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South Walnut Elementary Reading Month Highlights



South Walnut had many fun activities for reading month including a door decorating competition, picture book contest, and many, many guest readers. Mrs. Hill's (and the reading intervention paraprofessionals) and Mrs. Hardester's class tied for the first place prize. Mrs. Ward's class received second place and Mrs. Fritz's class received third place. Special awards went to Dr. Erika Brown for Most Creative, and to Apple Tree Preschool as our Judge's Choice.

Project Shine



Project Shine taught the second graders this month about the importance of balanced meals. "The 2nd graders at South Walnut Elementary showed off their creativity today as they explored the "Sticks, Stones, and Bricks" MyPlate recipe," stated Project Shine. "Using cucumber, pretzels, cheese cubes, and grapes, the students had a blast playing with food while learning about the importance of balanced meals."

Glow Dance

This school year South Walnut had a dance, titled "Light up the Night" Glow Dance for the entire family.



Bangor Middle School Student Wins Art Competition



Pictured: Iz Santiago, 8th grade
Students in Mrs. Rueff's art classes each entered the 2025 Silver Beach T-shirt contest. Students did research on St. Joseph and Silver Beach Pizza and put their skills to the test. We are proud to say we had an 8th grade winner and also Ghost M. from the HS who is not an art student of Mrs. Rueff's but entered the contest after hearing about it from her little brother who has 5th grade art. Iz will receive a T-shirt with his design and a gift certificate from Silver Beach Pizza! Congratulations!

Reading Month Assembly

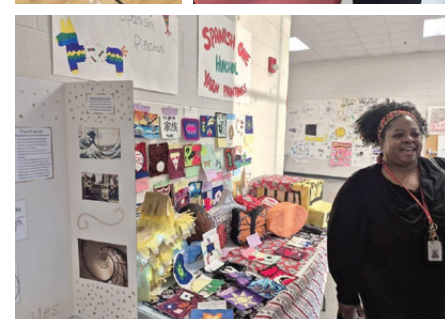
At the end of March, BMS students participated in an assembly to conclude reading month. From March 3 through March 25 the students had silent reading during ELA classes, competing to read the most pages. The 5th grade class read the most pages, thus winning a pizza and Mario Kart party. During the assembly the top readers for each class were recognized, as were spring sports and robotics club members. The top readers per class also received prizes.

Students who read 150 pages or more were entered into a raffle for the chance to throw a piece at a teacher. The two top readers (Leo Alfonso and Ben Loomis) overall, received the honor of coloring Miss Embury's hair.



Bangor Creates

Bangor Creates took place on Wednesday, March 26 at South Walnut Elementary. Student work and art from all levels at Bangor schools were on display for attendees to enjoy.



Bangor High School Career Day

The first ever Career Day was held toward the end of March. Many vendors were in attendance, including Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University school of Medicine, police department, U.S. Army, and many local businesses. Middle and High School students participated in the successful event, which was organized by school counselor, Madison Munro.



Grand Valley State Visit



Bangor High School Juniors and Seniors enjoyed a trip to Grand Valley State University in late March, for a campus visit.

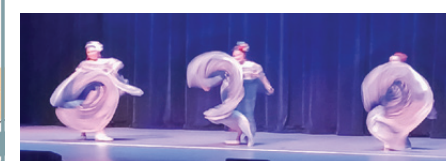
BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Class of 2025			
2025 Senior Schedule			
April 29	Tuesday	Panoramic Photo	1:30 p.m.
May 1	Thursday	College Decision Day See Mrs. Munro	
May 4	Sunday	NHS Induction	2:00 p.m.
May 6,7	Tuesday Wednesday	Finals - 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th hours	Class Time
May 8,9	Thursday Friday	Finals - 2nd, 4th, 6th hours	Class Time
May 9	Friday	Seniors Last Day	
May 14	Wednesday	SW10 Senior Academic Luncheon	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 14	Wednesday	Senior Honors Banquet	6:00 p.m.
May 16	Friday	Bilingual Academic Dinner	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
May 21	Friday	Senior Breakfast & Mock Awards	9:00 a.m.
May 21	Wednesday	Graduation @ Viking Stadium	Arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

Cesar Chavez March



Bangor High School's Spanish classes, Hispanic Student Association, and Umoja group attended the César Chávez March in Kalamazoo, Michigan, which is an annual event at Western Michigan University (WMU) that celebrates farm worker rights and honors César Chávez.

The march typically begins in Bronson Park and concludes at the Bernhard Center on WMU's campus and continues to downtown Kalamazoo, followed by an assembly at the Bernhard Center, and a keynote speaker, often a member of the Chávez family.



SOUTH WALNUT ELEMENTARY PTO

FINAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: MONDAY, MAY 5 AT 3:15 PM

All parents are welcome to come and help plan for upcoming events. New ideas are always welcome.

BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday, May 6th- NWEA Begins
Monday, May 26th- No School, Memorial Day
Thursday, May 29th- ½ Day of School
Friday, May 30th- ½ Day of School

MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

SPRING CONCERT

MAY 19, 2025 • 7 PM IN THE GYM

5TH GRADE • 6TH GRADE • MS CONCERT BAND

High School Concert Band

Spring Concert

May 6, 2025 • 7 pm in the Gym