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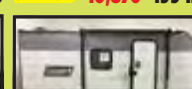
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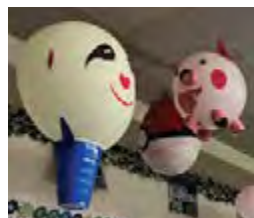
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Balloon Themes for Classroom Parade!



Our second graders were very busy this month! Not only did they hit one out of the park at their program but they also learned about the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade and even had the opportunity to create their own balloon for their classroom parade! Each student needed to come up with a theme for their own balloon and state why they chose that theme. They had to come up with a sketch for their balloon and write an explanation of how they would assemble it and a list of all materials they would need.

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★ ★ Star Students for the Month of November ★ ★



Front row: Emily Marin, Kaydance Vanness, Johnny Waldschmidt, David Reyes-Grimaldo, Isai Salazar Back row: Skylynn Johnson, Leonel Marin, Vincent Jankowski, Perla Salazar Salazar, Edison Lagunes, Devion Brock



Everyone loves Popcorn Fridays!! We have been doing Popcorn Fridays for a very long time. We pop the popcorn and sell the bags for 50¢ each. This is a small fundraiser that helps to pay for our field trips and other student activities throughout the school year. This year our popcorn machine broke. However, we have some amazing and generous donors who stepped up and donated enough money to purchase a brand-new popcorn machine!! We are so thankful for the support of our community!!!!

School Success Starts with Attendance

Students attend school 180 days out of the whole year. They are in school for approximately 20 days a month. Students have to be at school on a daily basis to be able to grow and learn the content and skills that are being taught on a daily basis. The consistency of attending school daily helps students to be able to build upon their skills regularly. When students miss school, it becomes difficult for them to keep up with all of the learning that is happening in the classroom and across the school.



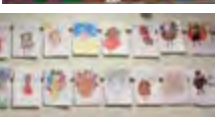
We have been putting a huge emphasis on the importance of attending school every day. The grade that has the highest average percentage of attendance gets an ice cream treat party. Second grade had 96% attendance at the end of November. We were very excited to be able to celebrate with ice cream treats. Our average attendance rates have increased significantly this school year. Thank you to the families for making sure to get your students to school regularly.



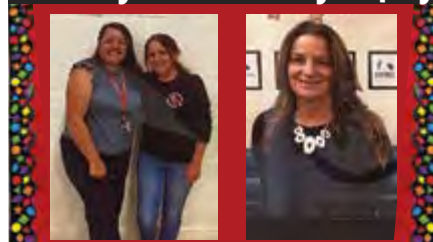
BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY

Thankfulness!

How the seasons have quickly changed from spooky hallways to halls filled with thankfulness! Bloomingdale Elementary showed our thanks in many ways in the classrooms. Many worked on writing projects on how they are thankful for things in their own lives. Some were able to create musical instruments to help celebrate Thanksgiving with songs! Others provided snacks to share with their classmates to make friendship fruit salad and friendship trail mix. Needless to say, Bloomingdale Elementary is beyond thankful for our students, their families, and our staff!



Bloomingdale Elementary Employees of the Month



To continue with the thankful hearts, we are thankful for our amazing art teacher Ms. Moreman who is employee of the month! She helped the students celebrate National Native American month by creating their own blankets similar to those that Native Americans created. We are also so beyond thankful to Mrs. G who helps keep the school going and keeps our students healthy and happy! We would have some pretty "hangry" students if it wasn't for the amazing Mrs. Hutchins! Thank you for everything you do for our students here at Bloomingdale Elementary!



Pullman Elementary Employees of the Month

NOVEMBER



Darla Wheeler and Janice Curley

Darla is a Special Education teacher. She works hard every day to ensure that she provides high-quality, individualized instruction to each student. She advocates for what is best for her students and encourages them to always do their best.

Janice is an Instructional Paraprofessional. She works with Kindergarten and 3rd grade. She provides focused and intentional interventions to support students' learning. Janice works hard every day and celebrates all of her student's successes.

Kelsy is our Art Teacher. She works with all students in K-5th grade. Kelsy is working hard to teach students Art concepts and vocabulary. She works hard to put together lessons that enable students to practice new skills as well as build upon previously learned skills. She loves to see her students be creative with their artwork.

DECEMBER



Kelsy Overhiser and Hope Curley

Hope is an instructional paraprofessional who has worked at Pullman Elementary for over 20 years. She has dedicated her time to supporting students in so many ways. When Hope is able to see students grow and make improvements, she is so excited. We can always count on Hope to step up and help out whenever there is a need!!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL



We had a gorgeous day on the campus of Michigan State University. It was honestly 55 degrees and sunny. We over-planned our visit and didn't arrive back to school until about 3:30. My contact in the CAMP program was able to provide us with student tour guides and cafeteria vouchers. SIX former Bloomingdale grads came out to see and speak to our nine seniors and Salvador wanted to be with us but was also overbooked with classes and a training program for his new on-campus job. :-)

Austin Amos gave us a quick tour of his dorm room in Holden (which he specifically cleaned just for our visit!) and then was back off to class. Those of you who know some of our Class of 2022 grads who went off to MSU will be glad to know that they are seemingly doing even better than I could have expected. It was a great day!!



Last Thursday, five current students were given a guided tour of the University of Michigan -- by an official U of M tour guide. We were also able to meet up with three former Bloomingdale grads: Aimee Sustaita, Jacob Kolean, and Gustavo Silva. All three were bursting with amazing things to tell me/us and each eked out time in their day to meet with us (Thursday being the busiest day of the week for literally each of them). For those of you hoping to see Aimee, I neglected to get a picture of her except for the ones I took with her phone.

The weather was chilly but bright. :-)



Foundations in Personal Finance

THANK YOU to Travis Graham (former Bloomingdale student and parent of current Bloomingdale students) for being a guest speaker in our Foundations in Personal Finance class this year. Travis taught the students the basics concepts involved in investing.

The following are a few of the things the students said they learned from his presentation:

- "Educate yourself before you invest."
- "Only invest money you are willing to lose."
- "An investment is long-term; trading is short-term."
- "It's all about timing. Know when to cut your losses. Don't get greedy; it will backfire on you."
- "Don't trade with emotion."
- "The biggest part of investing is setting goals, having a plan, and sticking to it."
- "The stock exchange opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m., but you can start trading as early as 4:00 a.m."
- "Some apps let you practice with your money with no risk of losing but also no gain."

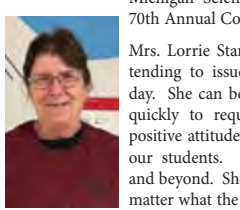
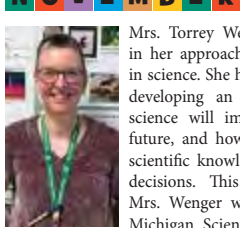
THANK YOU to Shane Wesseldyk (former Bloomingdale Physical Education teacher) for being a guest speaker in our Foundations in Personal Finance class this year. Shane shared with the students the steps necessary to take out a mortgage as well as some of the ins and outs of the real estate business.

The following are a few of the things the students said they learned from his presentation:

- "To get a mortgage, you have to show the bank 2 years of your most recent tax returns, 2 months of your bank statements, and your last 2 pay stubs."
- "If you can do a 15-year mortgage instead of a 30-year, it's much better. But if not, then at least if you can make an additional payment each year (13 payments instead of 12), it would shorten your 30-year mortgage by 7 years."
- "An ELP is an endorsed local provider."
- "Speed to lead - the first person an interested buyer talks to is most likely the person they will go with."

Bloomingdale Middle and High School Employees of the Month

NOVEMBER



Mrs. Torrey Wenger is very innovative in her approaches in engaging students in science. She has a passion for students developing an understanding of how science will impact their lives in the future, and how students can use their scientific knowledge to make better life decisions. This coming March of 2023, Mrs. Wenger will be presenting at the Michigan Science Teachers Association 70th Annual Conference.

Mrs. Lorrie Stanbro does a great job of tending to issues that arise during the day. She can be counted on to respond quickly to requests and always has a positive attitude in her work and toward our students. Lori always goes above and beyond. She is on it immediately, no matter what the job.

DECEMBER



Mrs. Melissa Lam took it upon herself to create the World Cup doors activity for our Advisory class period. It was a creative and engaging schoolwide competition. Our students loved it and they were afforded an opportunity to build relationships with fellow students. Melissa keeps Social Studies departments meetings positive and productive (which is not a small task)! She is always willing to sub without being asked and always has a smile on her face!

Mr. Jake Kidder is a team player who is always willing to assist his colleagues with anything. Jake does a phenomenal job exploring innovative approaches to meet the needs of our students. Also, Mr. Kidder plays a vital role as our district assistant technology technician, where he helps maintain the district's technology and trouble shoots technology issues districtwide.

Incredible Employees of the Month!

Ruth Webb: There are no words for the incredible effort and dedication that Ruth puts into her area of expertise as Food Service Director. When her department is short handed Ruth rolls up her sleeves and fills in even when that puts her behind on her own duties. If she is a little under the weather, no matter, she is here doing the best she can.

Penny Pratt: She is the first driver that made an impact (positively) on me since I came to BPS. She is on point and intentional with her duties. She rarely needs to write a referral for a student as she finds a way to manage her bus students in a professional manner. We are losing her due to the happy occasion of getting married and going to travel with her husband and see the sights.

Congratulations Penny but we will miss you immensely!

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