


Student Innovation Spurs Outdoor Renovation at JBN

J.B. Nelson's Innovation Incubator Team will soon be changing the landscape of JBN. [Read more >](#)

From Cinderblock Classroom to Bustling BHS Business Center

Batavia High School recently renovated (gutted!) its INCubator Entrepreneurship classroom and transformed it into a real-world business incubator/office. [Read more >](#)

HCS Principal-In-Training Program is Wildly Popular

Each month, two students at H.C. Storm Elementary School are selected to be part of the well-received Principal-in-Training program spearheaded by HCS Principal Anne Paonessa. [Read more >](#)

BHS Production of "Rent" Coming to Batavia Fine Arts Centre

The original Broadway cast members who played the roles of Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp are making a special one night appearance! [Read more >](#)

BPS101 Celebrates 50th Annual All-City Band Concert

On Tues., April 4 at 7:30 p.m., more than 700 band students from all eight Batavia Public Schools will convene at the Batavia High School Gymnasium to play a part in history. [Read more >](#)

Lift Up Student of the Month: Eric Christopherson

The BPS101 community has been challenged to lift up others in our District and community and spread kindness and positivity through the #LiftUp101 Kindness Challenge. As part of the challenge, teachers in all buildings have been invited to nominate a student who exemplifies the #LiftUp101 Kindness Challenge. [Read more >](#)

GMS Camp Invention

This summer, Grace McWayne Elementary School is hosting a week-long, STEM- based "Camp Invention" camp for all BPS101 students entering grades K-6. Led by BPS101 teacher Sue Palombella, the camp will allow students to transform the terrain and ecosystem of a distant exoplanet, take risks as future entrepreneurs, blast rockets and rubber chickens, and wire a circuit to create their own Spy Gadget Alarm Box. View [video](#) for highlights and [read more >](#)

Happy Foreign Language Week

Batavia High School students have spent this last week celebrating the cultures and languages they study. [Read more >](#)

STEM School Application Deadline: March 24

Next year, eight seats will be available for incoming BPS101 third-grade students at the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School. [Info and application >](#)

Student Spotlight: Micah Schattke, BHS Senior

Micah Schattke, a Batavia High School senior, is one of only one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT to earn a 36 composite score. [Read more >](#)

In the News

- Connor Frederick wins National Jazz Trombone Competition: [U of I School of Music >](#)
- North Central men [including BHS alum] earn share of NCAA crown: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Operation Warm Toes and BHS Cheer Team's Giving Spirit: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia, Burlington Central girls rule sprints: [Daily Herald >](#)
- High school girls basketball: Batavia, St. Charles East see silver linings at end of season: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Fox Valley all-area basketball team [with Colin Cheaney and Eric Peterson]: [Daily Herald >](#)

Top Tweets of the Week

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

@lws_principal

230 students learning, growing, and singing together! An awesome way to spend a Saturday. BPS Elem Chorus Festival 2017

@HCStormSchool

Our youngest readers are working one on one with Bridges volunteers! #WorkingTogether!

@JBNelson101

JBN 5th grade Incubators presented to SAB this AM. SAB then used their decision-making process to fund 1/2 of the purchase of their pergola!

@BPS101Pride

Roaring Robotics will be competing at the FIRST Central Illinois Regional competition this week. Steamworks is the theme. More to come . . .

@BataviaXC

Freshman Adam Kennedy runs an impressive 4:29.17 in the 1600, breaking his own freshman record.

@Batavia101Art

Congrats to Isabel Walker for earning a Scholastic National Gold Medal for Ghost. This places her in the top 1% of the nation. #BPS101Pride

@rotoloms

March is Middle Level Education Month! We invite you to join the students and staff of Rotolo Middle School ... <http://fb.me/1KsjAeOn4>

Upcoming Events

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

Board Meetings

March 21 and April 4, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

- [View agenda](#)
- [Watch recordings](#) of previous Board Meetings
- [Read highlights](#) from Feb. 21 Board Meeting

Comic Relief

March 21, 7 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Comedian Brett Walkow is performing in this comedy charity show hosted by Doc Clock, a business startup from the BHS INCubator course. All proceeds to benefit the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Foundation. Use discount code "ilovedocclock" for \$5 off. [Tickets >](#)

Spring Break

March 27 - 31

Multicultural Night

April 13, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., H.C. Storm Elementary School

Open to *all* BPS101 families, HCS's Multicultural Night will include several activities highlighting diverse cultural backgrounds. [Details >](#)

Half Day (Non-attendance day for Early Childhood and a.m. kindergarten students)

April 14

No School

April 17

Fermilab's STEM Career Expo

April 19, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Wilson Hall

High school students are invited to this free event to attend panel discussions and meet scientists, engineers, and technicians from many STEM careers. [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. [Tickets >](#)

BHS Production of "Rent"

April 27-30, Batavia Fine Arts Centre

[Tickets >](#)

BHS Prom

May 6, 6 p.m., Bobak's Signature Events

BHS Graduation

May 24, 7 p.m., NIU Convocation 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 >](#)