



AGS LRC Transformation

Similar to how kitchens in homes are continually losing walls to become multifunctional “great rooms,” school libraries are transforming into “learning commons.” At Alice Gustafson Elementary School, the LRC space is fully prepared for multi-use ... and it’s getting a workout. [Read more >](#)

Eagle Scout Project Brings LEGO Table to AGS

When Alice Gustafson Elementary School LRC Director Tamra Ashby reached out to Batavia High School sophomore and AGS alum Austin Mefford to ask if he would be interested in building a LEGO table as an Eagle Scout project for AGS students, he came back with a “Yes!” [Read more >](#)

Thank You, BPS101 Board Members!

Nov. 15, 2018, marks the 10th official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. This is an opportunity for our District and community to thank our seven school Board Members for their leadership and commitment to education. [Read more >](#)

Preparing Grizzlies for a Love of Running

Grace McWayne fourth- and fifth-graders signed up for a new “Grizzly Run Club” this fall to prepare for a 5K. What they got was so much more. BHS junior/BPS101 Communications Dept. intern [Claire Gearhart reports >](#)

AGS Teacher Presented with Quilt of Valor

Alice Gustafson Elementary School Fifth-Grade Teacher Nichole Woodruff got a big surprise this week. During the AGS Veterans Day Ceremony, she was presented with a “Quilt of Valor” for her military service in the Illinois Army National Guard. The special quilt was made and presented to her by retired AGS Fourth-Grade Teacher Glenda Peck. [Read more >](#)

A Year of Teaching in Turkey

Last year, Alice Gustafson Elementary School Teacher Jennifer Erickson took a leave of absence to teach English in Turkey for the entire school year. [Read more >](#)

March Madness Comes Early to BHS

Two bracket-style competitions are underway or almost underway at Batavia High School:

- Vote daily for Michael Jansey, BHS senior/linebacker, who made it to “Dream Fearlessly Under Armour Football Game” [semifinals >](#)
- Vote for best BHS Rock the Runway Dress from past nine shows, [starting Dec. 7 >](#)

Illinois 5Essentials Parent Survey

All BPS101 parents are encouraged to participate in the 2018-19 Illinois 5Essentials Parent Survey. As a parent, your voice is essential to help us understand the conditions at your child’s school and guide improvement. The survey is administered online by the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. [Take the short survey >](#)

Lottery Registration for Tuition-Free Preschool Now Open

Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2019, 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 2019-20 school year. [Read more >](#)

2-1-1 Information/Referral Hotline Now Available in Kane County

Just like you dial 9-1-1 for emergencies, you can now call “2-1-1” in Kane County and be connected to a live specialist, any time of the day or night, to assist you with your human service and resource needs. [Read more >](#)

Call for Professional Engineers and Scientists

BPS101 is currently seeking female professionals in engineering and science fields to be guest speakers at upcoming “S(cience) H(erstory) E(engineering)” STEM Enrichment sessions for BPS101 girls in grades 4-5. [Read more >](#)

BPS101 Hall of Honor Nomination Window Now Open

Every year, BPS101 alumni, staff, and friends’ outstanding contributions are celebrated at the BPS101 Hall of Honor. [Nominate someone who deserves this award today >](#)

Student Spotlight: Colin Steele

Colin Steele, Batavia High School senior and stage manager of BHS’s production, “CHICAGO High School Edition,” has been involved in theater for 10 years and plans to study theater management in college. This behind-the-scenes guy has quite a bit of experience at a young age and shared some insights about stage life. BHS senior/BPS101 Communications Dept. intern, [Alexa Andrews reports >](#)

In the News

- Batavia High Spanish teacher soothes anxiety, mixes culture: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Art and inspiration: Dawn Zalkus brings personal passion into the classroom: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Medal of Honor recipient gives hope to bullied students: [WGN9 >](#)
- Schielke: Batavia is booming: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Lottery registration open for Batavia Unit District 101’s tuition-free preschool: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Football: Michael Jansey, Batavia win a wild one in OT over Willowbrook: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Football: Batavia edges Willowbrook in back-and-forth OT thriller: [Daily Herald >](#)
- Football: Batavia defense makes sure Willowbrook comes up short in overtime in 7A quarterfinals: [Beacon News >](#)

Upcoming Events

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

Board Meetings

Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

- [Watch](#) recordings from previous meetings on BATV.
- **Board Highlights:** [Read](#) highlights from the Nov. 13 Board Meeting

BHS Football Playoffs: Bulldogs vs. Nazareth Academy Roadrunners

November 17, 1 p.m. kickoff at Nazareth Academy

All tickets are \$6. Purchase tickets at the gate or:

- Purchase tickets on Thurs., Nov. 15, 5:30-8 p.m at BHS Athletic Office
- BHS students can purchase tickets during school day at Athletic Office

Ken Peddy 2018 Windmill City Classic Thanksgiving Tournament

Nov. 19-24, Batavia High School

[Flier >](#)

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 21-23

Lights Up Sound Down Film - “Wreck-It Ralph 2”

Nov. 24, 9 a.m., Goodrich Randall 15 Theater

Lights will be turned up, sound will be turned down, and no previews will be shown at this show for sensory-sensitive viewers, which is sponsored by the Batavia Special-Education Parent Network. All families welcome. [Lights Up Sound Down film schedule >](#)

BHS INCubator Entrepreneurship Program Fundraiser

Dec. 2, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Penrose Brewing Company, Geneva

Join local business owners and professionals for a special INCubator@BHS networking event that supports Batavia High School’s INCubator Entrepreneurship course. [Register >](#)

BPS101 Mindfulness-Based Parenting Workshop

Dec. 4, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Batavia Public Library

Led by Dr. Miriam Ojaghi of Resilient Mind Consulting, parents will learn about the role mindfulness and gratitude in parenting as well as information about stress, the nervous system, and strategies for dealing with powerful emotions. [Flier >](#)

ROE Kane County Student Photography Exhibition

Dec. 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre (new location this year!)

The Regional Office of Education’s annual student photography exhibition features work from students from all over Kane County, including several from Batavia High School.

Winter Break

Dec. 24-Jan. 4

Rock the Runway—Nostalgia Show

Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of Batavia High School’s Rock the Runway wearable art fashion show! [Tickets >](#)

BHS Pack the Place: Boys Basketball

Jan. 11, 6 p.m., Batavia High School Gym

Pack up the kids and pack the house at the Fri., Jan. 11 Batavia High Boys Varsity Basketball Game vs. St. Charles North. It’s a special treat for kids—not only will they get in free, but there will be fun activities for them in the fieldhouse. [Flier >](#)

Tee Off for Turf 2019

Jan. 20, 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 >](#)

Early Childhood Preschool Open House

Jan. 23, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Early Childhood Center at Alice Gustafson School

Meet Early Childhood staff members and learn firsthand about BPS101’s tuition-free preschool program.

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 >](#)