020

Senior Scholarships & Department Awards

The Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation scholarships benefit BHS graduating students who will continue their education at either a 2 or 4-year college/university. The scholarship and departmental awards all derive from donations made to the Foundation, either from specific family members or the community at large.

Award Winners for the Class of 2020

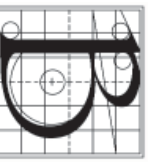
- Bettendorf Education Association Scholarship - Mitch Winterlin
- Bettendorf High School Class of 1956 - Will Luebke
- Bettendorf Rotary Rich & Dee James Scholarship - Carly Chelf
- Bettendorf Rotary Chuck Mooney - Erica Johnson

- Barbara Brown Golden Bulldog Award - Jake Hornbuckle/Layken Bytnar
- Martin Samuel Eason Scholarship - Greta Solbri
- Pamela D. Johnson, Ph.D. Educational Scholarship - Gabriele Manion
- Rich & Dee James Scholarship - Peyton Bytnar
- Janice Lawson Eternal Spirit Award - Tienna Trettin
- Stewart N. Lounsberry Scholarship - Samantha Roemer & Sam Mitvalsky
- Dr. Raymond W. Oles Math/Computer Science Scholarship - Peter Hurd
- Carl Schillig Memorial Scholarship - Mitch Winterlin
- Joann Stuhr Math Scholarship - Jason Jiang
- Denny Thiessen Memorial Scholarship - Mia Griffin
- Thomas Jefferson Elementary Spirit of Community Service Legacy Scholarship - Malik Stevenson & Alyssa Newton

Departmental Scholarships & Awards

- Art Department - Greta Solbrig
- Business Department: Joseph D. Hayes Scholarship - Zach Marsh
- Family & Consumer Science Department - Tiana Bogan
- Industrial Technology Department - Jacob Crouch
- Language Arts Department - Jessica Mouw
- Lifeskills Scholarship - Pete Sible
- Math Department: Verla Funk Award - Jason Jiang
- Physical Education Department - Kelley Lent
- Music Department: Michael J. Green Outstanding Instrumental Music Scholarship - Owen Weimer
- Science Department: Don & Mary Schaefer Scholarship - Kaitlyn Walter
- Social Studies: Patrick A. Burr Scholarship - Joe Byrne
- Vocal Music Department - Zander Eckermann

Learn more about the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation - foundation.bettendorf.k12.ia.us



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 Michael Pyevich

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Bettendorf Board of Education

Front row (left to right) - Joanna Doerder, Andrew Champion and Rebecca Eastman.
 Back row - Richard Lynch, Adam Holland, Michael Pyevich, and Paul Castro.



Board agendas, minutes and audio files of the board meetings are available online at www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us/board.

Board Meeting Live Stream

Check out the live stream of our public board meetings on YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/BettSchools

2020-2021 School Year Online Registration Beginning July 6

Parents/legal guardians will be able to access the registration process beginning Monday, July 6, through their Parent Portal account.

Please complete registration by Thursday, July 23, to help ensure placement. To register online through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account, click the MORE link from the black menu on the left. Next, click Online Registration in the middle of the screen to begin the process.

Take time now to access your Parent Portal account to verify that the information present is accurate and that you have access to all your students. You cannot register using a student account. If you do not have a Campus Parent Portal account, please contact your building secretary as soon as possible. If you need help with your password, please contact the school building secretary.

Busing

The request for busing is also online!
 Go to bit.ly/BCSD-Transportation

Free and Reduced / Student Fee Waiver

The Free & Reduced application for school meals is online as well. Access the application through your Parent Portal account. In the left menu bar, select Applications/Forms and then Meals Benefits Application. When completing the application for free or reduced lunch, applicants will be able to select "permission to share" for the Student Fee Waiver which requests consideration for other discounted fees, such as busing and student fees.

If you are not filing a Free & Reduced application but do wish to be considered eligible for other reduced fees, you must complete a separate Student Fee Waiver. The form is available at your school building or online on the District website - www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us. Select Services from the top menu bar; then Nutrition Services and Student Fee Waiver.

Fee Payment

Registration and fee payment are two separate actions. You must complete both actions. Registration is not complete without fee payment. Fees may be made in your building or, for your convenience, you may pay fees online through RevTrak (link is available on the district and individual school websites).

2020-2021 First Day of School
 Currently scheduled for Monday, August 24

Board Commendations Bett Points of Pride

Jayne Olson Named 'PBIS People of the Year' for the State of Iowa

Neil Armstrong Elementary Principal Jayme Olson was selected as one of the State of Iowa 'PBIS People of the Year' for her work in 2018-2019 on Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) at Bettendorf Middle School.

BCSD Students & Teacher Earn Recognition in State National History Day Competition

BMS projects from Cece Spector and Quinn Leone were selected for the national contest in Washington D.C. Projects by Calista Rasmer and Noah Raso were selected as national contest alternates. A project by Heath Leone & Cooper Agosta received a special state award as well. In addition, Bettendorf Middle School Teacher-Librarian Deb Temperly received recognition as Iowa's National History Day Teacher of the Year for the Junior Division.

Iowa Governor's Scholar Honorees

Bettendorf High School seniors Justin Hettlage and Jason Jiang have been named 2020 Iowa Governor's Scholar Honorees for their high academic achievement.

BHS Student Council Earns National Recognition

For an exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, the Bettendorf High School student council has been recognized as a 2020 National Gold Council of Excellence by National Student Council (NatStuCo).

BHS 2020 Athletes of the Year

Congratulations to Maggie Erpelding & Charlie Bunn for being named the BHS Athletes of the Year!