

**Interact Club Members Turning T-shirts into Something Special**

BHS Interact Club Members are now helping dress children around the globe. [Read more >](#)

Google Hangout with Pro Photographer and BHS Alum Dave Shumway

Students in Julie Johnson's second-grade class at H.C. Storm Elementary School recently learned from a pro what it's like to photograph landscapes and wildlife for *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, and other national publications. [Read more >](#)

John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School Lottery and Parent Info Meeting

Next school year, eight seats will be available for incoming BPS101 third-grade students at the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School. The STEM School is part of the Aurora University campus and specializes in science, technology, engineering, and math. To learn more about the STEM School, plan to attend a Parent Information Meeting from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Thurs., March 2 at the Aurora University Banquet Hall. [Read more >](#)

JBN "For the Love of Reading" Book Drive

J.B. Nelson Elementary School's "For the Love of Reading" Valentine's Day book drive was a big success! [Read more >](#)

BHS Senior Headed to State Gymnastics Tournament

Cameron Hindel took her junior year off from gymnastics to focus on soccer. She came back her senior year and qualified for all-around, vault, floor, and beam at regionals, and earned a spot at the State Tournament for vault. Pretty impressive rebound! [Read more >](#)

Two BHS Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Matthew Grendzinski and Colin Holden advanced from semifinalists to finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. [Read more >](#)

A Great Match! HCS EL Students & BHS Spanish Honors Students

Students in the English Learners (EL) Program at H.C. Storm Elementary School are teaming up with Spanish Honors students at Batavia High School for enrichment activities. [Read more >](#)

Afternoon Child Care Opportunity for Half Day, March 2

Free afternoon child care for BPS101 students in grades K-5 has been planned by Batavia churches on Thurs., March 2, 2017, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Batavia. March 2 is a half day for BPS101 students and a non-attendance day for kindergarten students due to Kindergarten Preview. [Register >](#)

Kindergarten Preview is March 2. Register Today!

Kindergarten Preview is a one-hour session for incoming kindergartners to participate in activities as a small group, and to start the BPS101 enrollment process. [Register >](#)

Kindness Goes a Long Way

Since the inception of the #LiftUp101 Kindness Challenge, which was started this fall by Alice Gustafson Music Teacher Mary Jensen to lift up others and spread kindness and positivity throughout our community and beyond, "Lift Ups" have spread like wildfire! Take a look at some of many examples and outcomes that have blossomed from Mrs. Jensen's [one brilliant idea >](#)

BPS101 Pets Have Pride, Too!

To get through the dog days of winter, BPS101 community members have been sharing their pet's school spirit via #BPS101PetPride. Take a look at the gallery of fun [pet pics >](#)

Student Spotlight: Madison Fell, BHS Senior

Batavia High School senior Madison Fell won't be spending her summer in 60510. Nope. She's headed to the heart of Tennessee for an internship at a wildlife rehabilitation and education center. [Read more >](#)

Alum Update: Hallie Gaitsch

Hallie Gaitsch, a 2015 graduate of Batavia High School and current sophomore at Yale University, has a busy academic summer ahead in Europe. [Read more >](#)

In the News

- Batavia native Jonathan Rudy to guest star in symphony concert: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Transition to coaching going well for Batavia grad Bryant: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia plans Kindergarten Preview sessions: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Batavia group collecting, donating prom dresses: [Daily Herald >](#)

Top Tweets of the Week

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

@HWS_BPS101

Staff vs 5th grade volleyball game! We are ready to play!

@Tim_McDermott1

Mr. Wyeth's 4th grade students made these pictures to send to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Way to go kids! #liftup101 #bpspride @4W_AGS

@HCStormSchool

Two new Principals in Training! 1st graders Gabby and Bradley ready to visit classrooms and check on the LRC materials.

@BPS101Pride

Incubator students nervously wait for their turn to pitch their idea to a tough panel of judges. #BPS101Pride @INCubatorBHS

@BataviaHS

The BHS Scholastic Bowl team takes on the Board of Education

@RotoloAthletics

Congratulations to our 7th grade boys basketball team on their 4th place finish in the IESA state tournament.

@JBNelson101

Thank you Watch DOGS for supporting our school!

@lws4n

Southwest pilot Kevin Blahnik talking to students about career goals. #adopt-a-pilot

Upcoming Events

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

3rd Annual Cooperative Concert

Feb. 16, 7 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Free concert for the community featuring Rotolo Middle School Symphonic Band, Batavia High School Wind Symphony, and the Northshore Concert Band. [Details >](#)

Institute Day

Feb. 17 - No School

Prom Dress Giveaway

Feb. 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Batavia Public Library

CHIP IN Batavia and the Batavia Public Library are teaming up this year to give away more than 200 free prom dresses. The event is open to all girls, regardless of need.

President's Day

Feb. 20 - No School

Board Meetings

Feb. 21 and March 21, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

- [View](#) agendas
- [Watch](#) recordings of previous Board Meetings
- [Read](#) highlights from Feb. 7 Board Meeting

Practical Tools for the Prevention of Anxiety, Depression, and Suicide

Feb. 25, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Rejoice Lutheran Church, Geneva

All parents, students, educators, and community members are invited to this important forum. The discussion will be led by Executive Director Stephanie Weber and other staff members from Suicide Prevention Services in Batavia. [Details >](#)

Music Buff's Annual Gala

Feb. 25, 6-11 p.m., Fishermen's Inn

Live entertainment, dancing, silent auctions, and raffles are just some of the activities in store for Music Buff's Jump, Jive, & Swing Gala. [Tickets >](#)

BSPN Parent Resource Fair

Feb. 28, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Batavia High School

Learn about community resources for students with special needs—from early childhood through age 22. Parents from all surrounding cities are invited and encouraged to come. [Learn more about BSPN >](#)

Most Likely to Succeed

March 1, 6 p.m., Pheasant Run Resort, New Orleans Ballroom

All community members are invited to this special free screening of a Sundance-selected documentary on the topic of school and sponsored by Illinois Computing Educators. [Watch trailer >](#)

Batavia Fine Arts Festival

March 3, 5 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Batavia High School is hosting its 5th-annual Batavia Fine Arts Festival and the entire community is invited! [Details >](#)

Batavia Booster Club Dinner Dance

April 21, 6 p.m., Gaslite Manor, Aurora

Enjoy a night of food and fun with fellow Bulldog parents, fans, and coaches to celebrate another year of Bulldog sports success and raise money for future athletes. [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 >](#)