



**Welcome to Grace McWayne’s Wellness Stadium**

Teamwork, empathy, emotion management, friendship and problem-solving skills are all part of the playbook in Sandra Acosta’s Wellness class (a.k.a. Wellness Stadium). [Read more >](#)

**Pinwheels for Peace at AGS**

To honor International Day of Peace, students in grades 3-5 at Alice Gustafson Elementary School planted pinwheels on the school’s lawn. The pinwheels are part of an international Pinwheels for Peace project. [Read more >](#)

**Jamie Lee Curtis Visits HCS**

Accomplished author and actor Jamie Lee Curtis recently left the West Coast and landed at H.C. Storm Elementary School for a visit. [Read more >](#)

**The Power of Choice: Rethinking Classroom Seating**

Students in Kelly Woodard’s second-grade class at Grace McWayne Elementary School self select where they would like to sit each day, and what they would like to sit on. [Read more >](#)

**National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**

Batavia High School seniors, Matthew Grendzinski and Colin Holden, have been named semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. [Read more >](#)

**Record Turnout for JBN Watch D.O.G.S. Launch Party**

At this year’s JBN Watch D.O.G.S. Launch Party, 55 dads, step-dads, uncles, and grandfathers volunteered to be Watch D.O.G.S. for the school. The “Dads of Great Students” program is an educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. [Read more >](#)

**Mobile Board Meeting**

On Wed., Sept. 14, BPS101 Board of Education Members took their Board Meeting on the road, stopping at all eight BPS101 schools to learn firsthand about new initiatives and achievements from students, teachers, and principals. [Read more >](#)

**Afternoon Child Care for Half Day, Thurs., Oct. 6**

Free afternoon child care for elementary BPS101 students has been planned by Batavia churches on half day Thurs., Oct. 6, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave. (Thurs., Oct. 6 is a non-attendance day for Kindergarten students.) [Reserve a spot >](#)

**Doodle 4 Google Contest**

Doodle 4 Google is back, and one lucky K-12 artist will have his or her art featured on the Google homepage! This year’s theme is “What I see for the future.” [Read more >](#)

**Staff Spotlight!**

**Jennifer Erickson, Third Grade Teacher, Alice Gustafson**

To Iraq and back! Miss Erickson spent her summer teaching English to Kurdish Teachers in Dohuk, Iraqi/Kurdistan. [Read more >](#)

**In the News**

- High school football: Batavia debuts new field with memorable first play, decisive win: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Students, school officials laud Batavia’s new artificial turf sports field: [Chicago Tribune/Beacon News >](#)
- BHS Alum (2015) named to Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership/Honors Organization at U of I: [Daily Herald >](#)

**Upcoming Events**

Sync your mobile device(s) with BPS101.net [school calendars](#).

**BSPN Family Fun and Info Night**

**Sept. 27, 6 p.m., Eastside Community Center**

Learn about the Batavia Special-Education Parent Network and resources to enrich the educational experience and quality of life for special-education students and their families.

**Board Meeting**

**Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center**

[Agenda >](#)

**Bike/Walk to School Day**

**Oct. 5**

**But Seriously Folks ... BHS Improv Show**

**Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre**

**Long Weekend**

**Oct. 6** - Parent Teacher Conferences, half day for students and no school for EC and kindergarten students

**Oct. 7** - Institute Day, no school for all students

**Oct. 10** - Columbus Day, no school for all students

**Board Meeting**

**Oct. 18, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center**

[Agenda >](#)

**Wearable Art Workshop (for students in grades 3-5)**

**Oct. 22, 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre**

Studio Batavia Visual Arts Boosters hosts this annual event. [Register >](#)

**Backpack Mail**

BPS101 often receives requests from community organizations to distribute informational fliers to students in their backpacks. In an effort to be environmentally conscientious, we use an electronic format to deliver this information, which we call “Backpack Mail.”

[View the latest edition of Backpack Mail >](#)

*Want to include your school-related event in Backpack Mail? [Details >](#)*