

**HCS Students Painting Seeds of Change for Chernobyl**

When one HCS student learned about the April 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster and she told five friends plus Instructional Coach Julie Alholm, seeds of change were planted. [Read more >](#)

**BPS101 Named a “Best Community for Music Education” ... Again!**

For the third time, BPS101 and the BPS101 Music Program have been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation. [Read more >](#)

**Guess How Many Languages Are Spoken at LWS ...**

Students in Julia Parkhurst’s ESL class devised a “Diversity Project” to find out how many languages are spoken at LWS. Their results will [surprise you >](#)

**RMS Dazzle Dawgs**

Every month, Rotolo Middle School staff members recognize students who consistently demonstrate B.A.R.K. (Bulldogs Are Responsible, Respectful, and Keep It Safe). [Read more >](#)

**GMS 21st Century Learning Lab**

Grace McWayne Elementary School recently opened up its new 21st Century Learning Lab to GMS families for a fun night of STEM-based learning. [Read more >](#)

**Mystery Readers at GMS**

A few times each month, Grace McWayne Elementary School second-grade teacher, Mary Jean Rivera, invites a "Mystery Reader" into her class to surprise students with a story. [Check out the latest mystery reader >](#)

**2017 Hall of Honor Inductees Announced**

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017, BPS101 will welcome eight individual inductees into its Hall of Honor at Batavia High School. [Read more >](#)

**BHS Alum Update: Ben Hejna**

Ben Hejna, a 2015 graduate of Batavia High School, has continued his academic, track & field, and music career at Swarthmore College. [Read more >](#)

**Lift Up Student of the Month: Lillian Miller**

Teachers in all BPS101 buildings have been invited to nominate a student who exemplifies the #LiftUp101 Kindness Challenge. During the months of Feb., March, and April, one student is randomly selected from the nominations. In March, RMS student Lillian Miller was named “Lift Up Student of the Month.” She was nominated by her English language arts teacher, Jenny Kanaris. [Read more >](#)

**HCS Teacher Recognized by Fermilab**

HCS second-grade teacher Julie Johnson was recently awarded Fermilab’s 50th Anniversary Teacher Recognition Award for her efforts to infuse STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) lessons into her classroom. Congrats Mrs. Johnson!

**City of Batavia Needs Your Feedback**

The City of Batavia is embarking on a branding and identity project, and is looking for feedback from Batavia residents. To help guide the City’s project, please take this [short survey >](#)

**Student Spotlight: Isabel Walker, BHS Junior**

Isabel Walker’s accomplishments in the art world are staggering, and she’s only a junior in high school. [Read more >](#)

**In the News**

- BHS INCubator course opens doors for student entrepreneurs in Batavia: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Baty-Barr elected to join incumbents on Batavia School Board: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- All-City Band Concert marks 50 years of school music in Batavia: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia High School Key Club wins awards at annual district convention: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Needles and Yarn—Batavia students learn how to knit in after-school program: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Grace McWayne School holds fundraiser at the Batavia McDonald’s: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Softball: Batavia trips up Glenbard West: [Daily Herald >](#)
- High school soccer: Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles East, St. Charles North have big goals this season: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- High school baseball: Batavia, Geneva welcome new head coaches this season: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Louisville recruit Glenn Albanese adds 5 mph to fastball for Batavia: [Beacon News >](#)
- Baseball: Batavia holds off Benet: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Girls soccer: DiBiase goal lifts Batavia past WW South: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia [Boys Track & Field] wins UEC indoor title: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Track and field: Batavia 800-relay girls break three field house records: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Girls track and field: Batavia edges West Aurora for Upstate Eight title: [Daily Herald >](#)

**Top Tweets of the Week**

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

**@BataviaHSMusic**

Batavia Mayor Schielke reading the Proclamation for the 50th Annual All-City Band Concert. #allcity50

**@HCSStormSchool**

The students of HCS "stuck" to their Box Top goal and now Principal Paonessa will be stuck to the wall this Friday!

**@realtannerseal**

Another great day of @BataviaHS DO visiting the @HWS\_BPS101 DO Program!

**@lws\_principal**

2Se trying a Star Wars "breakout" - can these rebels defeat the empire?

**@JBNelson101**

Way to go! This JBN student set a goal to read all books on the Monarch, Bluestem & Caudill lists. She did it! 60 books!

**@BPS101Pride**

Is it time for summer camp? No ... this is what the Counseling & Advising Office looks like on testing day!

**Upcoming Events**

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

**Batavia All-City Orchestra Concert**

April 6, 7 p.m., Batavia High School Gymnasium

**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 >](#)

**BHS National Art Honors Society's PLATE Event**

April 13, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Black Box Theatre at Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Purchase a dinner plate at [32auctions.com/plate](#) and enjoy a community meal that supports the arts! [Details >](#)

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

April 14

**No School**

April 17

**Board Meetings**

April 18, 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting) and May 2, 6 p.m. (Special Meeting)

Rosalie Jones Admin Center

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

**Community Conversation: Adolescent Stress and Anxiety**

April 20, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Batavia Congregational Church

All Batavia and surrounding community members are invited and encouraged to attend this important conversation about adolescent stress and anxiety. The discussion, led by Dr. Eric Ward Nolan, a specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry, will focus on understanding the causes of adolescent stress and anxiety, and learning practical tools for helping youth cope. This free Community Conversation is part of a series sponsored by the Batavia Ministerial Association in partnership with BPS101.

**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

**Bike/Walk to School Day**

May 10

Students and families are encouraged to walk or ride their bike to school as part of National Walk/Bike to School Day.

**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 >](#)*