

**HWS Students Bringing Art to Life with AR**

Students in Theresa Fontana's art classes at Hoover-Wood Elementary School recently made their artwork come alive with augmented reality technology. The finished AR projects are amazing and now on display in the Board Room at the Rosalie Jones Administration Center. [Sneak preview >](#)

Honoring the Early Childhood Center and EC Paraprofessional with Stars and Stripes

Early Childhood Center paraprofessional Ellen Shannon-Ball is on a year-long mission. She's currently serving in Kuwait as a hospital commander for the United States Army. EC staff was recently surprised with an American flag that was displayed in the Kuwait hospital where Mrs. Shannon-Ball is stationed. The flag was displayed to honor the EC for supporting Mrs. Shannon-Ball while serving the United States in Kuwait. This special flag will soon be displayed at the EC to honor Mrs. Shannon-Ball! [Read more >](#)

Scholastic Bowl: Behind the Scenes

Ever wonder what a high school Scholastic Bowl competition is like? BHS senior/BPS101 Communications Dept. intern [Joy Mazur reports >](#)

Revised 2018-19 Academic Calendar

Due to our four snow days (Mon., Nov. 26, Mon., Jan. 28, Wed., Jan. 30, and Thurs., Jan. 31), the 2018-19 BPS101 Academic Calendar has been revised. Pending any additional snow days, the last day of school for all students, including Early Childhood, is now Thurs., May 30. [View Calendars >](#)

Paw Prints Preschool Registration Now Open

For local parents with preschool-aged children, Batavia High School's Paw Print Preschool is an affordable option. [Read more >](#)

Artwork for Sale by HCS Students

H.C. Storm Elementary School students are teaming up by grade to create art that can be purchased at a public art and vendor fair hosted by H.C. Storm this Sat., Feb. 9 at Bar Evolution/Tea Tree, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. [Details >](#)

Donate Your Gently Used Prom Dress

CHIP IN Batavia and the Batavia Public Library are teaming up again to collect and give away gently used prom dresses to local students, regardless of need. Drop off prom dresses (accessories and shoes, too!) to the Batavia Public Library between Feb. 1 - March 15, during library hours. The Prom Dress Giveaway will be at the Batavia Public Library on Sat., March 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

STEM Partnership School Lottery

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. - 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 27 at the Aurora University Banquet Hall. [Read more >](#)

Kindergarten Preview is Feb. 28

Do you have a child enrolling in kindergarten in the fall of 2019? Sign up for BPS101's Kindergarten Preview, which starts the enrollment process. [Register >](#)

Student Spotlight: Reid Coyle, BHS Senior

Being a three-sport athlete four years in a row like BHS senior Reid Coyle takes serious commitment and self discipline. Xander Lundblad, Batavia High School junior/BPS101 Communications Dept. intern [reports >](#)

In the News

- GoFundMe campaign growing for Batavia sophomore battling cancer: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Building Teamwork and Perseverance in Early Elementary Students with Breakouts: [KQED News >](#)
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane at Batavia High School: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Batavia High School alum completes Air Force basic training: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Many factors go into decision to close schools for inclement weather: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Students, parents learn to talk about anxiety: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Girls Basketball: Geddy Rerko, hot-shooting Batavia hold off Geneva: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Girls Basketball: Batavia executes late, beats Geneva: [Daily Herald >](#)

Upcoming Events

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

Board Meetings

Feb. 19, March 19, April 23, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

- Watch recordings from previous meetings on BATV.
- [Read highlights from the Jan. 15 Board Meeting](#)

Fermilab Family Open House

Feb. 10, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Fermilab, Batavia

Families are invited to spend an afternoon exploring physics through several hands-on activities, watch live physics demonstrations, and ask a scientist physics questions. The open house is most appropriate for children in grades 3 and up. [Details >](#)

No School - Institute Date

Feb. 15

Lights Up Sound Down Showing of "The Lego Movie 2"

Feb. 16, 9 a.m., Goodrich Randall 15 Theater, 550 N. Randall Rd., Batavia

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 (BSPN). All families welcome. [BSPN film schedule >](#)

No School - Presidents' Day

Feb. 18

BSPN Resource Fair

Feb. 21, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Batavia High School

Meet representatives from organizations that provide services and support to the special needs community at this free event sponsored by the [Batavia Special-Education Parent Network](#) (BSPN). Vendors include therapy providers, advocates, recreational activities, and more. Families from the surrounding communities are welcome to attend.

Family Bingo Night at Pal Joey's

Feb. 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Pal Joey's Restaurant in Batavia

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Batavia United Way to fund the "Success by Six" Kindergarten Enrichment Scholarship for low-income Batavia students for the 2019-20 school year. Reservations required to reserve a table at (630) 593-6600. [Details >](#)

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[Details >](#)

Half Day - No School for Early Childhood or Kindergarten Students

Feb. 28

Kindergarten Preview

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Free Afternoon Childcare

Feb. 28, 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Congregational Church of Batavia

To assist working parents on this half-day, free afternoon child care for BPS101 elementary school students has been planned by Batavia churches. [Reserve a spot >](#)

No School - Institute Day

March 1

College and Career Fair

March 1, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., West Aurora High School

Meet college reps and career partners and attend workshops. All area high school students are invited to this event, which is scheduled on a countywide institute day. [Details >](#)

Music Buffs Boosters Annual Gala

March 8, 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Q Center, St. Charles

The Big Easy Gala will be a fun evening of dinner, music, silent auctions, and raffles. This event features musical performances by Batavia High School Jazz Bands, Chamber Orchestra, Show Choirs, and String Theory. Event proceeds go directly back into the BPS101 music departments, grades K-12. [Purchase tickets >](#)

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March 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Batavia Public Library

Give away of gently used prom dresses to local students, regardless of need. [Flier >](#)

Spring Break

March 25 - 29

Bulldog Athletic Boosters 14th Annual Dinner Dance

April 12, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., Piper's Banquets, Aurora

Join fellow Bulldogs, friends, and family for dinner, dancing, raffles, silent and live auctions, and more at this annual event that benefits BPS101 student athletes. [Purchase tickets >](#)

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 >](#)