



Kindness goes a long way

One idea can change everything. Recently, Mary Jensen, Music Teacher at Alice Gustafson Elementary School, had a brilliant idea. It's the #LiftUp101 Kindness Challenge with 101 challenges that BPS101 students, parents, staff, and community members can do to lift up others and spread kindness and positivity throughout our schools and community.

[Read more >](#)

Lottery registration for tuition-free preschool opens Nov. 1

Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2017, and who currently reside in the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101 are eligible to participate in a lottery system for open spots at the BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center in the 2017-18 school year. [Read more >](#)

Board Highlights

Missed the Tues., Oct. 18, 2016, Board Meeting? [Read the recap >](#)

October is International AAC Awareness Month

In Batavia Public School District 101, more than 35 students use an aided communication system, which is referred to as Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

[Read more >](#)

October is also National Principals Month

The key to student success is a great school, and the key to a great school is a great principal. Be sure to #ThankaPrincipal. [Read more >](#)

Batavia High School presents: "The Dining Room"

Coming to the Batavia Fine Arts Centre on Nov. 3-5 is "The Dining Room." Directed by Dominic Cattero, "The Dining Room" time travels from the early 1930s to the late 1980s, and through 18 different families. Actors will change roles, personalities, and ages in order to bring the total of 52 total characters to life. [Read more >](#)

Early Childhood's Autumn Activity Center

Students at the Early Childhood Center have been visiting their new Autumn Activity Center, located right outside of their classrooms. [Read more >](#)

Afternoon Child Care for half day, Fri., Nov. 11

Free afternoon child care for elementary BPS101 students has been planned by Batavia churches on half day Fri., Nov. 11, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave. (Please note: Fri., Nov. 11, is a non-attendance day for p.m. kindergarten students.) [Reserve a spot >](#)

Jay's Hope T-shirts

If you missed out on the chance to support Jay's Hope, the BHS Athletic Office does have Jay's Hope T-shirts still available in L, XL, and XXL sizes. T-Shirts are \$10 and all proceeds are donated to Jay's Hope. To purchase a T-shirt, contact Julie Stuttle at julie.Stuttle@bps101.net or call the BHS Athletic Office at (630) 937-8614.

Katrina Schlenker finishes first in state!

Congratulations to RMS 7th-grade student, Katrina Schlenker, on earning the 2016 IESA Cross Country 3A Girls State Champion title. Congrats also to the RMS Girls State Team on a third-place finish, and to the RMS Boys State Team on an eighth-place finish. [Individual and team results >](#)

A new spin on science at BHS

Science students at BHS now have the opportunity to explore the body and all of its workings in a new course offered this year, Anatomy and Physiology. [Read more >](#)

In the News

- Park District Dish: Batavia resident [Aidan Meadows] setting bar high: [Kane County Chronicle](#)
- Cross country: Batavia boys claim Stampede title: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia gets past Larkin: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Girls tennis: Move west agrees with sectional champ Glenbard West: [Daily Herald >](#)

Top Tweets of the Week

A roundup of 140-character "bests" from the BPS101 Community.

@BPS101Pride

A family of 9 just said they are ALL doing the #LiftUp101 challenge! Do u know what that means, Batavia? 909 acts of kindness! Woohoo! ❤️

@GraceMcWayne

The 21st Century Learning Lab at GMS is now open! #101alag

@cari_caren

Thank you @HWS_BPS101 Gina Greenwald! You do so much for us at HWS!

@jbn_5r

Using simulation to understand why the sun rises and sets each day. #jbn5 @JBNelson101 #101alag

@bhsbark

Congrats to our October Students of the Month! #barkchart

Upcoming Events

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

Value Our Trees Rededication Ceremony

Oct. 22, 10 a.m., Batavia Arboretum

[Details >](#)

Halloween

Oct. 31

The City of Batavia's recommended Halloween hours are between 4 - 7 p.m., on Mon., Oct. 31.

Chipotle Fundraiser for BFEE

Nov. 4, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Chipotle, 2902 Kirk Rd., Aurora

[Show this flyer](#) at checkout and the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence will receive 50% of proceeds.

Half Day

Nov. 11

Half day for students and a non-attendance day for p.m. kindergarten and Early Childhood students.

Board Meeting

Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

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 >](#)