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2021-2022

Board of Education Meetings

These regular meetings begin at
6:30 pm unless noted otherwise.

April 11

May 9

June 27 (6:15 pm)

Check www.bcpsk12.net board page
for meeting specifics and locations.

Work Sessions will be scheduled
as needed.

Upon request at least ten (10) days
prior to a meeting, the District shall
make reasonable accommodations
for a person with disabilities to
be able to attend and participate.
Contact the Facilities Director at
616.878.6100.

There is a time for public
participation during a meeting as
indicated in the agenda.

Official minutes are available and
stored at the administration office.



Greetings, Byron Center Community!



If you are a student or a parent in the school district, you couldn't miss that March was Reading Month. Hundreds of students and staff celebrated reading with dress-up days, special activities, guest readers, and more! From the youngest group in our early childhood programs to our most experienced staff members, everyone was able to experience the joy of reading!

Nickels celebrated the month with "Surf's Up! Catch the Title Wave," while Marshall enjoyed their theme of "Camp Out with a Good Book!" West Middle School planned a book design contest, a book review challenge, with many more engaging events. All of the schools found ways to make reading and learning fun!

We celebrate reading month to have fun with reading and encourage students to become lifelong readers. Reading is beneficial for learning information, and it also helps increase creativity, empathy, memory, school performance, vocabulary, math skills, and even happiness!

We hope that everyone in our community will make reading a vital part of their life. If you are a parent, we encourage you to keep your kids reading. Life is busy. Distractions are real. Like any other discipline, it takes time to build up reading stamina. We hope that our children learn to love reading to help them become lifelong learners. Your children will become excited about reading if you're enthusiastic about it. Enthusiasm is contagious!

I hope you enjoy our photo gallery in this special March Reading Month edition of the BConnection. As Dr. Seuss says, "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." I am thankful for our partnership with families; together, we are BC strong!



Kevin Macina, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Macina reads to kids in Mrs. Corey's class at Brown.

READING is Fun!

Catching the "Title Wave" at Nickels!



4-year olds at ECC love to read.



Dr. Seuss inspired readers at Marshall!



Mrs. Knowlton reads to students at Countryside.



READING to Learn!



SURFs Up at Nickels!

S-Students, U-Uninterrupted, R-Reading, F-for Fun

ELA 12 took a novel approach to Reading Month by exploring how young adults interact with modern text. In this case, they used literary nonfiction--in a podcast--to analyze and evaluate information presented on an ongoing court case. A Mock Trial was the final push to sharpen their verbal argumentative skills as each side presented evidence, examined witnesses, and fought for their desired verdict.

Our Early Childhood Centers understand the importance of early reading!



READ Alone!

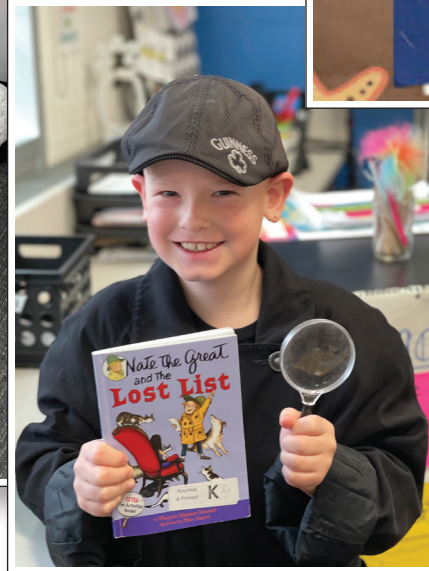


Camping out with a good book at Marshall.



Even your stuffed animals like to hear a good book.

Reading makes your future so bright; you'll need to wear shades!



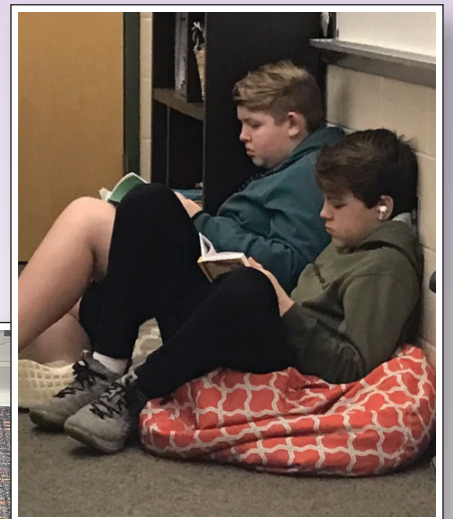
Detecting a smile for this Countryside reader!

READ with Friends!

Mr. Ferguson's class at Marshall shows up as their favorite character.



WMS students relax with a good book.



Sunny smiles with friends at Brown!



Reading buddies share a book at the Early Childhood Center.



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JUST READ!



Mr. Wierzbicki reads to Marshall students.

Pick a favorite spot and just read!



West Middle students show off their talents in a bookmark contest.



Guest speakers join in the fun at Brown.

Even the halls get decked out for Reading Month!

