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Elementary Schools Gear Up for Future Students with Kindergarten Round Up

Bloomington and Pullman Elementary Schools are excited to welcome its newest class of learners at the upcoming Kindergarten Round Up. This informative event provides an opportunity for parents of children entering kindergarten in the fall to learn more about the school, meet the dedicated teachers and staff, and get a glimpse into a typical kindergarten day. Families will be able to tour the classrooms, discover the engaging curriculum, and ask any questions they may have about the transition to elementary school. This is a crucial step in ensuring a smooth and positive start to their child's educational journey at Bloomington Public Schools.

Kindergarten Round Up is designed to be a welcoming and informative experience for both parents and future students. Children are encouraged to attend and participate in some fun, age-appropriate activities that will allow them to interact with teachers and other soon-to-be classmates. Important information regarding registration, school policies, and what to expect in kindergarten will be shared with parents. We believe in building strong partnerships with families from the very beginning and encourage all eligible families to attend this valuable event to prepare for an exciting year of learning and growth.

Bloomington and Pullman Elementary Schools Kindergarten & Pre-K ENROLLMENT

Register now for 2025-26

- Child must be 5 by September 1, 2025 for Kindergarten
- 4 by December 1, 2025 for Pre-K
- Ages 3 to 5 years old for Head Start

Enrollment requirements:

- Birth certificate
- Updated Immunization records
- Proof of residency (like a utility bill)
- Proof of income (for Pre-K & Head Start)

April 30 from 5-7pm
Pullman Elementary
5580 South Avenue
Pullman, MI 49450
Contact: Katie Rawson (269)236-5235 or krojas@bdalecards.org for more info.

May 1 from 5-7pm
Bloomington Elementary
307 East Willow Street
Bloomington, MI 49026
Contact: Shelsey Goudzwaard (269)521-3935 or sgoudzwaard@bdalecards.org for more info.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

Critchlow Alligator Assembly

We are Wild About Reading! We kicked off Reading Month with an exciting assembly from the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary.



BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY

Students Shine Bright at South Haven Arts Festival

The artistic talents of Bloomington Elementary School students will be on full display at the annual South Haven Arts Festival, "Shine Bright." A vibrant collection of artwork, ranging from colorful paintings to imaginative sculptures, created by students across all grade levels.

Under the guidance of Ms. Moerman, Bloomington students poured their creativity and hard work into their pieces. The theme of "Shine Bright" resonated throughout their artwork, with many students utilizing bright colors.

"We are incredibly proud of the hard work and creativity our students have shown. Participating in the South Haven Arts Festival provides a wonderful opportunity for them to share their talents with the wider community and experience the joy of artistic expression."

The Bloomington Elementary exhibit will be on display April 11 through May 3.



March is Reading Month- Guest Readers

Throughout March, we were delighted to host numerous guest readers as part of our Reading Month celebrations. Family members, community leaders, and volunteers took time out of their day to share stories with students, fostering a love of reading and learning. Thank you!



Literacy Night: Glow Read a Book!

We hosted a glow-themed Literacy Night, bringing students, families, and staff together for an evening of reading fun. Under the glow of black lights, participants engaged in a variety of interactive reading games and activities designed to promote literacy in an exciting and engaging way.



Alan Kazam: Reading is Magic

We wrapped up our Reading Month celebrations with an exciting "Reading is Magic" assembly featuring magician Alan Kazam. The event provided students with a fun and engaging experience, blending the excitement of magic with the joy of reading.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Exciting News from Bloomington Public School Food Service!

We are thrilled to introduce our new **Breakfast Menu** for all students! Every morning, we offer **FREE breakfast to ALL students**—a great way to start the day with a nutritious meal.

- Time:** 20 minutes before the start of the school day
- Location:** School cafeteria
- Options:** A variety of hot and cold breakfast choices available throughout the week

We are committed to ensuring that every student begins their day with a **healthy, balanced meal**. Join us each morning and fuel up for a great day of learning! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Escuelas Primarias Bloomington y Pullman Jardín de infancia & Preescolar INSCRIPCIÓN

Regístrate ahora para el curso 2025-26

- El niño debe tener 5 años antes del 1 de Septiembre de 2025 para el Jardín de Infantes.
- 4 años del 1 de Diciembre de 2025 para Pre-K
- de 3 a 5 años para Head Start

Requisitos de Inscripción:

- Certificado de nacimiento
- Registros de vacunación actualizados
- Comprobante de residencia (como una factura de servicios públicos)
- Comprobante de ingresos (para Pre-K & Head Start)

30 de Abril de 5 - 7pm
Escuela Primaria Pullman
5580 South Avenue
Pullman, MI 49450
Contacto: Katie Rawson (269)236-5235 o krojas@bdalecards.org para más información.

1 de Mayo de 5-7pm
Escuela Primaria Bloomington
307 East Willow Street
Bloomington, MI 49026
Contacto: Shelsey Goudzwaard (269)521-3935 o sgoudzwaard@bdalecards.org para más información.

Bloomington Elementary Launches a Stellar Science Night!

Bloomington Elementary truly lived up to its building theme of "Bloomington Elementary is Out of This World", hosting a wildly successful science night that transported students and families on an intergalactic adventure. Each grade level transformed our hallways into a different corner of the cosmos, offering engaging and educational activities for all ages.

Adding to the cosmic excitement, the school partnered with the Curious Kids Museum, who brought their popular inflatable planetarium to Bloomington. Students were able to step inside and immerse themselves in a breathtaking view of the night sky, learning about stars and constellations in an interactive and engaging way.

The evening also featured special guest readers from the local public library, who captivated young audiences with exciting tales of space exploration. Their animated readings brought the wonders of the universe to life through the power of storytelling.

The energy throughout the school was palpable as students eagerly participated in hands-on experiments, built model rockets, and learned fascinating facts about space. The event was a resounding success, fostering a love of science and exploration in Bloomington's young learners.

"It was fantastic to see so many families engaged in learning together," said Principal Dygert. "The creativity of our teachers and the support of the Curious Kids Museum and the library made this a truly memorable and educational night for our students."

Science night proved that learning can be an out-of-this-world experience, leaving students inspired to continue their own explorations of the universe.



Bloomington Elementary Swings into Spring with Positive Behavior Celebrations

Bloomington Elementary is fostering a positive and supportive learning environment through its robust Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system. A cornerstone of this program is the monthly recognition of "Students of the Month," where individual students who consistently demonstrate exemplary behavior, are celebrated by their peers and teachers. This public acknowledgement reinforces positive choices and inspires others to follow suit. Furthermore, the school hosts highly-anticipated, quarterly reward parties for all students who have maintained a clean record with no office referrals during the marking period. These fun-filled events serve as a tangible incentive and a school-wide celebration of collective positive behavior, creating a joyful and harmonious atmosphere throughout Bloomington Elementary.



Adding an exciting twist to their PBIS initiatives this marking period, Bloomington Elementary is set to host a friendly basketball game pitting staff and parents against the students. This unique event aims to bring the school community even closer, providing a relaxed and engaging platform for interaction outside of the traditional classroom setting. The upcoming basketball game promises to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the students' commitment to positive behavior in a fun and memorable way, fostering a stronger sense of unity and shared pride within the Bloomington Elementary family.

STUDENT VS ADULTS BASKETBALL GAME

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND
01:30-2:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Students Celebrate Reading Month with Special Guests

Bloomington Elementary School recently wrapped up a successful Reading Month filled with exciting activities and the delightful addition of guest readers. Throughout March, students were treated to visits from community leaders and local figures who shared their love of reading and captivating stories. Among the esteemed guests were Superintendent Rick Reo and Van Buren County Sheriff Dan Abbott, both of whom took time out of their busy schedules to connect with young learners and emphasize the importance and joy of literacy. Their presence created a buzz of excitement throughout the school, inspiring students to further explore the wonderful world of books.

The students were thrilled to have these prominent figures share their time and passion for reading, leaving a lasting impression on the young minds. Bloomington Elementary extends its sincere gratitude to Superintendent Reo, Sheriff Abbott, and all the guest readers who contributed to a memorable and enriching Reading Month.



BLOOMINGTON MIDDLE & HS

Career Day Inspires Bloomington Students

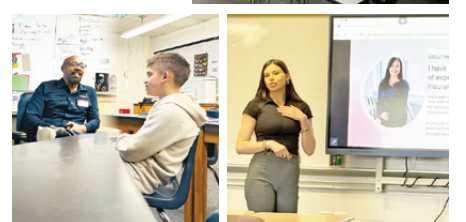
On Thursday, March 27, 2025, Bloomington Middle and High School proudly hosted Career Day—an inspiring event coordinated by Ms. Felty, School Counselor, and Mrs. Price, School Counselor Secretary. The event featured a variety of guest speakers, many of whom were Bloomington alumni, and offered students a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths.

In preparation, students signed up for four sessions based on their interests. Session topics included aerospace engineering, electrical work, health insurance advising, non-profit leadership, human resources at a credit union, and many more engaging careers.

"It was wonderful to see how excited and curious our students were as they explored different career paths and interacted with professionals from various fields," shared Principal Lukes. "The positive feedback from both students and staff is a true testament to Ms. Felty and Mrs. Price's hard work. Their creativity, organization, and commitment made Career Day a meaningful and memorable experience. Their efforts not only broadened our students' horizons, but also sparked new interests and ambitions that will benefit them for years to come."

A School Board member also praised the event, saying, "It's awesome that the middle and high school hosted a Career Day for our students! I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with them, and it was great to witness so many positive student-to-student interactions. One of the best moments was seeing a student fist bump almost every peer in his session as he entered, acknowledging each one. What a wonderful example of the school culture we're striving to build!"

Career Day at Bloomington Middle and High School served as a reminder of the power of real-world connections and the importance of preparing students for their futures. Events like this not only strengthen our school community but also help equip students with the confidence and curiosity to dream big and pursue meaningful goals.



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Bloomington Public Schools will be having a Local Wellness Policy meeting this Summer 2025. Date to be determined. If you are interested in attending or providing input, please contact Carrie Gumpert, Food Service Director, at 269-521-3923 or cgumpert@bdalecards.org.

Calling All Senior Citizens

Bloomington Public Schools invites you to see what's happening with the local children. Join us for lunch on Thursday, April 24 at 1:30 pm in the middle/high school cafeteria. We will be serving ham, macaroni & cheese, garden salad, broccoli, dinner roll, and strawberry shortcake. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 22 to Anita at 521-3903.