



Learning by Doing at GMS

This school year marks the opening of the student-centered “21st Century Learning Lab” at Grace McWayne Elementary School. Students and teachers are using the Lab to explore, create, solve challenges, and reflect on what they learned. [Read more >](#)

The Great Debate at RMS

Watching a debate in Matt Myers’ debate class at Rotolo Middle School is quite an experience. In fact, walking into his classroom—which looks like a Hollywood prop house—is an experience. [Read more >](#)

RMS Student Receives Perfect Score in WordMasters Challenge™

A sixth grader from Rotolo Middle School recently received a perfect score in the first of three meets in this year’s WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 150,000 students annually. [Read more >](#)

JBN Students Send Gifts From the Heart to Air Force Trainees and Staff

Jeni Camery’s second-grade class at J.B. Nelson Elementary School had a bright idea before winter break. They wanted to make holiday cards and letters to send to the airmen and airwomen at the Lackland Air Force Base. [Read more >](#)

JBN Taking Trash to New Levels

Did you know that there is recycling and then there’s *TerraCycling*? J.B. Nelson students, parents, and staff have known this for years. [Read more >](#)

Beyond the Shelves in the BHS LRC

BPS101 Communications Intern Rachel Liesendahl shares her take on the Batavia High School LRC, and what’s new and what’s next in this space. [Read more >](#)

BHS Students Compete in “Get The Lead Out Hackathon for Health” at IMSA

Craig Rowland, Mason Pifer, Andrew Esch, and Daniel Gillian recently headed to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy to address the question, “How can we increase awareness of childhood lead poisoning in Illinois and foster behavioral changes?” [Read more >](#)

BHS/RMS Course Selection in PowerSchool Closes Jan. 22

Course selection for the 2017-18 school year is active in the [PowerSchool parent portal](#) until Sun., Jan. 22 for BHS and RMS students. When selecting courses, make sure all student information is up to date under the “Registration Info” link.

Have an Incoming Kindergarten Student?

It’s time to register for Kindergarten Preview! Kindergarten Preview is a one-hour session for incoming 2017 kindergartners, and starts the BPS101 enrollment process. [Register >](#)

Student Spotlight: Alexandra Davis, BHS Senior

How does she do it all? BHS Senior Alexandra Davis is vice president of National Art Honor Society; member of the National English Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society; Yearbook Club editor; 2017 Illinois State Scholar; and a varsity tennis player. On top of that, she recently founded the group “Open Circle” at BHS. [Read more >](#)

In the News

- Batavia principal [Jeff Modaff] brings new ideas to classroom: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia library lecture to feature Lincoln, school history labs [and BHS Social Studies Teacher, Matt Holm!]: [Kane Country Chronicle >](#)
- Honorable mentions: Fox Valley Leadership Team, 2016-2017: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia school board cool to hiring consultant: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Batavia Schools not showing spike in illness: [Kane Country Chronicle >](#)

Top Tweets of the Week

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

@BATTINDOGD

Thank you to all BULLDOGS who helped make our 2nd TOP GOLF event a great time and raised \$\$\$ for our programs.

@bataviastuco

SPRING DANCE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED: BTOWN GET DOWN FEB 11
theme: black lights & neon
More details to come!!!!

@INCubatorBHS

Nice job Mason, Dan, Andrew and Craig for representing @INCubatorBHS today!
#BulldogPride @BataviaHS

@AGSArtRoom

Student’s artwork made at home about the Magic Treehouse book he is reading. Art on the front...WAIT FOR IT....and the back!!! #goagsgators

@BataviaCheer

Way to go JV! 1st place at the Oak Forest Competition!! We’re so proud of you guys!

@CoachFarwell

Reid Coyle 2017 Batavia Wrestling Invite Champ!

Upcoming Events

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

Free Developmental Screening for Infants through Pre-K

Jan. 20, Early Childhood Center at AGS
BPS101 offers free developmental screenings to assess young children’s skills. [Details >](#)

Board Meetings

Jan. 24 and Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

- [View](#) agendas
- [Watch](#) recordings of previous Board Meetings
- [Read](#) highlights from Jan. 10 Board Meeting

Universally Available Technology Tools to Support Reading and Writing

Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center
Jocelyn Kotrba, BPS101 Assistive Technologist will demonstrate literacy support tools available to all BPS101 students.

BHS Presents: “The Legend of Robin Hood?”

Jan. 26-28, 7:30 p.m., Black Box Theater at Batavia Fine Arts Centre
[Details >](#)

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

President’s Day

Feb. 20 - No School

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 >](#)

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 >](#)

