



**BATAVIA  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 101**

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#### **Giving Girls the Power and Confidence to Pursue STEM**

What happens when five female Northern Illinois University engineering majors take on an electrical project with 27 BPS101 fourth-grade females? [GIRL POWER >](#)

#### **Voice Lessons**

GMS students recently learned what it's like to talk with an electronic device. [Read more >](#)

#### **Creating a Culture of Inclusion at GMS**

Grace McWayne turned World Autism Awareness Day on April 3 into a week of disabilities awareness that culminated in a Friendship Walk that gathered the entire school together in one giant puzzle piece. [Read more >](#)

#### **Charity Wins in JBN War**

The J.B. Nelson Student Advisory Board invited the entire school to participate in a week-long "Charity War" to collect as many coins and dollars as possible for three charities. [Read more >](#)

#### **JBN Students Invited to Participate in TECH 2018 at Illinois State Capitol**

J.B. Nelson is one of 98 school teams in Illinois invited to participate in a tech event designed to show lawmakers how technology is being used in the classroom. [Read more >](#)

#### **Top Graphic Design Award Goes to BHS Senior**

She started out creating a logo for her parents' landscaping company when she was 11. Fast forward seven years, and Batavia High School design student Haley Stein is the "VALEES 2018 Graphics Student of the Year." [Read more >](#)

#### **BFEE 2018 Scholarship Winners Announced**

The Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence recently awarded scholarships to 11 Batavia High School seniors. [Read more >](#)

#### **BHS Wind Symphony Headed to SuperState—Second Year in a Row**

The BHS Wind Symphony was accepted into the 2018 Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival at the University of Illinois. [Read more >](#)

#### **BPS101 Named a Best Community for Music Education for Fourth Time**

BPS101 and the BPS101 Music Program have been honored for the fourth time with the "Best Communities for Music Education" designation from The NAMM Foundation for an outstanding commitment to music education. [Read more >](#)

#### **CANDO Exemplary Educator Award 2018**

Batavia CANDO invites all BPS101 parents and students to nominate a teacher or other BPS101 individual who goes above and beyond to provide enriching opportunities for gifted learners in Batavia. Nominations open through April 23 at [this link >](#)

#### **BPS101 Safety Tip: Communicating With the School During an Emergency**

Understandably, many parents want the most up to date information and want to call their child's school in an emergency. Although there are people assigned to answer phones at school, these lines are likely to be overloaded during an emergency, and are not your best source of information. Keep your phone with you during emergencies so that you can receive the e-mail, phone, and text updates. For school emergency information, check the following sources: the District website, [BPS101.net](#), District Twitter feed [@BPS101](#), and District Facebook feed [/BPS101](#).

## **In the News**

- Batavia band teacher inducted into alma mater's Fine Arts Hall of Fame: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Kane County to recognize 41 outstanding educators May 4: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Girls Soccer: Gracey DiBiase's move to offense spurs Batavia's surprising start: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Professional baseball would be a new cup of tea for Minnesota's Micah Coffey: [Beacon-News >](#)
- Students To Show Off Skills At Fire and EMS Services Jamboree At Kaneland High School: [WBBM News Radio >](#)

## **Staff Spotlight: Julie Johnson**

Julie Johnson is celebrating her 30th year of teaching Spanish this year at Batavia High School! BHS senior/BPS101 Communications Department intern Jack Gillerlain [reports >](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

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

#### **Board Meetings**

**May 1 and May 15, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center**

- [Watch](#) recordings from previous meetings on BATV.
- **Board Highlights:** [Read](#) highlights from the April 17 Regular Board Meeting

#### **Batavia Booster Club Dinner Dance**

**April 20, 6 p.m., Pipers Banquets, 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 funds for future athletes. Auction items include Cubs tickets, Lollapalooza ticket, Bulls tickets, two-night stay at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Geneva getaway, and much more. [Tickets >](#)

#### **Half Day - No School for Early Childhood or Kindergarten Students**

**April 20**

#### **Batavia Multicultural CommUNITY Night**

**April 24, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., H.C. Storm Elementary School**

All BPS101 families are invited to experience many cultures at this special event. [Details >](#)

#### **BSPN Game Night**

**April 26, 6 p.m., Louise White School**

The [Batavia Special-Education Parent Network's](#) year-end event is a family game night.

#### **Special Olympics Spring Games**

**April 29, 9 a.m. Opening Ceremony, Marmion Academy**

Cheer on BPS101 student athletes as they compete for gold! [Spring training photo gallery >](#)

#### **BHS Prom**

**May 5, Museum of Science and Industry**

[Details >](#)

#### **Institute Day - No School for All Students**

**May 7**

#### **Bike/Walk to School Day**

**May 9**

[Details >](#)

#### **BHS Graduation**

**May 23, 7 p.m. ceremony start time, NIU Convocation Center**

#### **Memorial Day - No School for All Students**

**May 28**

#### **Last Day of School**

**May 29**

As a reminder, the last day of school is Tuesday, May 29 The [calendar](#) has been updated because of the emergency closing for snow on February 9. **The last day of school for Early Childhood Students is Thursday, May 24.**

## **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 >](#)*