

**The Fine Art of Letter Writing is Back!**

Remember writing letters to pen pals and getting so excited to get a response? Students in Kari McQuillan's fourth-grade class at Alice Gustafson Elementary School recently put pen to paper and got a response from their pen pals in Smithtown, N.Y. [Read more >](#)

WATCH D.O.G.S. Launch at LWS

Louise White School recently launched its new WATCH D.O.G.S. volunteer program and had a huge turnout of dads at the kick-off party. [Read more >](#)

JBN "For the Love of Reading" Book Drive

J.B. Nelson students are collecting gently used and new books from the community on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Books should be dropped off at the school's front office at 9 a.m. Half of the collected books will be donated to CHIP IN Batavia and the other half to a school in Cambodia. [Read more >](#)

ECC Snowball Extravaganza

Students at the Early Childhood Center practiced what they learned about "Zones of Regulation" during a recent indoor snowball activity. [Read more >](#)

Two GMS Students Donate \$800+ to CHIP IN Batavia

Sisters Madeline and Hannah Fox recently came to the Rosalie Jones Admin Center with two envelopes filled with cash and checks for CHIP IN Batavia. [Read more >](#)

BHS Named 2016-17 RAMP School by ASCA

Celebration time! The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) just named Batavia High School an ASCA Model Program (RAMP) school. [Read more >](#)

BHS Scholastic Bowl Team Headed to NAQT State Meet

On Sat., Feb. 11, the BHS Scholastic Bowl team is headed to the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) State Meet in Champaign, Ill. [Read more >](#)

BHS Welcomes Two Clubs

At Batavia High School, there have been many new and unique clubs for students to join, including Team Bulldog Inclusion Club and Yoga Club. [Read more >](#)

Show Off Your Pet's BPS101 Pride!

It's the dog days of winter, so what better way to celebrate than with #BPS101PetPride! Share your pet's school spirit in a photo along with the hashtag #BPS101PetPride on Twitter or Facebook. [Details + BPS101 pet pics >](#)

2017 BFEE Scholarships

The Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence is now accepting applications for its seven student scholarship opportunities. [Read more >](#)

Student Spotlight: Stephanie Garcia, BHS Senior

It was a long journey to earn her U.S. citizenship, but BHS senior Stephanie Garcia did it, and is going places after graduation. [Read more >](#)

In the News

- Batavia grad Knox making most of his playing time at Rochester: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia High School playwright enlists students to reimagine Robin Hood]: [Kane Country Chronicle >](#)
- Batavia High students take on fashion design challenge: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Donate to CHIP IN Batavia's Prom Dress Giveaway: [Daily Herald >](#)

Top Tweets of the Week

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

@HCStormSchool

Showing our Storm support for Mr. Hogue! #NoOneFightsAlone #FeelTheLove!

@BataviaWrestler

Congratulations to our seniors & their families! Final dual meet win vs. Kaneland (60-20) ends our dual meet season at 18-4. On to Regionals

@bhsbark

#BPS101PetPride Lucy loves her bulldog gear! #pupsinapolo

@JBNelson101

Congrats to Mrs. Avery's 4th grade class on completing the BPS kindness challenge! #LiftUp101

@buckleyroberts

Batavia elementary teachers rocking state music conference. Way to go guys! Excellent! #IMEC2017 #bps101pride

@RotoloAthletics

Congratulations to our 7th grade boys basketball team on winning the first IESA regional championship in Rotolo basketball history.

Upcoming Events

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

BHS Rock the Runway

Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Wearable art fashion show with pieces designed and modeled by students. [Tickets >](#)

BSPN Lights Up Sound Down Film - The Lego Batman Movie

Feb. 11, 9 a.m., Goodrich Randall 15 Theater

Lights will be turned up, sound will be turned down, and no previews will be shown during this special movie for sensory-sensitive viewers sponsored by the [Batavia Special-Education Parent Network](#). Regular matinee prices of \$7.50 (\$6 for children ages 3-11) apply. All families are welcome to attend.

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. Questions? E-mail info@chipinbatavia.org.

President's Day

Feb. 20 - No School

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 >](#)

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 >](#)

BPS101 Kindergarten Preview

March 2, BPS101 Elementary Schools

If you have an incoming 2017 kindergarten student, it's time to register for Kindergarten Preview, which starts the BPS101 enrollment process. [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 >](#)

