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## FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

#### Dear Fenton Families,

Summer Break is finally here and we're all looking forward to the hot summer days, barbecuing outdoors, and fun trips out of town. Before we part ways, I want to recap an incredible school year with many, many accomplishments despite the enormous uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We owe all of that to our resilient students, their supportive families, and our remarkable teachers.



Please join me in celebrating these prominent successes from the 2021-2022 school year:

- 27 Illinois State Scholars
- 46 seniors earned the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy
- 56 students qualified for IHSA State Finals competitions
- 7 graduates are joining the U.S. Armed Forces
- Michelle Agyemang earned the National African American Recognition Award from the College Board
- Xochitl Quiñones earned the National Hispanic Recognition Award from the College Board
- Karim Zaggoti earned a prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship
- Our Bison Football team hosted the Chicago Bears Nike 11-On Tournament
- Victor Vazquez placed 15th at the IHSA Cross Country State Finals and was named an All-State Runner
- Fenton's boys soccer team won the 2021 regional championship
- We developed our Strategic Plan 2.0 as a community
- The Chicago Bears donated \$12,000 toward new equipment for our athletic training room
- Speech Team won the 2022 Regional Championship
- Karissa Lara won a Speech State Championship in Informative Speaking (repeat champion)
- Evelyn Perez won a Speech State Championship in Special Occasion Speaking
- Carolina Rosas took 3rd place at the IHSA Speech State Finals for Humorous Interpretation
- Karissa Lara also took 6th place at the IHSA Speech State Finals for Poetry Reading
- Noelia Vazquez took 3rd place at the IHSA Wrestling State Finals
- Our Counseling Department was awarded a Bronze Medal Recognition of Excellence from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for having a high rate of FAFSA completion
- Our Girls basketball team set a new school record for most wins in a basketball season at 26 wins
- The cast/crew of Contest Drama won the Sectional Championship with their performance of A Piece of My Heart
- Counselor Paul Welsh accepted a nomination to be President-Elect of Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC)
- We hosted our inaugural Cinco de Mayo Kermes
- We collaborated with our community to build a \$129.7 million facility referendum for voters to decide upon June 28.

To the Graduating Class of 2022, please stay in touch and visit often. We are proud of you, and will definitely miss you.

#### Let's go BISON!

JAMES ONGTENGCO | Superintendent



# LIBERTYFEST July 4th Celebration

The Village of Bensenville presents the July 4th LibertyFest! This celebration of America's birthday is full of family fun and great times for everyone. Our Independence Day parade steps off at Town Center and features some of the best bands, floats, and entertainment from around the region. Following the July 4th parade, come out to Redmond Park for games, events, music and food.

10:00 am | Parade

**6:00 – 9:30 pm** | Food and beer available for purchase.

**6:00 pm** | MUSIC: DJ – M.B. Entertainment

**7:30 pm** | MUSIC: Libido Funk Circus — Party Dance Music

**9:30 pm** I FIREWORKS launched from Public Works building

Parking will be available in and around the Redmond Recreational Complex. Handicap parking will be located in the lot on John Street Rink while space is available. General parking lots will be located off of Jefferson St., George St., and on nearby side streets that allow parking.

For more information, visit: bensenville.il.us.



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#### FENTON SENIORS WIN

# **Community Scholarships!**

Many Fenton students in the Class of 2022 have earned scholarships of all sizes and for a variety of accomplishments. Fenton is fortunate to have several local partners in the community that contribute their hard earned money toward scholarships for our graduates. Below is a list of graduated seniors who earned scholarships from our local community partners. Thank you to all of the donors.

#### BENSENVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

- Olivia Baran
- Hailey Miller

#### BENSENVILLE/WOOD DALE ROTARY CLUB DR. ALF LOGAN SCHOLARSHIP

- Karissa Lara
- Anna Sierantowicz
- Xochitl Quiñones
- Joan Hitt

#### FENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

- Kvla Branch
- Joan Hitt

#### FRED LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP

- Anna Micor
- Joan Hitt

#### JOSHUA D. SCHOON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Elinai Alicia Severiano Perez

#### MILLER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE SCIENCES

- Lizbeth Jaramillo
- Hema Patel
- Evan Kaspari
- Ryan Rebolledo

#### MUSIC BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

- Angelina Bottalico
- Joan Hitt
- Kyla Branch
- Karissa Lara

#### PADRES UNIDOS SCHOLARSHIP

- Xochitl Quiñones
- Carolina Rosas

#### RUSSELL B DAHL LOVE FOR LACES SCHOLARSHIP

Mark Sisco

#### STUDENTS TO STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

- Carolina Rosas
- Alexa Toledo

#### THE AKBAR AND SALMA NAVSANWALA SCHOLARSHIP

Erica Ayala

#### WOOD DALE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- Kyla Branch
- Cynthia Cano



#### MILITARY RECRUITS

Several Fenton graduates have proudly enlisted in the armed services. The following graduates agreed to disclose their plans and be recognized for their selflessness:



Michele Giuseppe Bottalico I Marine Corps Nicholas Evan Coker I Navy Elvis Tomas Cardenas I Coast Guard Alberto Gomez Ruelas I Marine Corps Julysia Anais Morales I Air Force

Noelia Vazquez I Marine Corps Samuel Santo Christian Voth I Army















## congrats!

#### BISON CHESS TEAM COMPETES AT STATE

The Fenton Chess Team qualified for the IHSA State Finals for the 15th year in a row! Adamary Gomez went undefeated in the extremely tough sectional round, earning 4 points and pushing the Bison into the finals.

# CONTEST DRAMA WINS SECTIONAL, GOES TO STATE

Fenton's Contest Drama cast/crew performed *A Piece of My Heart* and won first place at the IHSA Drama Sectional. The show is based on the true events of military nurses in Vietnam during the war.

A Sectional Championship guaranteed Fenton a trip to the IHSA State Finals, where Delilah Johnson, Evelyn Perez, and Karissa Lara earned All-State Cast Honors.

# FCCLA EARNS TOP SCORE AT STATE

Fenton students in Family Careers & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club competed in the career pathway of education in the *Children's Literature* event of the state finals. Competitors had to create a lesson plan and then present their book and activity as though they were in front of elementary students. All performers received a medal if their score fell within a certain point total. Esther Zachariah brought home a gold metal for her lesson plan and performance.

# GROUP INTERP TAKES THEIR SHARP ACT TO STATE

The cast of Fenton's Group Interpretation performed *Edward Scissorhands*, based on the 1990 hit movie by Tim Burton. They took 2nd place at the Lake Park Sectionals and qualified for the IHSA Drama State Finals, where Angel Santiago, Xochiti Quiñones, and Yarely Galeno earned All-State Cast Honors.









#### State Scholars

The following students were recognized in the 2022 State Scholar Program because of their outstanding academic achievements:

- Ismail Abuelenein
- Jennifer Aguilar
- Michelle Agyemang
- Samuel Aristodemo
- Danny Bdzoch
- · Allison Durkowski
- Lizbeth Jaramillo
- Evan Kaspari
- Viktor Klimczyk
- Alexander Lamb
- Cecilia Marcondes
- Matthew Maziarka
- Anna Micor
- Hailey Miller
- Abigail Niehoff
- Kina Patel
- Evelyn Perez
- Connor Queyquep
- Xochitl Quiñones
- Jeylin Rivera
- Michael Rogowski
- Muhamed Rojba
- Carolina Rosas
- Elinai Severiano Perez
- Mark Sisco
- Sarah Subach
- Karim Zannoti

Students are selected based on their standardized test scores and their cumulative GPA after their second semester of their junior year.



JULYSIA ANAIS MORALES









# BENSENVILLE GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY



#### Village of Bensenville

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#### VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

#### LEAD SERVICE INVENTORY

Starting in May of 2022, Village staff began conducting a Village-wide lead service inventory. To complete the inventory process, staff will need access to your home and the water meter to identify the material of the pipe that feeds your house with clean drinking water. An appointment is required; please contact our Utility Billing Division at 630.594.1011. For your safety, Village staff drive clearly marked vehicles and carry an official Village of Bensenville ID that will be shown to homeowners upon request.



#### FREE SMART THERMOSTATS AVAILABLE TO BENSENVILLE RESIDENTS

As part of our continued efforts to identify environmentally friendly and cost-effective initiatives, the Village is proud to offer a new program that supplies a limited number of smart thermostats to Bensenville residents. For details on how to register, call our Community and Economic Development Department at 630.350.3396.



#### COMMON INSPECTION ITEMS

As we continue our commitment to keeping the community safe and beautiful, Village inspectors wish to remind residents to be mindful of common things they look for when completing an inspection. A list of these items can be found on the Village website at bensenvill.il.us. You can also use the camera on your smartphone to scan this handy  $\Omega R$  code.





# SENIOR BARBEQUE IN DOWNTOWN BENSENVILLE – JULY 15

Bensenville senior residents 65+ are invited to enjoy a free barbeque lunch in downtown Bensenville on July 15th. Lunch includes your choice of a hot dog or a burger, chips, a drink, and dessert. Proof of residency within the Village limits will be required with a valid ID. Parking is available in the Addison Street parking lot and along Center and Green Street.



Limited seating is available and registration is required prior to the event. Please register at the Village Hall Finance Counter by July 8th. For additional information, call the Senior Informational Hotline at: 630.350.3426

#### COFFEE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Beginning in July, Village President Frank DeSimone and the Village Board will begin their series of casual neighborhood meetings throughout the Village. Coffee with the President is a great opportunity to ask

questions and get Village information in an informal setting. All events will take place from 9 AM – 11 AM. If there is inclement weather during the scheduled date, the event will not be rescheduled.

#### EVENT DATES I 9 AM - 11 AM

July 30	Mohawk Park
August 13	Kremples Park
September 17	Breiter Palm Park



# BE AWARE OF HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAMS

With warmer weather finally here, you may come across a solicitor at your front door. Residents are reminded not to open your door for anyone you do not know. We also remind residents to be wary of home improvement scammers who often ask for payment upfront and simply disappear with your money. Call 911 immediately if a



solicitor or stranger becomes aggressive, tries to lure you out of your home, or tries to enter your home without your consent. To help deter solicitors from knocking on your door, free no solicitor stickers are available at Village Hall.

#### SEE CLICK FIX

The Village utilizes SeeClickFix to help identify and resolve issues within the Village of Bensenville. By using SeeClickFix, your concerns are communicated directly to the Village staff responsible for resolving the issue. Residents are encouraged to create a profile on SeeClickFix so that the Village can keep you informed on the status of your request and those created by your neighbors. Certain issues cannot be reported if you do not create a user profile.

To download the free SeeClickFix app, go to the App Store or Google Play. You can also access the tool via seeclickfix.com. For additional information, please visit the Village website at: bensenville.il.us



# Solsmart Silver Recognition

The Village of Bensenville was recently awarded the SolSmart Silver designation from the national SolSmart program for making it faster, easier, and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar.

This designation recognizes the Village of Bensenville for taking proactive



steps to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to solar development. For companies looking to expand, a SolSmart Silver designation is a signal that Bensenville is open for solar business. Bensenville is one of only 111 Silver-designated communities in the nation.

As a SolSmart designee, Bensenville is helping solar companies reduce the cost of installations and pass those savings on to consumers. This allows even more local homes and businesses to obtain affordable, clean, and reliable electricity through solar. The actions taken by the Village will help encourage solar companies to do business in the area, driving economic development, and creating local jobs.

You can find more information about SolSmart on the Village's new solar landing page at: bensenville.il.us/1197/ Solar-in-Bensenville



# MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND TIPS TO REDUCE MOSQUITO POPULATION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Did you know you can report nuisance mosquitoes, standing water, and receive notifications for scheduled mosquito control treatments in your neighborhood? These mosquito abatement requests can be reported to Clarke Mosquito Control by visiting their online portal at: clarkeportal.com/hotline.

Clarke recommends the following to help reduce mosquitoes in your yard and neighborhood:

- Dispose of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in the yard that hold water.
- · Clean gutters regularly.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- · Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- · Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store them indoors when not in use.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Change the water in birdbaths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week.
- Keep grass and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.



#### AHIHA SKATING PROGRAM

Earlier this year, the Edge Ice Arena hosted the 49th annual Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, which is led by the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA). AHIHA is one of the leading sports organizations in the United States serving deaf and hard of hearing athletes. Its mission is to instill confidence

and self-esteem in deaf and hard of hearing individuals. This unique summer program provided students the opportunity to work with a number of acclaimed USA Hockey certified coaches to gain on-ice skills, systems of play, fundamentals of skating, and off-ice conditioning. The players were assigned teams and played games against local competition during the week of the hockey school. For additional information on this program, visit: ahiha.org.











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200 South Church Road Bensenville | Illinois 60106 www.benlib.org

> 630 766 4642 HOURS

MONDAY I 9 AM-9 PM TUESDAY I 9 AM-9 PM WEDNESDAY I 9 AM-9 PM THURSDAY I 9 AM-9 PM FRIDAY I 9 AM-5 PM SATURDAY I 9 AM-5 PM SUNDAY I 1 PM-5 PM

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#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, July 4 | Independence Day Friday, August 26 | Staff In-Service Day

# The last day to turn in your summer reading log is Friday, July 29!

There's still some time to sign up for Summer Reading 2022: Read Beyond the Beaten Path! Sign up online at benlib.beanstack.org or stop by the Adult Services Desk or the Youth Services Desk to sign up and get your reading log. Complete Summer Reading to earn

a prize and a chance in the grand prize drawing!



#### BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### BEAUTY, HISTORY, AND ROMANCE:

#### William and Jane Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement

#### THURSDAY, JULY 14 AT 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Artist William Morris founded his first decorative arts design firm in 1861. Over the following decades collaborating with his wife, Jane Burden, along with fellow artists, he became a leading contributor to the English Arts and Crafts movement. In this online presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses works by Morris and his colleagues, including paintings, furniture, stained glass, textiles, and decorative arts. Registration for this virtual program is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event.

#### DONATE TO BENSENVILLE HISTORY: Scanning Days

#### TUESDAYS IN JULY BETWEEN 10 AM - 12 PM | THURSDAYS IN JULY BETWEEN 2 PM - 4 PM

Share your Bensenville history for the Bensenville Historical Collection! Make an appointment with our Digital Librarian & Archivist Elizabeth Morris to scan and add your photos and documents about Bensenville history to the Bensenville Historical Collection in the Illinois Digital Archives. Up to 30 items can be donated for scanning, and must be about Bensenville history. Stories, people, places, events, and dates will be gathered for the archives to bring your donation to life. Registration is required. Please make an appointment on our online calendar or contact Elizabeth at 630.766.4642 or emorris@benlib.org to make an appointment.



#### KORTHAUER LOG HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23 FROM 2 PM - 4 PM | AT THE KORTHAUER LOG HOUSE

Come see Bensenville's living cultural heritage at the Korthauer Log House with local history librarian Elizabeth Morris. Learn about settler life, how the house was constructed, and how the house was saved from destruction. The Log House is located at 900 W. Wood Street in Bensenville, and parking is available at the Library. Registration is not required to attend.



#### THE MUSIC AND INFLUENCE OF STEVE GOODMAN AND JOHN PRINE

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 AT 7 PM | AT THE LIBRARY

Join local musician Steve Justman for a live music overview of two of Chicago's greatest and most famous song-writing legends. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### FRUTELAND JACKSON PRESENTS: Blues 101

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 AT 7 PM | AT THE LIBRARY

What is the blues? Where did the blues come from? Musician, author, storyteller, and historian Fruteland Jackson will educate and entertain us with a lecture and musical performance about the history of perhaps the most important and influential American musical genres. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### GENEALOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

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 are welcome.

Registration for this virtual program is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event. A link to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.





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storytimes at

the library!

# Check Out a Wonderbook!

Have you tried a Wonderbook yet? Now available in Youth Services, these amazing books will read to you! Wonderbooks are print books with a ready-to-play audio book inside. You just press play and the book will read along with you — or switch to learning mode for a fun literacy experience. Every book comes equipped with a headphone jack, too! Stop by the Library and check them out!

# Playaways — Audiobooks on the go!

Did you know that we have a selection of kids Playaways available for checkout? A Playaway is a highly portable, easy-to-use player pre-loaded with an entire audiobook! Playaways are located in the Youth Services Department and are available for 2 week checkout.

#### **BIRDWATCHING TOTS**

#### SATURDAY, JULY 16 AT 11 AM | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD

Let's find some birds around the library! Join Ms. Stephanie for a storytime about birdwatching! Afterwards let's see what birds we can spot and identify in the library garden. Binoculars will be provided, but supply is limited. Feel free to bring your own. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD

#### FRIDAY, JULY 29 AT 2 PM | AT THE LIBRARY | ALL AGES

Have you ever wanted to see a skunk or a sugar glider up close? Hereis your chance! join us as we welcome Sharon and Dan from Incredible Bats. They will teach us about animals found all around the world and we will even get to meet a few of them. After the program, turn in your completed reading logs and the library will provide a cool treat. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### **NEW STORYTIMES**

#### **JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR A VARIETY OF NEW MORNING STORYTIMES!**

#### Little Learners

#### TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM | THROUGH AUGUST 9 | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD

Join Ms. Stephanie for a storytime featuring a different theme each week. Themes include colors, numbers, patterns, senses, and more!

#### Yoga Storytime

#### THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM I THROUGH AUGUST 11 | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 0 TO 6 YEARS OLD

Join Ms. Stephanie for a yoga storytime! Afterwards we will practice some fun yoga poses! Due to restricted space, this program is limited to 10 little yogis.

#### Patio Play

#### FRIDAYS AT 10:30 AM | THROUGH AUGUST 12\* | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 0 TO 6 YEARS OLD

Join Ms. Stephanie for some outdoor fun on the library patio! Activities will include jump rope, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and more! \*Doesn't meet July 29

#### ¡Cuentos Y Más!

#### MONDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. I JULY 11, JULY 25, AUGUST 8 I AT THE LIBRARY I AGES: 0 TO 6 YEARS OLD

Are you looking to encourage early literacy and social skills in Spanish? Join Miss Rosario as she shares her favorite stories, fun sing-alongs, silly dances, and crafts bilingually!

#### OUT OF THIS WORLD BOOK PARTY

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 6:30 PM | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 3 TO 11 YEARS OLD

Do you love looking up at the night sky? Come to the library and learn about the stars, the moon and planets in the galaxy! We'll read about the night sky, astronauts and make some out of this world crafts! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



# TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP: Turn a Song into Your Next Story WITH LOCAL YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR CRYSTAL CESTARI

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 6:30 PM | AT THE LIBRARY | GRADES: 6-12

Kick off your next story using music as your muse! Join local YA author Crystal Cestari as she shows you how to dig into song lyrics for writing inspiration. This interactive workshop will also include discussion on the author's writing process, a Q&A session, and a signing of the author's latest book, Happily Ever Island. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.











#### BILINGUAL FAMILY NIGHTS

#### THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM | JULY 21 AND AUGUST 18 AT THE LIBRARY | ALL AGES

Join Miss Rosario on July 21 as she teaches us how to make paper flowers and cool origami crafts! Fun for the entire family! Then on August 18, as the days get darker and leaves start to fall, let us prepare this fall season with a luminous leaf lantern! Use it as a centerpiece or even a night light for when you're cuddled up with your favorite book! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### FAMILY ART NIGHT: Tissue Square Fishbowl TUESDAY, JULY 26 AT 6:30 PM | AT THE LIBRARY AGES: 3 TO 11 YEARS OLD

We're making a cute little fish bowl with blue tissue square water. Then, make a few fish to add to the bowl for a tank that you'll never have to clean! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### FAMILY ART NIGHT: Color Your Own Drawstring Bag TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 6:30 P.M.I AT THE LIBRARY I AGES: 3 TO 11 YEARS OLD

Now that school has begun, you've probably got a lot of stuff to carry. Join us to color your own great canvas drawstring bag and tote those things around with style! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### DIY BEADED DAISY NECKLACE

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 AT 7 PM | ADULTS ONLY | LIVE ON ZOOM

Let's dress up our summer tees by crafting some seed bead daisy charms to trim a basic chain necklace! Registration for adult Zoom craft programs is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited and available to BCPL cardholders only. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event. Craft supplies will be available for pickup one week prior to the event. One craft per person, please!



#### DIY WATERLILY ORIGAMI

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 7:00 P.M. | ADULTS ONLY LIVE ON ZOOM

It's late summer and local ponds and lakes are wearing a lovely mantle of waterlilies... Learn to make an origami version of these beautiful aquatic blooms! Registration for adult Zoom craft programs is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited and available to BCPL cardholders only. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event. Craft supplies will be available for pickup one week prior to the event. One craft per person, please!



#### NIFTY NATURE EXPLORERS

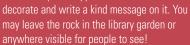
**MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM JULY 18 AND AUGUST 1** AT THE LIBRARY AGES: 4 TO 8 YEARS OLD

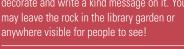
Get outside in the Library's garden with Miss Penny to enjoy and learn about flowers, bugs, and other cool things in nature! We will learn some new facts, do some hands-on projects, and even share some stories. Registration is not required to attend.

#### KINDNESS ROCKS

#### GRAB AND GO **THROUGH JULY 29** AT THE LIBRARY **ALL AGES**

Spread positivity in your community with a Kindness Rock! Stop by the library and pick up a bag that includes a rock and paint supplies to





#### WILDLIFE ART

#### ANYTIME FROM JUNE 3 TO JULY 31 AT THE LIBRARY **AGES: ALL AGES**

Come to the library and pick up a nature journal to sketch a drawing from a real fossil, seashell or other cool nature specimen. Stop by each week and sketch something new to add to your journal! Registration is not required to attend.

#### LISTEN TO YOUR ART

TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM **THROUGH AUGUST 9** AT THE LIBRARY AGES: 6 TO 10 YEARS OLD

Let your creativity grow this summer! Join Miss Rosario as she teaches DIY arts and crafts every Tuesday. Each week will be a new project that incorporates elements you can find around your house and outside in nature. Registration is not required to attend.









fun for the entire family!



#### Bensenville

Park District

**Deer Grove Leisure Center** Administrative Office 1000 West Wood Street

Bensenville | Illinois 60106 630 766 7015 BvilleParks.org

White Pines Golf Club

500 West Jefferson Street Bensenville I Illinois 60106 630 766 0304

WhitePinesGolf.com

#### Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad

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

#### **Fischer Farm**

16W680 Grand Avenue Bensenville I Illinois 60106 630 834 3152

#### Wood Street Fitness Center

1000 West Wood Street Bensenville I Illinois 60106 630 766 7015 WoodStFitness.com

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#### BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT

#### Welcome summer!

Summer is upon us, and the Bensenville Park District is here to help you get out and enjoy all the things the district has to offer. Whether meeting friends at your neighborhood park, cooling off at the pool, exploring nature at Fischer Farm, hitting the links at White Pines, or working out at Wood Street Fitness, the park district provides something for everyone, all year round!

#### PARK 'N PLAY

Meet us at the park this summer! The Bensenville Park District continues to bring activities and programs to your neighborhood park. Highlights include **Entertainment Dayz** movies July 9 and August 20, Fitness Dayz July 23 and Sports Dayz August 6. Also, be sure to come to the rescheduled Play Dayz on Saturday, August 20, at DiOrio Park. A listing of the many activities coming to your neighborhood parks may be found at BvilleParks.org/park-n-play!



#### IT'S COOL AT THE POOL

With a 155-foot water slide, two drop slides, a diving board, a 2,527 square-foot Splash Pad, sun deck, and a full-service concession stand, the Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad is your home for summer fun!

Don't miss the water park's special events in July! Highlights include a fun-filled **4th of July**, the **Dive-In Movie** screening of *Aquaman* July 9, Slushy Day July 11, and National Hot Dog Day July 20. The water park closes for the season Sunday, August 21.



Learn to swim in the Tide Pool Water Explorers, Preschool, and Bensenville Swim Schools (four levels) programs. Private swim lessons are also available. For more details, visit BvilleParks.org/swimlessons.

#### FISCHER FARM FUN

Get back to nature at one of the oldest remaining homesteads in DuPage County. The preserve is still home to remnant prairie and wetlands, providing a glimpse of what the first settlers of the area found. Take part in the Wetland Walkabout Thursday, July 7, Bug Safari Saturday, July 17, or a free yoga class July 23. There's DIY Moss Art in August, and of course, the farm is always looking for volunteers to help out on Volunteer Dayz July 16 and August 20.









#### FORE!

White Pines Golf Club is the place to be this summer, from daily tee-time specials Monday through Thursday to special events and lessons. The course is operated by the Bensenville Park District and is open to the public. Book a tee time online at WhitePinesGolf.com.

Find the right equipment to help your golf game at the Callaway Fitting Day at the driving range July 16. More information can be found on the White Pines website.

Don't miss the two remaining family golf nights this summer, featuring special pricing for adults and juniors as well as cart rentals and a \$3 meal deal after 5 pm. Sundays, July 17 and August 21.

Join us for an evening of live entertainment at the White Pines Golf Club event tent Fridays, July 29 and August 26. Five dollars grants you access to the venue and live music. A themed dinner and beverages are available for purchase.

No matter what your age is or skill level, the professionals at White Pines are here to improve your golf game. Lessons are available for those of all ages and skill levels.

#### BE YOUR BEST SELF

Wood Street Fitness, located inside the Deer Grove Leisure Center, 1000 W. Wood St., Bensenville, offers state-of-the-art free- and machine-weights and cardio equipment, providing all the best tools to be your best self. Fitness Center membership rates can be found online at WoodStFitness.com/membership. Special rates are available for couples, teens, and seniors, and corporate memberships are also available.

Additionally, the center is home to a growing number of group fitness classes for those of all ages, many of which are offered virtually. Since March 2022, Wood Street Fitness has added Aqua Zumba, Chair Yoga, and Tai Chi, in addition to its Fit for Life Series that includes Fit for Life Game Edition and Fit for Life Silver geared toward participants aged 50 and older and Fit for Life Stroller Fitness for parents of young children. The best way to access these classes is by purchasing a Core Class Pass, which gives you access to nearly every group class. For information about Wood Street Fitness classes, visit WoodStFitness.com/classes or call 630.766.7015.

#### TINY TOTS

The Bensenville Park District's Tiny Tot early childhood programs help mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally prepare tots for a life of learning beginning at one-and-a-half years old. Four distinct programs are offered: Tot School Primer (ages 1.5-2.5), Tot School (ages 2-3), and two Tiny Tot Preschool programs (ages 3-4 and 4-5). Children must be age appropriate by September 1. Contact Cindy Banaszynski, lead preschool teacher, by calling 630-766-7015 x117 to schedule an appointment to tour the classroom and meet the teachers. More information may be found on the Tiny Tot website at BvilleParks.org/programs/preschool-primer.

#### Fall Registration

The Bensenville Park District's Fall Program Guide is scheduled to be in homes the last week of July or first week of August. Fall registration begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, 1000 W. Wood Street, Bensenville. Non-resident registration begins Wednesday, August 10.

















#### **BENSENVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2**

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### SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

# well done!

#### ONWARD & UPWARD

#### Blackhawk's eighth graders are ready to head to high school.

Blackhawk Middle School's eighth graders celebrated the completion of their District 2 careers during their promotion ceremony held May 26 at Fenton High School.

Among the more than 230 eighth graders who participated in the ceremony, the following students were recognized with special awards:

- PRINCIPAL'S AWARD | Julia De La Cruz and Emir Yabukoglu
- SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD | Peter Anagnos and Angela Sokolowski
- FENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARD | Nathan Yerian and Michelle Chavez
- BENSENVILLE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARD | Anelli Estrada
- BLACKHAWK FACULTY MEMORIAL AWARD | Marina Di Tullio and Logan Krajecki

Visit bsd2.org/blackhawknews to view more BMS 2022 Eighth Grade Promotion photos.









#### **NOT REGISTERED?**

#### Walk-in registration set for August 3 at all BSD2 schools.

Registration for students who will attend Bensenville School District 2 schools in the 2022-2023 school year but are not yet registered will be from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, at all District 2 schools.

Parents who are not certain which school their child will attend may call the Educational Administration Center at 630.766.5940, ext. 1108 or 1114.

Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022, to register for the 2022-2023 school year. To register, parents must bring:

- Transfer slips from the previous school they attended (if they are registering in District 2 for the first time)
- Certified copies of the original birth certificates for each child being registered
- Proof of residency
- · Up-to-date physical, dental, vision, and immunization records

The first day of the 2022-2023 school year is Wednesday, August 17. For more information, contact the District 2 Educational Administration Center at 630.766.5940 or any District 2 school.









#### **NEW TEACHERS CONTRACT**

#### Five-year agreement increases compensation while fitting within the budget.

The Bensenville School District 2 Board of Education has approved a fiveyear contract with the Bensenville Education Association (BEA), the union representing the District's 200-plus teachers.

The new contract covers school years 2022-2023 to 2026-2027. By fitting within the District's budget, it honors the interests of taxpayers while increasing teachers' compensation to a more competitive level.



"To the community of Bensenville, I want to emphasize that this contract was established in a very responsible way," continued Dr. McCullough. "We will not go into deficit as a result of this contract. It is respectful of our community members' hard work and the hard-earned tax dollars that support our school system."

Throughout the contract, teachers will receive annual raises that are tied to the year's inflation rate and are projected to range between 4 percent and 5 percent. The District will also pay a larger portion of their health insurance premiums, especially for family plans.

Negotiations on the contract began in February, and were conducted under an interest-based approach to collective bargaining. This approach required both the Board and BEA negotiating teams to work collaboratively throughout the bargaining process.

The Board and BEA reached a tentative agreement for the contract in mid May. BEA members voted to ratify the agreement during the last week of school and the Board approved the contract during its June 1 regular workshop meeting.

#### **ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### District 2's team of school nurses recognized with Founders Award

During its May 18 meeting, the BSD2 Board of Education named the District's newest recipients of the District's Founders Award.

This award honors the "enduring contributions, exceptional quality, and a sustained commitment to the educational well-being of the children in Bensenville School District 2 schools," and it was presented this year to the District's team of school nurses.

"Our school nurses have always been a vital link between education and the health of our students and families. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased the demands placed on them in many ways," said Dr. Ray Lechner, Interim Co-Superintendent of Schools. "Throughout this uniquely challenging school year, their expertise as health care providers, and their thoughtful consideration of each child's health and well being, were essential to our success."

Congratulations and thank you to ...

- JANET KUTTER | District Nurse
- PATRICIA KOEHN | Nurse Blackhawk
- BRANDY SCHUTTLER | Nurse Johnson
- NATASHA WEBSTER | Nurse Johnson
- MICHELLE LANGSTON | Nurse Tioga
- ANNAMARIE MENDOZA | Health Aide Tioga



TOGETHER!

#### Johnson and Tioga students

BACK TO SCHOOL

can meet their teachers August 16 and 17.

The first day of classes in Bensenville School District 2 is Wednesday, August 17.

Before classes convene, students attending W.A. Johnson and Tioga Schools will be able to meet their

Check the schedule below for details.

#### TIOGA

- Kindergarten Meet the Teacher & Curriculum Night | Monday, August 15, from 6-7 pm; enter Doors 1 and 17
- Grades 1-5 Meet the Teacher I two sessions on Tuesday, August 16; enter Door 1
  - Last names A-K | 2:30-3 pm
  - Last names L-Z | 3-3:30 pm

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#### **HEALTHY START**

# Complete your child's health exam and immunization records by August 19

Start the new school year right by submitting all the required health exams and immunizations to your child's school by Friday, August 19.

Students will not be able to attend school after Friday, August 19, unless the required physical and updated immunizations are presented to the school.

The State of Illinois creates these requirements to protect everyone's health. The submission deadline is August 19 instead of October 15 as in the past, so that everyone can be protected at the start of the year.

Visit bsd2.org/healthexams for an examination form and a grade-by-grade list of required immunizations and physical, dental, and vision exams.

#### **BLAST-OFF**

#### BMS students can walk their schedules and set up their lockers on Saturday, August 13.

All incoming BMS students are invited to attend BIMS Blast-Off from 9 am — noon on Saturday, August 13, at Blackhawk Middle School, 250 S. Church Road in Bensenville.

During Blast-Off, you can...

- Walk Your Schedule
- Tour the Building
- Set Up Your Locker
- Start the Connection

#### AND MANY MORE!

#### Project CARE celebrates 25 years of positive impact on the BSD2 community.

On May 17, District 2 celebrated a quarter century of Project CARE -- 25 years and hundreds of mentors volunteering to help BSD2 students refine skills they've been taught by their classroom teachers!

Project CARE has resumed this meaningful work in person, but it faced unique challenges throughout the COVID pandemic. So the 2022 Project CARE Appreciation was special thanks to those mentors who stuck it out and worked remotely with our teachers and students.

During the celebration, Project CARE mentors Nancy Budnik and Eva Knightly (pictured to the right) were recognized for volunteering since the beginning of the program 25 years ago at Tioga. Also, mentors Deb Roan and Tim Rounds were recognized for 20 years of service, George Reinhold was recognized for 15 years, and Theresa O'Connor and Carol Rounds were recognized for 10 years.

Bensenville Community Public Library, which hosted the celebration, and Semblex Corporation, were also recognized for their strong support of Project CARE throughout the years. So were Elmhurst University and College of DuPage, as dozens of BSD2 teachers have been introduced to the District over the years by serving as mentors to earn community service hours or meet student teaching requirements.

"We are grateful to all of our mentors, now and over the last 25 years," said Lara Schwarz, Project CARE Director. "You gave the students of Bensenville School District 2 the tools to become successful learners. The students are achieving greater success because of your commitment to them."



#### SAY YES!

# District 2's first Young Entrepreneurial Student Pitch Contest meant business!

Big ideas earned big checks during the District's first Young Entrepreneurial Student (YES!) Pitch Contest, held May 13 at Blackhawk Middle School.

For the contest, students from Deanna Berardi's STEM Lab classes and the school's YES! After-School Club were tasked with coming up with a product or service that would solve a problem.

Among the more than 20 entrepreneurial ideas pitched during the contest were colorful and shapely bandages, footlights to help you find your way at night, chip sealers to keep your snack food fresh, special lunch bags that heat and cool to keep foods fresh, and more! In the end, the winners were ...

- FIRST PLACE | Design Daids by Analia Arteaga and Angela Bahena, who received \$1,000 from the Bensenville Community Foundation
- SECOND PLACE | The Bag Buddy by Kiley Dec, who received \$500 from the Bensenville Community Foundation
- THIRD PLACE I *Compound* by Val Gomez and Maya Ortiz, who received \$300 from the Bensenville-Wood Dale Rotary Club
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE | Foot Lights by Alex Gomez, who received \$250 from Innovation DuPage

"No matter the winners, all students that participated were touched with the entrepreneurial spirit," said Lara Schwarz, BSD2 Community Liaison.









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