

Bethel-Tate Board of Education

As the result of the November 2017 election, the Bethel-Tate Board of Education will have three new members and two returning members. Welcome to our newly-elected Board members David Brannock, Tiffany Riddle, and Dr. Bill Shula. Gary Shephard was re-elected and Barb Leonard will continue her term on the Board. The district is grateful to the dedicated service of Vern Bastin, Charles Napier, and Judy Reinhardt. The district would also like to thank the following students who donated their artwork to the out-going Board members: Kadin Donley, Aiden Barr, and Skyelynn Meyer.



Fifth Grade Band

We started a fifth grade band program this year. Mr. Loyer, our band teacher, is doing a great job of teaching our students how to play their instrument. On December 18th our fifth grade band performed their first concert. Mr. Loyer called this concert an "informance" because the students are just learning to play a musical instrument. They did a great job and we are looking forward to their spring performance at Hillfest.



BTMS Raises Money

Ms. Gaffney's Hoops for Heart event was a success! BTMS raised \$1544.02 for the American Heart Association! Because we reached our goal, Ms. Gaffney got 36 eggs cracked on her after the faculty/student basketball game! Great job to all!



CCP Information Night

On Monday, January 22nd, a College Credit Plus Information night will be held at Bethel-Tate High School in the cafeteria at 6:00pm. Any student who is planning on taking College Credit Plus classes here at BTHS or on a college campus next school year (2018-2019), it is mandatory that you attend this CCP Info Night. Current CCP students who will re-enroll for next year must also attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Spiller at [513-352-7160](tel:513-352-7160).



Directors Waldbillig and Loyer Chosen for Midwest International Band

The Bethel-Tate Music Department is proud to announce that Mr. Ben Loyer and Mr. Albin Waldbillig,



our district band directors were selected to perform alongside The Fillmore Wind Band at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago on Friday, December 22. The Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic is the world's premier music convention featuring world renowned performers, composers, and educators. Congratulations to Mr. Loyer and Mr. Waldbillig and The Fillmore Wind Band on this great honor.



Summer 2018 Projects

Roofing:

At William Bick Primary the second phase of the roof replacements will be completed. The sections repaired and replaced will be at the center of the building focused around the classrooms, corridors of the second grade, preschool, library and teacher break room.

The Middle School Gym roof will be repaired with a seal coat that will extend the life of the roof by 15 years.

Boilers:

William Bick Primary School boilers will be replaced with new ultra high efficiency condensing boilers. Same system that was installed at the Middle School last summer.

Paving:

The Middle School south parking lot (rear of building) will be resurfaced and stripped William Bick Primary School will receive some ADA parking compliance modifications.

Anti-Bullying

On Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 Dr. Mike Thomson a world renowned speaker presented to all K-12 students information on power, control, and making positive choices. He also focused on bullying and cyberbullying. Dr. Mike spoke at each building during the school day. He also held a parent meeting in the MS gym from 6:00pm—7:00pm. The event was attended by about 25 parents and their students. For more information about Dr. Mike visit his Parent University page at <http://parentuniversitywithdrmike.com/>



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BREAKFAST IS ONLY \$1.00 FOR ALL PAYING STUDENTS, WE OFFER HOT AND COLD CHOICES. REDUCED BREAKFAST IS ONLY \$.30 AND STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE LUNCH GET FREE BREAKFAST .



Dominos Day

On Wednesday, January 24 Dominos Pizza will be served at all buildings.

Nutrition Tip

Practice stealth health—sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms,



Upcoming Dates



Jan. 9	Board Organization Meeting
Jan. 15	MLK Day. No School
Jan. 24	3rd Grade Awards 9:00am 4th Grade Awards 10:00am 5th Grade Awards 1:30pm 6th Grade Awards 8:00am 1st Grade Awards 8:45am 2nd Grade Awards 10:00am 7th Grade Awards 11:15am 8th Grade Awards 1:30pm Hill STEM Showcase 6:30pm
Jan. 25	
Feb. 8	Bick Conferences
Feb. 13	Hill and Bick Conferences
Feb. 16	No School
Feb. 19	President's Day. No School
Feb. 22	Hill Conferences
March 1	MS Conferences
March 8	MS Conferences
March 26-30	Spring Break. No School

Notification of School Closing

The decision to close school will be made as soon as possible on days of inclement weather. TV and radio stations will be notified as well as one-call and the district website. Please make sure that your child's building has the correct phone number for the notifications

Recent Facilities and Operations Improvements

Technology:

Network Infrastructure has been upgraded with new Cisco core and edge switch gear. Enhancements and repairs were made to the fiber optic network backbone. These upgrades and repairs were funded with ERATE grant monies. The design and intent is to improve network speed and reliability throughout the district.

Laptops purchased for Middle School Instructors.

Buildings and grounds:

- Hill Intermediate School received new drinking fountains.
- Hill Intermediate School wheel chair ramp installed at the exterior exit of the 5th grade hallway
- High School received a new floor scrubber
- Salt spreaders for the District Trucks
- Patching of potholes in south lot at Middle School

Transportation:

- Received new 72 Passenger bus (number 8)
- Purchased and anticipate receiving in January, new 65 passenger



Student Spotlight

Adrianna Whitson is a super talented writer in the 7th grade at BTMS. She recently entered a national writing contest (The Institute for Excellence in Writing) for students ages 8-18. Adrianna only had about a week to compose her original story ending to the prompt the contest provided. While it was a national contest, the judges gave awards by states. Adrianna came in 5th place for her writing piece, competing against high school seniors! We are SO proud of her! :)



The link to the contest details can be found here: <http://iew.com/join-the-journey#How>



Eddie Burns is an Eagle Scout in the 12th grade at Bethel-Tate HS. Eddie recently completed his Eagle Scout project by constructing a "teaching ring" located at Hill Intermediate School next to the park. Eddie did a wonderful job on the project. Thanks Eddie for your contribution to our district.

