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BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT

Welcome Spring!

There's a lot to be excited for here at the Park District as we move into spring. Registration is currently underway for all programming in our Spring Program Guide. This guide is packed

full of content to get you up and hopping around. From special events to programming for all, it won't be difficult to fill you and your family's Spring with memories that will last a lifetime. Visit our Spring Guide online at BvilleParks.org/Spring2021.







CULTIVATING COMMUNITY: The BCPL Seed Library

Grow your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers from seed — for free with your Bensenville Community Public Library card! Our 2021 Seed Library is launching up again on Monday, March 1, 2021 and we're encouraging our community to try their hand at growing (and harvesting!) seeds. Similar to borrowing a book, you borrow seeds with the intention of harvesting seeds from your future crop to return to the Library for future lending. The more you grow and harvest, the more our seed library grows! With the seed library, we hope to encourage our community to sustainably grow and harvest their own food, support and build community among fellow gardeners, promote new or reluctant gardeners to try their hand at growing, and inspire our community to grow and save seeds.

There is no penalty for not returning seeds. However, we encourage anyone who borrows seeds to educate themselves on the practice of saving seeds. We know that not all seeds will germinate, not all plants will survive, and therefore sometimes it is just not possible to return borrowed seeds.

If you would like to donate seeds from your home garden, please contact the Library. Please note that we only accept openpollinated or heirloom seeds.

To read more about our seed library, please visit benlib.org/seedlibrary or call the Library at 630.766.4642.



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White Pines Golf Club

500 West Jefferson Street Bensenville I Illinois 60106 630 766 0304

Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad

1100 West Wood Street Bensenville, Illinois 60106 630 766 SWIM (7946)

Fischer Farm

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do you have the luck of the Irish?

CLOVER HUNT SATURDAY | MARCH 13 | 10 AM-12 PM | VARBLE PARK

Discover the magic of our local parks by taking part in our brand-new clover hunt! A sneaky leprechaun has hidden magic clovers all over the Bensenville Park District. You'll have to solve his puzzles and follow his clues to find each clover and discover the location of the Leprechaun's Pot of Gold! Minimum 10 I Max 50. (LS)



EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY | MARCH 27 | 9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Hop over to our annual Easter egg hunt social distancing style. Hundreds of candy-filled eggs will be scattered, waiting for you to collect. Don't forget to bring a container to hold your eggs. To maintain social distancing, only one adult per child will be allowed at the event. Pre-registration is required. Visit our website for more info as times and locations have been scattered by age groups for safety.

PROGRAMMING

With some restrictions from the state being lifted we once again are able to offer a variety of programming. Our School of Dance and Movement has a full lineup of classes for dancers of all skill levels. Over in Early Childhood we have all sorts of new programming for your little ones, from Nature Play Dates to Chicken Sing-a-Longs; it's going to be non-stop smiles. Switching gears to our Young at Heart we are excited to welcome everyone back to the oak room for cards and games. Spaces are still available for our April and May lunch bunches so be sure to register guickly before they're gone. Details on all of this programming and soooooo much more is available in our Spring Program Guide at BvilleParks.org/Spring2021.

SUMMER CAMPS

We are excited to once again be offering our lineup of Under the Sun summer camps. Camps will look a bit different to keep everyone as safe as possible and adhere to all IDPH and CDC guidelines but we know we will still have a blast. During each exciting day, campers will participate in a wide variety of engaging games, projects, crafts, and of course, daily swim time at the water park. Visit BvilleParks.

org/Programs/Camps for details on each camp we offer.

Register by 6 pm Friday, May 7 and save \$10 off each full session (10 days) reserved for Adventure, Discovery (ages 6-10) and Teen Camps (ages 11-15). You may also take advantage of our multiple child discount during this time.

BvilleParks.org/Jobs

Your safety is our number one concern. With our response to COVID-19 being fluid, programming and facilities may be affected. Please visit BvilleParks.org for the most up to date info.





Registration begins March 1

WhitePinesGolf.com







Village of Bensenville

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VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Spring is just around the corner and with warmer weather comes the opportunity for many home improvement projects. It is important to be mindful of the village code to remain in compliance. For questions regarding village rules and regulations, stop by the Village Hall Community and Economic Development counter or call 630.350.3413.

1. Vehicles on Improved Surfaces & Unlicensed / Inoperable Vehicles

All parking and driveway areas shall be paved with asphalt, concrete or approved paver brick and kept in good repair. Parking on the grass or gravel is not permitted. No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises. Motor vehicles owned by village residents require a village sticker.

2. Tall Grass & Weeds / Alley Clean Up

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or grass growth in excess of $8^{\prime\prime}.$ The exterior

property shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Maintain the alley free from tall grass, weeds, trash, rubbish and low hanging tree branches.

3. Trash, Recycle, TVs & Electronics Curbside

Garbage and yard waste containers can be put to the curb or alley no earlier than 12 hours prior to pick-up and must be removed no later than 12 hours after pickup. Electronic devices including TVs and computer electronics shall not be placed at the curb for disposal. Contact your local recycling center for disposal. Additionally, Addison Township offers four recycling events each year.

4. Brush Pick-up & Maintenance of Parkway Trees

Republic Services collects brush April through November. Individual branches less than three feet in length and one inch in diameter will be picked up on your regular trash collection day from your regular collection point. Village crews collect larger brush on the first Monday of each month from April through November. Parkway trees are maintained as part of the Village's Urban Forest Tree Preservation & Protection Plan. If a parkway tree appears damaged or in need of pruning, contact Public Works at 630.350.3435 or via SeeClickFix.

SPRING PERMIT REMINDER

While you prepare to make some home improvements this spring, please remember that many common projects require you to obtain a building permit. For questions regarding building permits, stop by the Village Hall Community and Economic Development counter or call 630.350.3413.



SPRING INTO ACTION

MAINTENANCE TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY
UP TO VILLAGE CODE

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Permits are required for a number of residential projects or situations including the following:

Furnace and A/C replacement Fences and Decks Additions and Remodels

Driveways, Patios, and Walkways

Water Heater Replacement Sheds and Detached Garages Roof, Gutters, and Siding Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Chicken Coop Installations Basement Finishing

Demolition

BENSENVILLE GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY





AQUAHAWK ALERTING

Did you know something small like a leaky toilet could end up costing you a lot of money?

To receive alerts for increased water usage, subscribe to our AquaHawk Alerting program! Aquahawk Alerting is a free service for Village of Bensenville residents and can also assist in efficiently managing water usage.

To register for the program, please visit: bensil.aquahawk.us/login.

Step-by-step instructions are also available on the Village website at Bensenville.il.us. Under Finance Department, click Utility Billing Division.

LOOK FOR THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS COMING TO BENSENVILLE IN 2021!

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS

321 Irving Park Road

BO JACKSON'S ELITE

SPORTS BENSENVILLE 1000 Commerce Court

MIDWEST ORTHOPAEDICS AT RUSH

1000 Commerce Court

OMEGA PROSYSTEMS

114 West Green Street

GEM CAR WASH

904 West Irving Park Road



bensenville strong!





SPRING STORM PREPAREDNESS



The National Weather Service designates the first full week in March as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. This is

the time to review severe weather (i.e. tornado) preparedness, review the difference between a watch and warning and review when watch or warnings can be issued. Take the time to review what steps you can take to protect yourself and loved ones by designating where the best place to go for safety is located. For more information, visit bensenville.il.us and click on Emergency Management Agency, or call the EMA Office at 630.350.3461.

BE PREPARED WITH THE CODE**RED** ALERT SYSTEM

The Village of Bensenville uses
CodeRED as one way to alert
residents and businesses of
emergency situations and to
provide up to date information.
This system uses a database of
phone numbers including landlines
and cell phone numbers. Multiple
numbers can be submitted for





each person or business. A CodeRED message will have the caller ID # (866) 419-5000 for emergencies. We suggest that you store this number into your cell phone as a new contact and use CodeRED as the contact name. If you miss a message, you can dial this number and listen to the message again in its entirety. To sign up for the CodeRED system, go to the Village Website home page and click the CodeRed Alert System icon. The highlighted link will take you to the enrollment page. Please remember to review your information before submitting everything to CodeRED. For additional information or to register by phone, please call 630.350.3461.

2021 VILLAGE BRUSH AND BRANCH PICK-UP

Village Crews collect larger brush on the first full week of each month from April through November with the following regulations. Below are a few reminders to consider when putting out brush and branches.

 Brush may be placed on the parkway for collection beginning the Friday before the scheduled collection week, but no later than 7:00 am on the first Monday of each month.



- Each street receives a **single** collection during a scheduled week; placing brush or branches out after the deadline can result in a correction notice and will not be picked up.
- Piles should be placed on street side of property NOT in the alleys.
- Place cut ends of brush and branches towards the street without root systems.
- Individual branches must not exceed eight inches (8") in diameter.
- Items larger than eight inches (8") in diameter, materials such as construction wood, branches with nails or spikes, wooden fence pieces, rose branches, poison ivy and grass clippings/rakings cannot be mulched and must be disposed of by the resident through other means.
- · Brush collection is for single family residences only.
- Contractor generated brush will **NOT** be collected.
- NO bundling of piles with rope or wire.
- Branches smaller than three feet (3') in length and one inch (1") in diameter should be placed in biodegradable bags or cans labeled yard waste only for pickup by Republic.

2021 Large Brush & Branch Pick Up Dates

April 5, 2021 August 2, 2021

May 3, 2021 September 7, 2021 (Tuesday after Labor Day)

June 7, 2021 October 4, 2021
July 6, 2021 (*Tuesday after the 4th*) November 1, 2021

FREE MULCH DELIVERY PROGRAM

Beginning this spring, the Village of Bensenville will offer FREE wood mulch delivery to incorporated Bensenville residents. This program is expected to service 250 households or while supplies last. This opportunity is the result of in town brush pickups, tree trimmings, and tree removals throughout the year.

To register for the program, residents must submit a signed application and waiver at Village Hall or the

Bensenville Public Works Department by May 12, 2021. Delivery will take place during the week from May 17th through May 21st. Residents can choose between a ½ truckload (2.5 cubic yards) and a full truckload (5.0 cubic yards). Drop off location will be arranged following the approval of your application. Residents are not required to be home when mulch is delivered.

For additional details, please visit the Village's website at: Bensenville.il.us



Village Launches New Residential Rental Registrar System For Rental Property Owners

The Village recently launched a new residential rental registration system

for rental property owners to easily renew their rental registration online. This new system helps make the



process more efficient and convenient.

Residential rental inspections are completed on an annual basis at residential and multiple family occupancies by a team of qualified inspectors. This new system will play a key role in identifying which properties are due for an inspection and will help identify and resolve property issues.

Issues or complaints can be submitted on the Village's website at: bensenville.il.us. Residents can also call the Community and Economic Development Department directly at 630.350.3413.







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HOURS

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 4, 2021 | Easter



BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIGITAL PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES—LIVE ON ZOOM!

Registration for our live Zoom programs is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. If free craft materials are provided for a program, they will be available for pickup at the Library one week prior to the event; participants must be registered prior to pickup and must be a BCPL cardholder. One per person, please. Registration closes one day prior to the event. Invitations to access the Zoom event will be emailed to all participants after registration closes, and will contain the Zoom link for the online event.

THE CELTIC CROSSES OF CHICAGO

SUNDAY | MARCH 7 @ 2 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Take a virtual tour of cemeteries in the Chicago area that contain Celtic cross headstones. Together we'll delve into the history of the High Crosses in Ireland that heavily influence headstones in the Chicagoland area.



SPY VS. SPY: ESPIONAGE IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

THURSDAY | MARCH 18 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Total war led to total espionage as each major participant in the Second World War attempted to fathom the actions of the opposition — and in some cases even of its allies. The results ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, but there was nothing humorous about this deadly game. Like chess, each move engendered a countermove. Join author and historian Robert Mueller in this live Zoom program about some of the most famous and little remembered espionage efforts of the war.

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL

THURSDAY | MARCH 25 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Dealing with signing up for Medicare can be confusing, but being educated about the process can make things easier. Join us with presenter Jesus Martinez as he discusses Medicare coverage, ways to prevent fraud, and learn about assistance in identifying and applying for benefits.



RADIO IN THE 1950S: FROM GOLDEN AGE TO TV AGE

THURSDAY | APRIL 15 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

The ascension of television led many of radio's biggest stars and shows to leave the old medium for the new one. In this presentation by Steve Darnall of the *Those Were the Days* radio program, we'll examine how radio evolved as its Golden Age ended and a new age began, with news, talk, music and a new generation of comedy!



MEDICAL CANNABIS AND YOU

THURSDAY | APRIL 22 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Does pain and inflammation affect your life? Medical cannabis is a safe, natural, non-toxic anti-inflammatory that can treat chronic pain and many other conditions. Medical cannabis can be formulated to have no psychoactive effect and never needs to be smoked with alternatives like salves, tinctures, or capsules. This program will address misconceptions about medical cannabis and how it can be beneficial for seniors, veterans, and anyone with a chronic illness.

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To read more about how our seed library, please visit benlib.org/seed-library or call the Library at 630.766.4642.









we love crafts!

Take & Make Crafts for Adults

Craft along with us from home! Adults are invited to join us live on Zoom for DIY crafts. We'll supply the crafting materials for free — we'll have them bagged up ready to go and you can pick them up! Registration for Take & Make programs is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Materials are available one week prior to the event; participants must be registered prior to pickup and must be a BCPL cardholder. One Take & Make kit per person, please. Registration closes one day prior to the event. Invitations to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.



FLOWER BUTTON BOUQUET

THURSDAY | MARCH 11 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

LUCKY PINCUSHION

MONDAY | MARCH 15 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

ORIGAMI BUTTERFLIES

THURSDAY | APRIL 8 @ 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM



Family Night Programs

Tuesday nights are family nights! Craft along with us from home and join us live on Zoom for family night crafts. Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Registration is required for children participants only. Craft materials are available one week prior to the event; participants must be registered prior to pickup and must be a BCPL cardholder. One craft kit per child, please. Registration closes one day prior to the event.

FAMILY NIGHT: ST. PATRICK'S CARD CRAFT

TUESDAY | MARCH 9 @ 6:30 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

FAMILY NIGHT: PETE THE CAT VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

TUESDAY | MARCH 23 @ 6:30 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

FAMILY NIGHT: EASTER BUNNY STORYTIME

TUESDAY | MARCH 30 @ 6:30 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

FAMILY NIGHT: CERAMIC BOOT PLANTER

TUESDAY | APRIL 6 @ 6:30 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

FAMILY NIGHT: HATCHING CHICKENS STORYTIME

TUESDAY | APRIL 20 @ 6:30 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

FAMILY NIGHT: MINI ZEN GARDEN TUESDAY I APRIL 27 @ 6:30 PM I LIVE ON ZOOM



All BCPL programs, events, and materials are provided free of charge!

BULLET JOURNALING WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM MARCH 17, APRIL 21 | LIVE ON ZOOM AGES: TEENS AND ADULTS

Did you buy a planner and realized you didn't have enough space to write everything down? Are you the type of person that has a wall of sticky notes by your desk? Do you constantly reset your passwords because you don't remember where you wrote them down? This program is for you! Organize your life and have fun doing it by creating a planner system that works for you and your lifestyle.

March 17 | Discover creative ways of keeping track of your habits, lists, chores, and more

April 21 | Financial Organization: Keep track of your bills, savings, and spending habits

TEEN CRAFT: DIY SHOWER STEAMERS WEDNESDAY | MARCH 10 @ 4 PM LIVE ON ZOOM | GRADES: 7TH - 12TH

Shower steamers come in all shapes, sizes and scents, but ever wonder how to make your own? Join Mr. Parish as he teaches you how to create our own shower steamers, using simple household ingredients!



TEEN GAMES: AMONG US WEDNESDAY | MARCH 24 @ 4 PM LIVE ON ZOOM | GRADES: 7TH - 12TH

Come join us in playing the virtual game, *Among Us*, an outer space game of deduction and mystery. Who is the imposter? Can you stop them before they destroy the spaceship and all your crewmates?



TEEN CRAFT: VIRTUAL PERLER BEAD WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 14 @ 4 PM LIVE ON ZOOM | GRADES: 7TH - 12TH

Let your imagination run wild with perler beads to create whatever design you'd like! It could be video game themed, comic book themed, or anything you wish! *Minecraft, Pokémon, Doctor Who...* it's up to you!







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Creating Oral Histories Workshop WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 AT 7:00 P.M. I LIVE ON ZOOM

Have you ever wanted to save oral history stories about your family and friends? Join Elizabeth Morris, the library's Digital Librarian & Archivist, to learn the basics of



how to conduct interviews, develop questions, and record and present living histories. There is no better time

to preserve history, culture and traditions, by interviewing living links to history in your family and community. Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

Genealogy Discussion Group WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 AT 7:00 P.M. I LIVE ZOOM PROGRAM

Join Elizabeth Morris, the Library's Digital Librarian & Archivist, for an all-skill-level group discussion on getting started with genealogy using Ancestry.com, and overcoming roadblocks in your research. If you have a genealogy journey that you would like to share with the group, you are invited to share how you started. stayed organized, and saved your journey back in time. All genealogy questions welcome. Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

NEW! Math and Science Storytime

WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM | MARCH 17, APRIL 7, AND MAY 5 | LIVE ON ZOOM | AGES: 2 TO 5 YEARS OLD

Join Miss Kyrie for a morning of STEAM! Learning is exciting when we explore all of the fun math and science has to offer – at home – with some toddler and preschool friendly projects.

NEW! Music Time

WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM | MARCH 31, APRIL 21, AND MAY 19 | LIVE ON ZOOM | AGES: 2 TO 5 YEARS OLD

Join Miss Kyrie for a morning of singing, dancing, and reading! Each month we will make a musical instrument. Dance scarves will be provided for first time registrants that will be used for the entire session.

STORYWALK

APRIL 5 - MAY 31

Enjoy the spring weather and enjoy a story with an outdoor reading experience through our StoryWalk®! Take the whole family on a self-led walk through the Library's Garden of Knowledge path to unfold a children's story. End back at the Library and pick up an accompanying craft, while supplies last. Every other week will feature a different book on the StoryWalk®!



SAVE, SPEND, SHARE: FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR KIDS

SUNDAY | APRIL 11 @ 2 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM | AGES: 4 TO 11 YEARS OLD

Celebrate National Financial Literacy Month as we decorate our own bank and learn how to budget as kids. Please note, the craft contains small pieces, please provide supervision as these could be choking hazards for younger children.



DR. SEUSS PARTY

THURSDAY | MARCH 11 @ 4 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM | AGES: 6 AND UP

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America with Dr. Seuss books, activities, and crafts!

HATCHING CHICKS!

INCUBATING STARTING APRIL 13 | HATCH WEEK: MAY 3 TO 7

We're hatching chicks at the library! Come into the library starting April 13th to see the eggs and pick up accompanying chick activities! Join us virtually on Thursdays, April 15 - 29 at 5 pm to learn all about chickens and the incubation process! Keep an eye out for Hatch Week, when you can come see the chicks themselves!



TAKE AND MAKE KITS FOR KIDS

THE FIRST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH I MARCH 6 AND 7, APRIL 3 AND MONDAY APRIL 5 **AGES: ALL AGES**

Are you looking for ways to entertain your kiddos without a screen attached? Stop by the Youth Services Desk the first weekend of every month for a take home craft project! Registration is NOT required for this offline program. Craft supplies are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.





















FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL | District 100 1000 West Green Street Bensenville | Illinois 60106

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Cultivate successful, passionate learners through rigor, relevance and relationships.

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FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDING VACCINES

Vaccination is one of the tools in combating COVID-19, along with washing your hands, watching your distance, and wearing a mask. Fenton High School paved the way for providing vaccines to all school employees and many municipal employees in Wood Dale and Bensenville.

Fenton administrators always monitor regional, state, and federal updates. In Mid-January Fenton Superintendent James Ongtengco acted on a hunch and made cold calls to countless medical providers for verification.

Fenton was among the first school districts to even explore the possibility of staff vaccinations.

Principal Jovan Lazarevic and Sam Bentsen, assistant superintendent for human resources and building operations, were exceptional in signing up staff members and installing all components of the vaccination plan throughout the building.

The staffs at Bensenville School District 2, Wood Dale School District 7, the NDSEC special education cooperative, the Village of Bensenville, City of Wood Dale, and Bensenville Park District were wrapped into Fenton's plan.

A highly-structured layout led many small groups through Fenton High School from station to station until eventually receiving the vaccine in the fieldhouse. The first dose was administered on January 29 and the second dose on February 19.

A huge Thank You to our health care provider that made this happen. Specifically, a huge shout out to Mr. Patel.



Fenton High School requires all students and staff to follow the 3 Ws while in the building:

WEAR A FACE COVERING WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

(stay at least 6 feet apart)

WASH YOUR HANDS

We are extremely proud of our students for following



directions and being safe. We've seen quite a few creative and wonderful masks. Keep it up, Bison Nation!



















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NEXT STOP... NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Aixa Audrey Benitez Rojo was selected as a Questbridge Scholarship recipient and she matched with Northwestern University, where she plans to study Computer Science in hopes of making technology more accessible in schools and communities throughout the world.

The QuestBridge National College Match is an equity program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from economically disadvantaged backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to the nation's top colleges.

"The Match scholarship has opened physical and mental doors for me," Audrey said. "Thanks to Questbridge, my college options expanded far beyond the horizons my financial situation had once set and mentally pushed me to apply to some of my dream institutions. There was no harm in giving it a try. Once I found out I got matched to Northwestern, all the hard work and determination I had put in throughout the journey of my education paid off."

Audrey's counselor, Ms. Nancy Connor, said the Questbridge program is extremely competitive and a *great honor* that Audrey definitely deserves.

According to a Questbridge news release, this year's 1,464 recipients combined for an average GPA of 3.93, and 94% of the students are in the top 10% of their graduating class.

Mr. Mike Berago was Audrey's computer science teacher. He said the sky is the limit for Audrey and he can't wait to see/hear about all of her accomplishments in the future.

"Audrey is a perfect example of what it means to persevere and I am in awe of her accomplishments," Mr. Berago said.

"This is the same girl who once told me she didn't belong in Computer Science. She not only received an amazing and life-changing scholarship but she will be majoring in the same field she once felt was out of her reach."

Mr. Berago said he's proud of the great app mock-ups Audrey developed and the very difficult programming problems she solved during her time at Fenton.

Audrey thanked Mr. Berago and many, many others for every bit of advice, support, and encouragement.

"I was lucky enough to have influential figures in my life, such as my mom and my older sister, who supported me and drove me to be the best I could," Audrey said. "Anyone can achieve great things if they put their mind to it, and they've shown me that. I am also thankful for all the supportive coaches, teachers, and counselors who accompanied me throughout my high school journey, as well as my friends, whom I know great things await them."

Mr. Michael Berry, one of Audrey's science teachers, said he's proud of Audrey's dedication, ingenuity, and hard work.

"I can't think of a more deserving individual for this scholarship than Audrey," Mr. Berry said. "She has been nothing short of amazing in her four years here at Fenton. Going forward Audrey is going to make a wonderful ambassador for herself and Fenton High School."

Audrey said she's eager to participate in Northwestern University's influential research programs, volunteer activities, and clubs. She said she also hopes to paint a rock on the lakeshore, which is a longstanding tradition at Northwestern.

FENTON TO HOST MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

Fenton High School is extremely lucky to have supportive community members donating large sums of money to the Northern Illinois Food Bank in our name for a multitude of mobile food pantries throughout this pandemic. So far, an anonymous donor has sponsored two more deliveries for this upcoming summer. Fenton is beyond grateful to this donor!

The first mobile pantry is scheduled for April 8 from 4:30 to 6 pm. The second delivery has not yet been scheduled but will likely occur in May or June. Due to the extremely high demand, the days and times might change. Check

our website, social media, or send an email to communications@fenton100.org for updated information. Students normally volunteer to assist in distribution efforts, but student involvement is suspended due to the pandemic. Superintendent James Ongtengco and School Board President Paul Wedemann are more than happy to rally our staff to serve the Bensenville and Wood Dale communities. Fenton High School is located at 1000 W. Green Street, in Bensenville — along Grove Avenue east of Route 83. For everyone's safety, please stay in your car and pop your trunk as you approach our distribution teams.











KELLY MULLINS... CHICAGO BEARS CLASSROOM CHAMPION

Social Studies Teacher Kelly Mullins was recognized by the Fenton Community High School District 100 Board of Education for having been named a Chicago Bears Classroom Champion.

George McCaskey, part of the family that owns the Bears, made a surprise visit into Mullins' virtual classroom right before winter break. He read a few sentences from the nomination, written by Fenton students Eric Moreno and Nickolas Benn.

"It's a wonderful idea to honor these people who give so much of themselves for our future leaders." McCaskey said of the Classroom Champion award program.

Eric Moreno and Nickolas Benn each won the Chicago Bears Community High School All Star Award in November and guickly decided to show their appreciation for Mullins, an influential teacher during their time at

"When students are dealing with personal issues, Ms. Mullins makes it clear she will always be there to help support them and provide any assistance needed," McCaskey said while reading from the nomination. "It is not uncommon for Ms. Mullins to extend assignment deadlines, lend an ear to listen, or open her heart to show her students she cares about them.

"She has an amazing way of teaching that gives her students the responsibility, which challenges them through in-depth class discussions and personal reflections," McCaskey continued to read. "It is truly an honor to have a teacher who constantly wants to connect with her students. The student body at Fenton High School is fortunate to have Ms. Mullins in our lives."

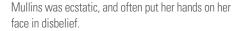
McCaskey concluded by saying "the Chicago Bears could not agree more."

on the back, as well as an autographed ball, a bag of



novelty Bears items, and a \$1.000 check for her to spend on her classes or students

however she sees fit.



"This has been absolutely incredible because I love teaching and I love the Chicago Bears," Mullins said a few days later. "Having Chairman McCaskey in my online classroom was a complete shock and such a cool thing for such a busy person to do. That personal touch still blows me away."

Mullins joined Fenton's staff in 2007 after serving in the United States Army. She said she chose to teach history because history holds all the pieces to help us make sense of today.

"I've had stellar teachers to look up to in my career," Mullins said. "Fenton is full of dedicated professionals and I'm thankful to work among them."

Congratulations, Ms. Mullins. Fenton is proud of you and grateful to have you on staff.

¡Saludos amigos!

Padres Unidos continúa presionando en la primavera de 2021. A pesar del inesperado aplazamiento de nuestra reunión de enero, pudimos reprogramar la reunión para Febrero. Como resultado, tendremos la suerte de tener DOS reuniones de Padres Unidos en Febrero: 2/4-Apoyo Socioemocional a sus Estudiantes Y 2/18-Servicios de Salud a través de Access DuPage. Ambas reuniones se llevarán a cabo de forma remoto mediante Zoom.

Continuaremos con ganas esta primavera ofreciendo reuniones en vivo (remotamente) el 18 de Marzo, el 15 de Abril y finalmente el 6 de Mayo. Todas las reuniones serán en Español a 7 pm.

Esperamos seguir buscando y proporcionando recursos para la

Para más información comuníquese con Pedro Castro, Decano de Estudiantes y Coordinador de Padres Unidos en Fenton High School: castro@fenton100.org o 630.860.6254.

Padres Unidos de Fenton High School



The Bears sent Mullins a custom jersey with her name



Fenton's boys cross country team had a bittersweet finish to the season in late October. Sophomore Victor Vazguez ran 16:40 at the Sectional meet in Lincoln Park and would have qualified for the State Meet (IHSA canceled state meets due to COVID-19). Coach Patrick Fritsch and Coach Jay Ehrhardt recognized Victor as state bound at Fenton's November virtual Board of Education meeting.











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SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

welcome back, students!

THEY'RE BACK!

Students have returned to District 2 classrooms!

After three and a half months of only remote instruction and activities, students and teachers returned to BSD2 schools on a limited basis on Tuesday, February 9.

Positive local COVID-19 infection trends allowed the District to return to its hybrid instructional model, which it first implemented for two weeks in mid-October. Roughly 45 percent of BSD2 students chose to return to in-person instruction under this plan, while around 55 percent opted to remain remote.

In order to comply with health department social distancing requirements, hybrid students attend school in-person on a rotation of two days per week for three hours a day, with a full day of remote learning each Monday. They are dismissed mid-day with a grab-and-go lunch, and then resume their learning remotely from home in the afternoon.

Each day students attend school in person, their parents must certify that the students are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Classrooms are configured to provide for appropriate social distancing to the greatest extent possible, and students and staff must wear face coverings at all times while in their schools.

For more information in the BSD2 Reopening Plan, visit bsd2.org/reopening







FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Nobody knows your child better than you!

Bensenville School District 2 conducts free developmental screenings for children ages 2-5. These screenings are the first step in identifying children for our Preschool for All program and/or Head Start. Call the Tioga School office at 630-766-2602 ext. 4200 to schedule an appointment for your child's screening.

PLAN OF ACTION

The BSD2 community will update the District's three-year strategic plan this spring.

Later this spring, the District will conduct a series of strategic planning workshops led by an experienced outside facilitator. Teachers, staff members, parents, and community members will be invited to participate in these workshops, which will be scheduled in May and held in a format that will meet COVID safety guidelines at that time.

Also, in preparation for those workshops, the District is conducting a short online survey of its various stakeholders. BSD2 community members can

access the survey through the District's website, and have through Monday, March 29, to complete it.

To learn more about the BSD2 Strategic Plan, visit bsd2.org.











GET REGISTERED

District 2 sets registration dates for kindergartners, returning students.

Bensenville School District 2 will hold kindergarten registration on March 15, and will open online registration for returning students on Friday, March 26.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for incoming kindergarten students who are not currently enrolled in the BSD2 pre-kindergarten or the Metropolitan Family Services Head Start programs at Tioga School will be held Monday, March 15, from 3-7 pm at either Tioga School, 212 W. Memorial Road, or W.A. Johnson School, 252 Ridgewood Avenue.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 safety measures, face masks and social distancing will be required.

Students will need to register at their home school, so parents who are unsure which school their child will attend should call the Educational Administration Center at 630.766.5940.

Parents need to bring their child to kindergarten registration so the student can be assessed for kindergarten.

Registration requirements are as follows:

- Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021
- A certified copy of an Original Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency—Lease or mortgage and 3
 additional proofs of residency and a current driver's
 license or current photo identification (residency
 proofs will be required that same day).

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Login information for the BSD2 online registration portal will be sent to families on Wednesday, March 24, along with more detailed instructions!

The online registration portal can be found on the District 2 website, bsd2.org, along with resources to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

If you don't have access to a computer or the Internet, contact your child's school to learn about on-site, inperson online registration opportunities. Computers at the Bensenville Community Public Library also offer free Internet access, and students' take-home Chromebooks can access the online registration portal wherever you find wireless Internet (Wi-Fi).

FULL SERVICE

Our Parent Resource Coordinators are hard at work, and it shows

Take a look at the numbers and you'll see how our PRCs working through our Full Service Community Schools Program are meeting the needs of our community.



BY THE NUMBERS

FREE TURKEYS

Provided by Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry and the YMCA were distributed to BSD2 families by our PRCs. BY THE NUMBERS 110

STUDENTS RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Donated to by BSD2 staff were distributed to students by the BSD2 Community Center and the PRCs. BY THE NUMBERS 351

BRAND NEW COATS

Purchased from Operation
Warm by BensenvilleWood Dale Rotary were
distributed to BSD2, Fenton
and Wood Dale District 7
families.

WE WANT YOU!

TO BE A DISTRICT 2 BUS DRIVER!

What We Offer:

- \$21/hour to start
- Paid Training
- Safety Bonus
- 10 Sick Days
- Attendance Bonus
- IMRF Pension
- Work Available Includes:
- Daily Routes
- Field Trips
- Late Buses
- Summer Work Available

What You Need:

- Must be 21 years of age
- Must have a valid Illinois driver's license for three years or more with no breaks or suspensions.
- Must be CDL Class B licensed and school bus permitted.

To apply, visit bsd2.org | Employment.

For More Information, contact Claire Cooper, BSD2 Transportation Director, at 630.766.5940 ext. 1114, or ccooper@bsd2.org.

NOW HIRING!

GET YOUR START AS A BSD2 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!

Are you a teacher or college graduate?

District 2 is hiring substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year! If you have a bachelor's degree in any subject, you are eligible to earn up to \$140 per day at a nationally recognized school district, and

receive paid training before your first day

Substitute teaching is a great way to make connections, build your resume, and even continue your job search while working in a rewarding and flexible environment.

For more information, call Bensenville School District 2 at 630.766.5940, or apply online at bsd2.org/Employment.

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BUILDING ON

District 2 set to expand the Bensenville Early Learning Center.

The Bensenville Early Learning Center is located at Tioga School, and it houses the District's pre-kindergarten classes and the Head Start program operated by Metropolitan Family Services.

The six-classroom expansion of this facility will allow the District to meet the projected demand for preschool for at-risk students while also adding much-needed space for K-5 special education programs.

A 2016 study by DuPage County indicated there was an ongoing need to provide preschool services for an additional 180 at-risk children ages 3-5 in the BSD2 community. The 2017 construction of the Bensenville Early Learning Center added space for 54 of those students. This expansion will serve the remaining 126 by providing five new classrooms, one gross motor space, and one

flexible space for offices or a classroom.

One or more of the new classrooms can replace office space now converted for classes. This is important, as the District has in recent years brought some of its outsourced special education services back into its buildings. While students in these programs have benefitted from returning to the District's schools, the District's elementary buildings now have no open classroom space.

The estimated cost of this expansion to the Bensenville Early Learning Center is \$4.7 million, which will be covered by cash reserves and bond proceeds leftover from previous construction projects. The District plans to break ground on this project this spring, and complete it by the middle of the 2022-2023 school year.





SURVEY SAYS!

What do you love about your child's school? Tell us in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey!

Bensenville School District 2 has begun administering the Illinois 5Essentials Survey to teachers, students, and parents. This survey provides students, teachers, and parents a voice in our ongoing efforts to improve our schools.

But it is also an opportunity to tell us what you love about your child's school!

That, too, is an increasingly important part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey because its results reflect what we as a community value about our schools. From state report cards

to real estate rating websites, its results are often used to paint a picture of you, your family, and your neighborhood.

So parents, please visit illinois.5-essentials.org and complete the 10-minute parent survey.

Tell us what you think and how we can improve, and share with the world what makes you proud to be part of our BSD2 family!

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