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BPSU AT BPS101

BPS101 stands by its motto, "Always Learning. Always Growing.", for its students and staff. So, when teachers want to continue their education but costs and time get in their way, we get creative. Enter the birth of Batavia Public School University (BPSU). Collaborating with the Batavia Education Association (BEA), BPS101 Administrators worked to develop a plan to give teachers authentic learning opportunities that directly connect to the classroom and the District's strategic plan. [MORE>](#)





VOTE FOR THE "BACK ROOM"

Batavia High School LRC was entered into a contest called the Follett Challenge to win money for their conversion of the "Back Room". Voting is now closed, but you can still see the video of the room transformation [HERE](#)> The video is the evolution of a former storage room turned student space utilizing the 4 C's of 21st century learning - collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. The video documents the current uses of the back room.

5TH ANNUAL HATS FOR HESED

RMS students and teachers volunteered their time and talents for a cause through their 5th Annual Hats for Hesed House event. According to the event organizer, Ms. Clasen, 14 students and 7 teachers teamed up to make 48 fleece hats to donate to Hesed House in Aurora. Hesed House's mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again. Hesed House is a national model for ending homelessness.



REVERSE SCIENCE FAIR AT JBN

JBN partnered with Fermilab parents/scientists to offer a hands on Science assembly to give them an opportunity to see potential career paths in science by interacting with scientists that work right in our neighborhood! Students were given a "pre-test" to get a baseline for what they know about the 4 concepts before the assembly. Students then voted on the most engaging and informative presentation before they left the LRC. It was a fun day and the students learned a lot from the JBN parents that are also Fermilab scientists.

CHIP IN AND NAN PHILLIPS WIN BIG

Chip In Batavia and Nan Phillips were honored at the Inspire Awards in January. The Batavia Chamber of Commerce hosts this annual awards ceremony and present local businesses and people with distinguished honors. Chip In won the Spirit of Batavia award for their commitment to fulfilling the needs of a segment of our community who need support. Nan won the Batavia Citizen of the Year award for her contributions to Batavia. Nan was a career educator and served the BPS101 family for over 25 years. [STORY>](#)



NAT'L HELLENIC MUSEUM VISIT

An archaeologist and a historian from the National Hellenic (Greek) Museum of Chicago visited RMS to discuss artifacts and how they are gathered. Artifacts are gathered by the archaeologists and often found in burials and tombs. See the story [HERE>](#)



KANE COUNTY CYCLE CLUB

H.C. Storm and Hoover-Wood have been selected as two of five schools in Kane County to take part in the first annual Kane County Cycle Club program. The club will encourage students to ride their bikes more often. [STORY>](#)



Student Spotlight

A team from Rotolo Middle School recently won Highest Honors in the WordMaster's Challenge™ by earning a total of 179 points out of a possible 200, placing them as seventh in the nation. Grace Elftwann, Kyle Star, Matthew Mefford, and Emily Newburn all achieved outstanding scores in the competition. More [HERE>](#)

WORDMASTER'S CHALLENGE AT RMS



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Stories and Celebrations: If you have a story or celebration that you think is of interest to the BPS101 community, we would love to share it.

We're Hiring! BPS101 has openings for licensed (teaching) and non-licensed professionals. View available positions at www.BPS101.net/human-resources>.

Upcoming Events

[Pack the Place at BHS TONIGHT](#)>

[BSPN Parent Event Schedule](#)>

[CTE Showcase at BHS: Wed., Feb. 12](#)>

[Kindergarten Preview: February 14 \(Times vary by school\)](#)>

[Multicultural Night: Wed., Feb. 19 \(English/Spanish\)](#)>

Half-day: Friday, February 14

No School: February 17 & February 28

Board Meeting: February 25, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

[STEM Partnership School Open House: Feb 27](#)>

[BFEE Scavenger Hunt: February 29](#)>

SAVE the DATE: **No Small Matter**, March 4>

Watch recordings from previous meetings on [BATV](#)>.

Board Highlights>: Read highlights from the January 21 Regular Board Meeting.

