



**BATAVIA  
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#### **Giving Students Voice and Choice in Their Learning**

Students in Jenny Kanaris' 6th-grade RMS English Language Arts classes are exploring their passions in "Genius Hour," and it's helping them become better researchers, writers, presenters, collaborators, listeners, and evaluators. [Read more >](#)

#### **Six Ways to Stay Informed About School Closings**

We are in the season when extreme weather conditions may cause schools to be closed. To help keep you informed of school closings, BPS101 has [six resources >](#)

#### **Leaving a Creative Legacy**

The art hallway at Batavia High School is getting more colorful by the day thanks to BHS senior and art student, Isabel Walker. [Read more >](#)

#### **Recap: 2018 RMS Solo and Ensemble Festival**

Having a case of "the butterflies" is not uncommon at Rotolo Middle School's annual Solo and Ensemble Festival. [Read more >](#)

#### **BHS Student Planning 5K Fun Run/Walk/Roll to Benefit VTP Program**

Batavia High School senior Claire VanTreeck fully admits she is not a runner. That, however, didn't stop her from planning her first-ever 5K Fun Run/Walk/Roll. The event benefits the BHS Vocational Transition Program and the entire community is invited. [Read more >](#)

#### **STEM Partnership School Lottery, Parent Info Meeting**

Next school year, eight seats will be available for incoming BPS101 third-grade students at the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School. The STEM School is part of the Aurora University campus and specializes in science, technology, engineering, and math. To learn more, attend the parent information meeting from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Wed., April 4 at the Aurora University Banquet Hall. [Read more >](#)

#### **BFEF Scholarships for BHS 2018 Graduating Seniors**

The Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence offers several scholarships for 2018 graduating seniors at Batavia High School. Application deadline is Fri., March 9, 2018. [More information and application >](#)

#### **Affordable Preschool Option for Parents, Hands-On Teaching Experience for BHS Students**

For local parents with preschool-aged children, Batavia High School's Paw Print Preschool is an affordable option at \$65 per child/per semester. [Read more >](#)

#### **Official IHSA State Championship Football Apparel Sale, Part II**

If you missed the BHS Football State Championship gear sale this fall, a second-chance sale is in progress ... and there are a few new items, too! Order deadline is Feb. 15. [Shop >](#)

#### **Time to Register for BPS101 Kindergarten Preview**

Do you have a child enrolling in kindergarten in the fall of 2018? Register for BPS101's Kindergarten Preview, which starts the enrollment process. [Full details >](#)

## **In the News**

Batavia Key Club's Mr. BHS pageant beats fundraising goal: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)

## **Student Spotlight: Jacob Mikoda, AGS Third-Grader**

Jacob Mikoda has been playing the piano for three years. He kept his passion for the piano on the down-low at AGS, until the day he broke out "Feel It Still" by Portugal. The Man.

[Read more >](#)

## **Staff Spotlight: Jeanne Fayhee, RMS Social Studies Teacher**

After nearly 15 years at Rotolo Middle School, Jeanne Fayhee is retiring at the end of this school year, leaving behind a tradition of excellence not only in social studies, but also in creating the leaders of the next generation. BPS101 Communications Dept. intern Lucas Oswald [reports >](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

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

#### **Board Meetings**

**Feb. 20, March 20, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center**

- [Watch](#) recordings from previous meetings on BATV.
- Board Highlights: [Read](#) highlights from Jan. 23 Regular Board Meeting

#### **Free Developmental Screening for Infants through Pre-K**

**Feb. 16, Early Childhood Center at AGS**

BPS101 offers free developmental screenings to assess young children's skills. [Details >](#)

#### **Institute Day**

**Feb. 16 - No School**

#### **President's Day**

**Feb. 19 - No School**

#### **BSPN Resource Fair**

**Feb. 22, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Batavia High School**

Meet representatives from local organizations and businesses that serve individuals with special needs and their families and learn more about what they offer at this free event sponsored by the [Batavia Special-Education Parent Network >](#)

#### **BHS Rock the Runway**

**March 16, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre**

Wearable art fashion show with pieces designed and modeled by Batavia High School students. This year's design theme is "Power." [Details >](#)

#### **Prom Dress Giveaway**

**March 17, 9 a.m. - 4p.m., Batavia Public Library**

The Batavia Public Library is hosting CHIP IN Batavia's fifth-annual Prom Dress Giveaway. The library will also be accepting donated prom dresses and accessories (purses, jewelry, and shoes) until March 16 at the library's check out desk. [Read more >](#)

## **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 >](#)