

Bett

District Update

Passion . . . Purpose . . . Pride

January 15th, 2021

NO SCHOOL

Enjoy Your Long Weekend!

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JAN. 15TH - MONDAY, JAN. 18TH

Friday, January 15th - Staff Inservice/Work Day
Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



BETT HIGHLIGHTS

MS Pristine Plate Competition

Bettendorf Middle School Living Skills students "plated" brownies based on designs they created. The activity capped a unit about the roles, duties, and functions of individuals engaged in food production and service careers. Living Skills is taught by Mr. Van Deventer. [#BettPride](#)



EMPLOYEES OF THE 2ND QUARTER 2020-2021



Tessa Dailey
P.E. Teacher
Neil Armstrong Elementary
Herbert Hoover Elementary



Mickey Hines
P.E. Teacher
Grant Wood Elementary



Cristina Zimmerman
Spanish Teacher
Bettendorf High School

Passion
Purpose
Pride!

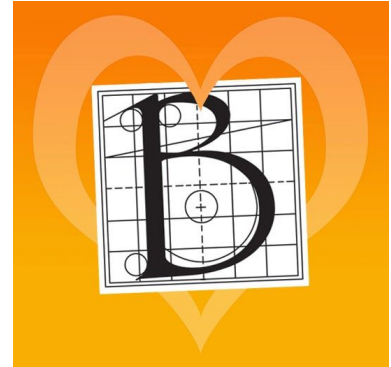
BCSD Employees of the 2nd Quarter: Tessa Dailey, Mickey Hines & Cristina Zimmerman!

The Employee of the Quarter Award recognizes Bettendorf Community School District staff who inspire exceptional service and attitude. Recipients demonstrate a commitment to their job and/or school involvement above and beyond expectations. [#BettPride](#)

With Heavy Hearts

WE SHARE OUR RECENT LOSS

This is a sad and tragic day for all of us in the Bettendorf Community School District and the broader community. We have come to learn about the passing of members of a Bettendorf family due to the tragic home fire on Thursday. Words cannot begin to express our feelings of pain and grief over the loss of life. In addition to a Bettendorf parent, one of our precious preschool students has passed and one of our high school students and a parent were injured. We pray for their quick recovery.



This family lived next door to Neil Armstrong Elementary School. They were our friends and neighbors and our hearts are heavy as we mourn with the family.

We will have additional counselors available to address the needs of students and staff members within the District and will continue to provide support to our school families as we process this painful event.

Thank you for all you do to support our students and each other during this difficult time!

Parent Meeting

Dear BCSD Parents/Guardians,

The sadness and sense of loss that results from the death of someone close or a peer can significantly impact a student's social and emotional health. For those who might be interested, we are offering a special opportunity to have a conversation about supporting students through bereavement. We are inviting our BCSD parents/guardians to attend a session at school on Tuesday, January 19th. This session will be facilitated by Sue Klingaman, LCSW, at the Robert Young Center.

Supporting Students - Death of a Peer or Loved One

Tuesday, January 19th

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Neil Armstrong Elementary School
3311 Central Avenue, Bettendorf

Below are some links to resources that you may find helpful during this difficult time.

[Helping Children Cope After a Traumatic Event](#)

[Helping School-Age Children with Traumatic Grief](#)

Thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time. If you plan to attend the meeting on Monday, January 18th, please RSVP using this [link](#). Childcare will be available. If you have any questions please email Jayme Olson at jolson@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.

Warm regards,
Dr. Michelle Morse
Superintendent

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CONVERSATIONS WITH PARENTS



Michelle Morse, Superintendent

Conversations with Parents

Join Dr. Morse for an open conversation about your passion, purpose and pride as well as suggestions for your school and the Bettendorf Community School District.

6 - 7:30 pm - Wednesday, January 20th

Online - Via Zoom | In-Person - Bettendorf Middle School Cafeteria

12 - 1:30 pm - Tuesday, March 9th

Online - Via Zoom | In-Person - Administration Center Board Room

6 - 7:30 pm - Monday, May 10th

Online - Via Zoom | In-Person - Mark Twain Elementary Commons



We invite you to join Dr. Morse for an open conversation with BCSD parents. You are welcome to join us at one or all of the upcoming meetings.

Please contact Celeste Miller if you have any questions or would like to make a reservation to attend in-person, (563) 359-3681 or cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us. In-person guests will need to wear masks and social distance. The meetings will also be live-streamed on the [District's YouTube Channel - BettSchools](#). Check your Friday District Update the Friday before the meetings for the Zoom link.

Open to ALL BCSD Families

BCSD MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - Jan. 19

The Bettendorf Community School District invites you to our monthly mobile food pantry. This opportunity is open to ALL District Families. Food distribution will be held at Mark Twain Elementary School 1620 Lincoln Rd., Bettendorf, IA 52722 on Tuesday, January 19th from 5:45-7 pm.

Distribution will be done through a park & pick-up style. It moves very quickly and supplies a good amount of food for the next couple weeks. Please contact Marcy Volkstorf at 563-359-9375 or email at mvolkstorf@bettendorf.k12.ia.us if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions!



Vote - Tuesday, March 2nd

RPS RENEWAL PROPOSITION VOTE



For ur
Future

Penny Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement

VOTE Tuesday
March 2nd



Check Out Videos About the Revenue Purpose Statement

[Short Video](#) (52 seconds) | [Full Video](#) (7:58)

On Tuesday, March 2nd, the Bettendorf Community School District will be asking residents to vote on the District's Revenue Purpose Statement. [Learn more](#)

- **This is NOT a property tax or increase in taxes** but a distinction of how we intend to spend the tax already collected through the state one-cent sales tax.
- **Approval of District use of funds** for construction, infrastructure, technology, principal and interest payments.
- **Allows the District to borrow against future penny sales tax revenues** if needed.

Learn more at our

COMMUNITY FORUM

6 pm - Tuesday, February 2

Bettendorf Middle School

2030 Middle Rd.

In-person guests will need to wear masks and social distance. The meetings will also be live-streamed on the [District's YouTube Channel - BettSchools](#).

RETURN TO LEARN UPDATE

Keeping our BCSD Community Informed **COVID-19 Status Update**

#	For the week of Jan. 11 - 15 (New cases)
9	Individuals who tested positive
30	Individuals currently quarantining

We update the data at the close of each week on the [District Return-to-Learn Webpage](#). As the District is notified of a positive COVID-19 case through the health department, parent, or staff member, the building principal and nurse will begin to assist the health department in determining any individuals who may have been in close contact with the positive individual. For all close contacts, the health department and/or the school will be in contact with the family.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

[Board Meetings](#) | [Public Input Form](#) | [Board Meeting Agendas](#) | [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Upcoming Meeting - Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 - [Agenda](#)

Meetings are held in the Ray Stensvad Board Room in the District Administration Center with guests in the BHS Library. Guests are required to wear a face-covering and maintain appropriate social distancing. The public may also watch the meeting [livestream](#) on YouTube. If you are not able to attend and would like to provide a statement to school board members to be read at the meeting, please email cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us by noon on the day of the meeting.

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

GUEST PARAEDUCATORS & TEACHERS

The Bettendorf Community School District is looking for guest paraeducators and guest teachers!

If you are looking for flexible hours and want to be part of our team, please [click here to apply](#). [Click here for further information regarding the Substitute Authorization course and licensure](#). We would love to have you join our team! If you have any questions, please contact Maile Mejia at 563-359-3681 ext. 3022 or mmejia@bettendorf.k12.ia.us!

PN PTA DINING NIGHT @ HAPPY JOE'S - Jan. 18

Join the Paul Norton PTA for PN Dining Night at Happy Joes 4-8 pm on Monday, January 18th. Mention Paul Norton when you order and 15% of sales will be donated to the Paul Norton PTA.

GW PTA VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT - Jan. 29

The annual PTA Trivia Night Fundraiser will be online this year using Zoom. Spend the night playing online with your family and friends from the comfort of your living room or home office. [Learn more](#)

- Single Family Team (\$40)
- Multi-Family Team (\$100)

COMMUNITY VIRTUAL BACKPACK

Materials are posted for informational purposes only. This does not imply Bettendorf Community Schools District's endorsement of them.

QC United Way	QC Tutor Connection Uniting student with tutors for educational success	
Putnam Museum	Museums for All - \$1 admission with EBT card	
Iowa Department of Public Health	Pick a better snack: Family Newsletter	January
Iowa Healthiest State	Healthy Choices Count Newsletter	January
Putnam Museum	Putnam Explorers - Grades 1- 4	Nov - April
Bettendorf Parks & Rec.	Wellness Weekly Newsletter - Registration Funding Assistance Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little All-Stars Basketball League - Jan 16 • Paint & Create - Young Artists - Jan 23 • Babysitting for Success - Feb 6 	
UI Alumni & Friends	48-Hour Flash Writing Contest - Grades 3 - Adult	Jan. 15 - 17
STEAM on Wheels	The Physics of Flight - Grades 5 - 8	Jan. 15 & 16
Girl Scouts	Open House for BCSD Girls - FB Event	Jan. 16
University of Iowa Health Care	Virtual Kids Go STEM - Grades 6-8	Jan. 30

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 15-18	NO SCHOOL
Jan. 18	PN PTA Dining Night a Happy Joe's 4-8 pm
Jan. 19	3rd Quarter Begins Mobile Food Pantry at Mark Twain 5:45 - 7 pm Supporting Students - Death of a Peer or Loved One 4:30 - 5:30 pm, NA
Jan. 20	Dr. Michelle Morse - Conversations with Parents 6-7 pm, BMS Cafeteria
Jan. 29	GW PTA Virtual Trivia Night 7-9 pm
Feb. 2	Community Forum - BCSD Revenue Purpose Statement Special Election 6 pm