



#### **Fermilab Herdsmen Teach Bilingual HCS Students About Bison and the Power of Inquiry**

First-graders in H.C. Storm Elementary School's bilingual program are learning how important it is to ask good questions. They put this into practice by asking Fermilab herdsmen all about bison. [Read more >](#)

#### **AGS Book Tasting**

Students in Ellen Stewart's fourth-grade class at Alice Gustafson Elementary School were recently treated to a "book tasting" with surprise guests sharing their favorite reads around a dining room table. [Read more >](#)

#### **Thank you, BPS101 School Board Members!**

A big thank you goes out to our BPS101 School Board Members for their commitment and contributions to our schools! BPS101 joined communities throughout the state to officially say "thank you" on November 15. This date is designated each year as "School Board Members Day" in Illinois. Board members sacrifice a great deal to ensure students have a quality education system. Thank you Board President Cathy Dremel; Board Vice President Jon Gaspar; and Board Members Bob Baty-Barr; Tina Bleakley; John Dryden; Sue Locke; and Chris Lowe!

#### **Inside BHS: School-to-Work Program**

Students enrolled in Batavia High School's "Cooperative Education" course now work in the school's new coffee bar. This experience provides students with consumer education credits *and* work skills—without having to leave campus. Triple win! BHS senior/BPS101 Communications Dept. intern [Jack Gillerlain reports >](#)

#### **BHS Students Learn What It Takes to Write a Book From Experts**

Young adult authors, Marit Weisenberg and Caragh O'Brien, recently visited Batavia High School to share with students their unique path to novelist. [Read more >](#)

#### **Congrats to ILMEA District IX Festival Performers**

- Fifteen Batavia High School students were selected to perform in the ILMEA District IX Senior Festival on Nov. 4. [Read more >](#)
- Nineteen Rotolo Middle School students were selected to perform in the ILMEA District IX Junior Festival on Nov. 11. [Read more >](#)

#### **Help Plan the Future of BPS101**

BPS101 is seeking community and staff input to guide future renovations and repairs to District facilities. Read more about your opportunity to join the [Facilities Committee >](#)

#### **'One More Week' BHS Football Spiritwear Now Available**

In celebration of the Batavia Bulldog Football team's IHSA playoff success, special edition "One More Week" T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available at Batavia High School. [Purchase details >](#)

#### **Want to Run Indoors This Winter?**

The Batavia High School Athletic Department, in partnership with Fox River Trail Runners, is offering an early morning indoor running program in the BHS Field House for all community members from Dec. 4 to March 22. Walkers welcome, too! [Details >](#)

#### **Lottery Registration for Tuition-Free Preschool**

Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2018, and who currently reside in the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101, are eligible to participate in a lottery system for open spots at the BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center in the 2018-19 school year. [Read more >](#)

#### **Nomination Window Open for 2017 BPS101 Hall of Honor**

Nominations for the 2018 BPS101 Hall of Honor are now being accepted. Nominate an exemplary BHS alum, BPS101 staff member, and/or friend of the District [today >](#)

## In the News

- Batavia Schools warn businesses about calendar sales ploy: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Alum News: Liza Fruendt: Sixth man to superstar: [Missouri State Standard >](#)
- Girls cross country: Batavia Places 9th at state finals: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Golden opportunity: Batavia cornerback a force after regaining starting job: [Beacon-News >](#)
- Tom Stuttle's three interceptions spark Batavia past Lincoln-Way West: [Beacon-News >](#)
- Bulldogs feast on turnovers, advance to semis: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Batavia comes from behind to dump Lincoln-Way West: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Cool under pressure, Batavia's Cooper stuns Wheaton North: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Plan B is looking A-OK for Batavia wide receiver Eric Peterson: [Beacon-News >](#)

## Student Spotlight: Joshua Pluta, RMS Musician

Rotolo Middle School sixth-grader Joshua Pluta has been playing the piano for two years and the viola for one and a half years. Based on his age and playing experience, you would never think he could compose music at an adult level ... but he is.

[Read more >](#)

## Upcoming Events

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

#### **Board Meetings**

**Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center**

- [Watch](#) recordings of previous Board Meetings
- [Read](#) highlights from the Oct. 17 Regular Board Meeting

#### **Semifinal IHSA Football Game: Batavia Bulldogs vs. Benet Academy Redwings**

**Nov. 18, 1 p.m., Benedictine University Stadium**

Pre-sale tickets, student fan bus [details >](#)

#### **"Wonder"**

**Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m., Goodrich Randall 15, Batavia**

All RMS students, staff, and their family members and friends are invited to Rotolo Middle School's private showing of the movie, "Wonder," which is based on the book by R.J. Palicio. [Read more >](#)

#### **Thanksgiving Break**

**Nov. 22-24**

#### **Batavia United Way's Adopt a Family "Foodraiser" at Portillo's**

**Nov. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Portillo's Batavia**

Bring in [this flier](#) or show it on your smart phone and 20% of proceeds will benefit the Batavia United Way's [Adopt a Family](#) program. This annual program helps numerous BPS101 families in need during the holidays.

#### **Winter Break**

**Dec. 25-Jan. 5**

#### **Tee Off for Turf 2018**

**Jan. 14, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., TopGolf, Naperville**

Beat the winter blues while supporting BPS101 student athletes and Batavia Bulldog Boosters. Tee off at TopGolf in Naperville with fellow Bulldogs. [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 >](#)*