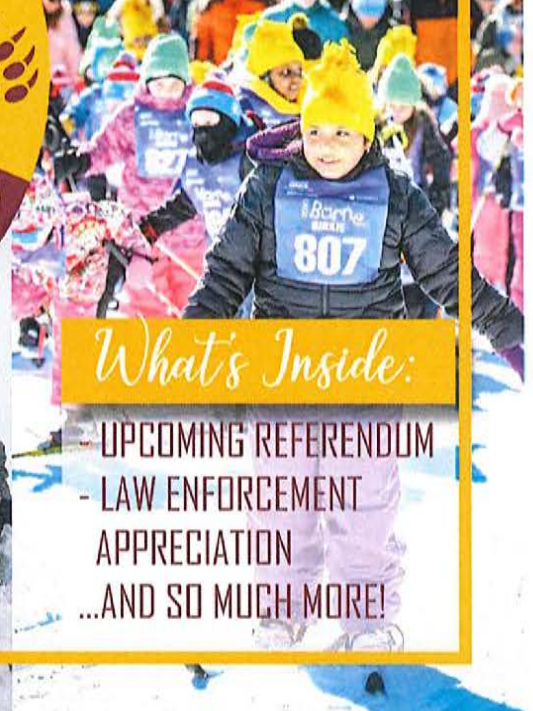
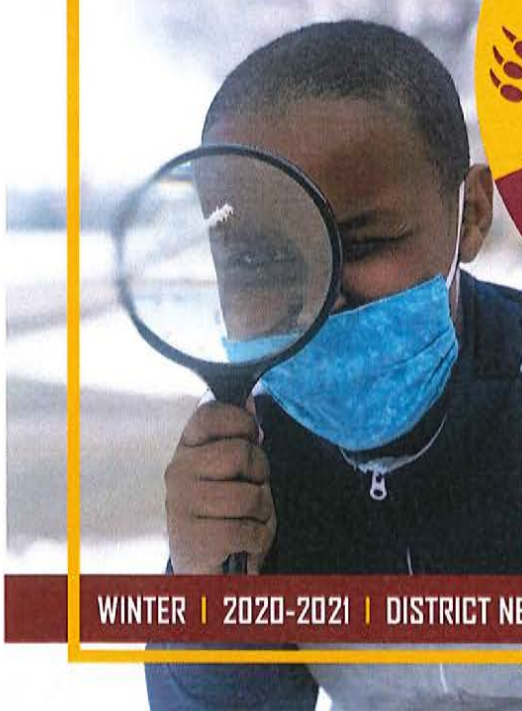
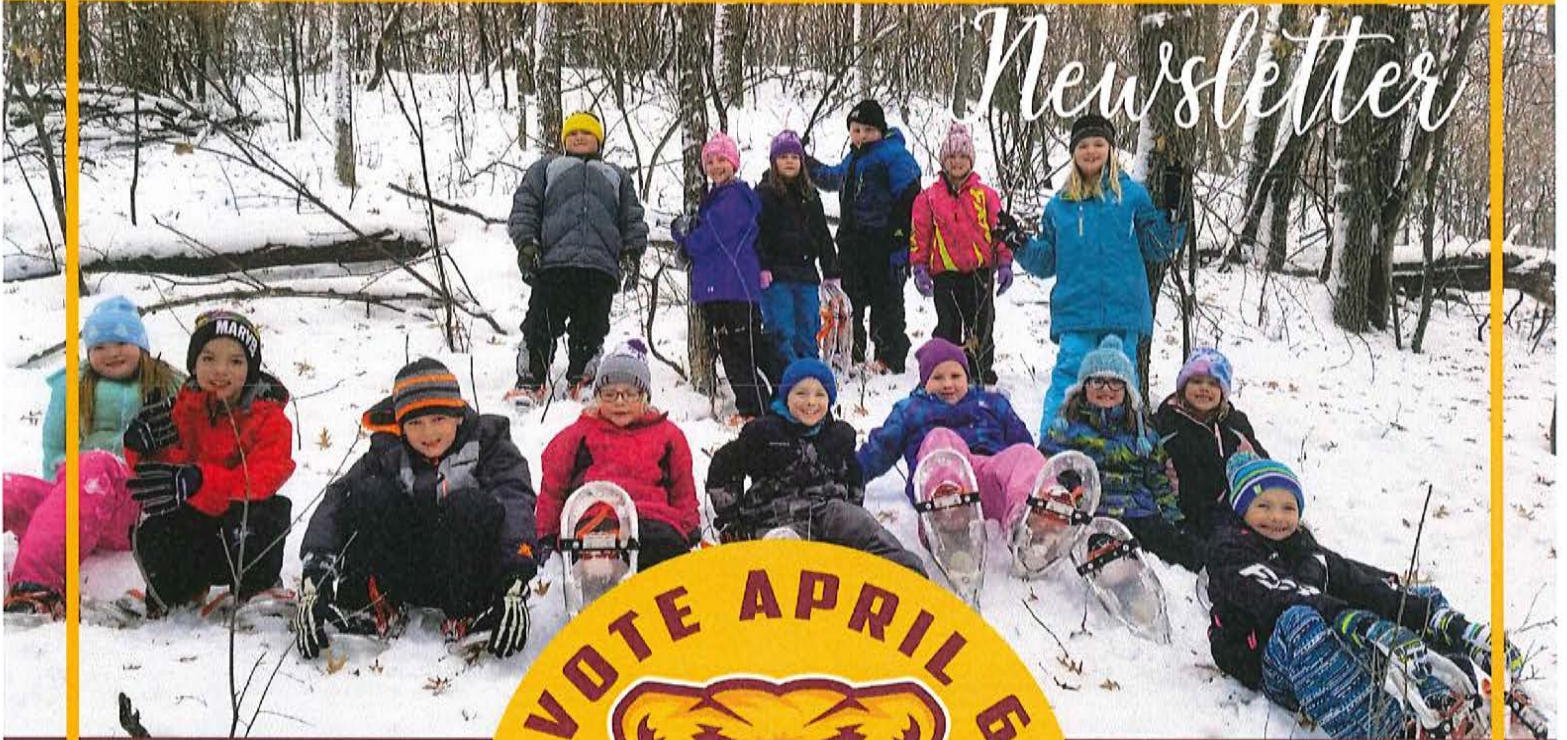


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- LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION
- ...AND SO MUCH MORE!



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On the cover:

BASD students enjoy the Wisconsin weather over the past few winters

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Diane Tremblay

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Dear BASD Community,

I truly hope this district newsletter finds you well. At our January 18th Board of Education Meeting, the Board unanimously voted to place two referendum questions on the April 6, 2021 ballot. Our residents of the Barron Area School District will have the opportunity to vote on two questions that will address immediate needs in all of our schools. We have learned a great deal throughout this process and are excited to share our referendum plan with the community.

For well over a year, our District has been working to develop a comprehensive, long-range facility plan that ensures the classrooms and support areas meet the needs of the Barron Areas School District students and community, both today and for many years to come. This entire planning process stemmed from our 12 Pillars of Education in order to help us build a roadmap to maintain our facilities and provide appropriate and inspiring spaces for our Golden Bears.

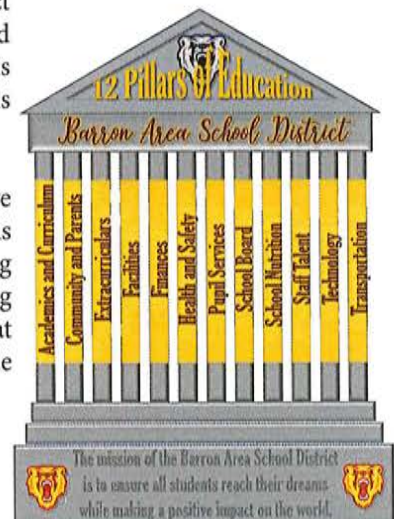
This facilities assessment identified \$50 million of needs. Upon review of the list, our Focus Group was able to prioritize the identified needs down to about \$30 million. The community survey indicated support for a referendum for around \$25-26 million. Therefore, we used the priorities of the survey and the Focus Group to build this comprehensive referendum solution that would take our district successfully into the future.

Our referendum solution we are presenting is the result of all of the community and staff feedback. This information was then compiled to form a recommendation that we shared with the Board of Education in December.

We are in the midst of planning our information campaign with a goal to educate all Barron Area School District residents on the needs and the proposed solutions. It is important to note that this referendum solution impacts all schools and all students.

We sincerely appreciate your positive partnership as we travel down this road of referendum together. Strong schools enhance and build upon strong communities. Our mission is to ensure that our Golden Bears reach their dreams while making positive impacts on our world.

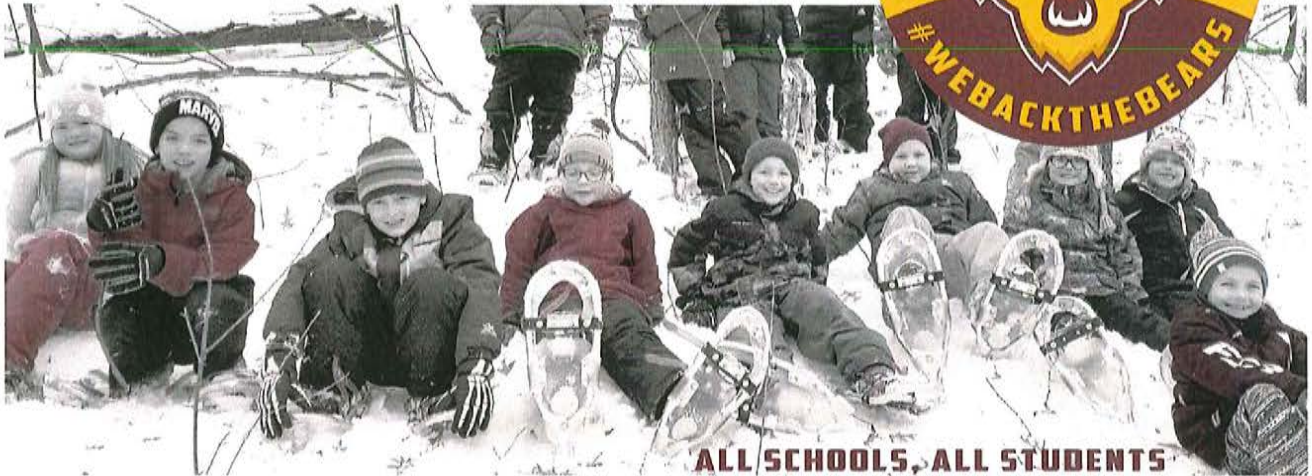
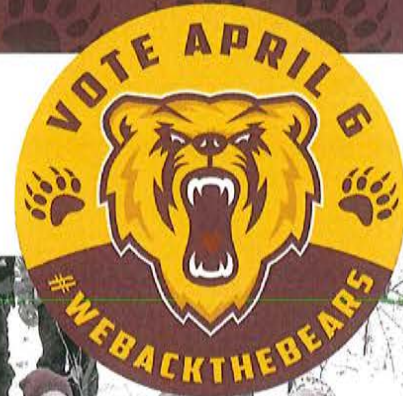
Kind regards,
Diane Tremblay



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REFERENDUM

information



At **Barron Area School District (BASD)**, we want to ensure that all students **reach their dreams** while making a **positive impact** on the world. On April 6, voters in our communities will have the opportunity to vote on two referendum questions. Both questions address needs throughout our District and will provide greater student opportunities, positively impacting education and our communities for generations.

QUESTION 1

Shall the Barron Area School District, Barron and Dunn Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school facility improvement project consisting of: capital maintenance, safety, security and site improvements; classroom and extra-curricular learning space updates, including construction of additions at the High School and Woodland Elementary School; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

QUESTION 2

Shall the Barron Area School District, Barron and Dunn Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of construction of an addition at Woodland Elementary School for a child care center, and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

WHY TWO QUESTIONS?

In the community-wide survey, respondents indicated support for adding child care space. Strategically, separate questions were created: one to focus on facility and educational needs, and the other to provide a community service. This gives residents the opportunity to learn more and vote on each question independently.

CONNECT WITH US

To provide flexibility to our community members, we will be holding virtual and in-person **Referendum Information Meetings**. Please join us to hear about the proposed referendum plans and get your questions answered.

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 18**

In Person • 6:00 PM
High School Commons
Virtual • 7:00 PM

**MONDAY,
MARCH 22**

In Person • 6:00 PM
High School Commons
Virtual • 7:00 PM

Links to the virtual Referendum Information Meetings will be posted on the District website, or use your phone to scan this code:



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COMMUNITY SOLUTION

The District was committed to finding a solution that reflects the priorities of the taxpayers, meets the needs of our District, and impacts all buildings. To do this, a Focus Group comprised of community members, parents, and staff was formed to identify needs and explore solutions. In October, all District residents had the opportunity to provide feedback through a community-wide survey. All community feedback was instrumental in shaping the referendum plan that the Board of Education **unanimously supported**. The plan is focused on:

QUESTION 1

QUESTION 2

SAFETY & SECURITY



- **Challenge:** Continue to provide the safest possible buildings for our students.
- **Solution:**
 - Modify school entrances to better control visitor access
 - Improve traffic flow to increase student safety
 - Make Americans with Disabilities (ADA) improvements
 - Update obsolete life safety systems (i.e., fire alarm and emergency lighting)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



- **Challenge:** Education has changed significantly in the past 60 years. Our schools need spaces to effectively facilitate college and career readiness with thoughtful regard to the nation's current job market.
- **Solution:** Updates to targeted education spaces to provide learning opportunities for all students to achieve their highest potential and succeed in their chosen field.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



- **Challenge:** Many of our schools are more than 60 years old and require significant infrastructure upgrades (i.e., mechanical systems and exterior building components).
- **Solution:** Upgrade inefficient building systems to better control learning environments and make exterior building repairs to protect our investment in our schools.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



- **Challenge:** A Barron County Economic Development Corporation survey indicated there is a clear need for additional child care in our community. Due to the shortage, families enroll in other school systems that provide child care services.
- **Solution:** The District would partner with local child care centers to create a facility at Woodland Elementary to serve our families.



VOTE APRIL 6

PRELIMINARY PLANS

Woodland Elementary School

Question 1:

1. Restroom renovations for ADA compliance
2. Library/Media Center updates
3. Multipurpose/cafeteria addition
4. Parking lot reconfiguration for improved traffic flow
5. Playground equipment upgrades
- Infrastructure upgrades

Question 2:

6. Community child care center addition

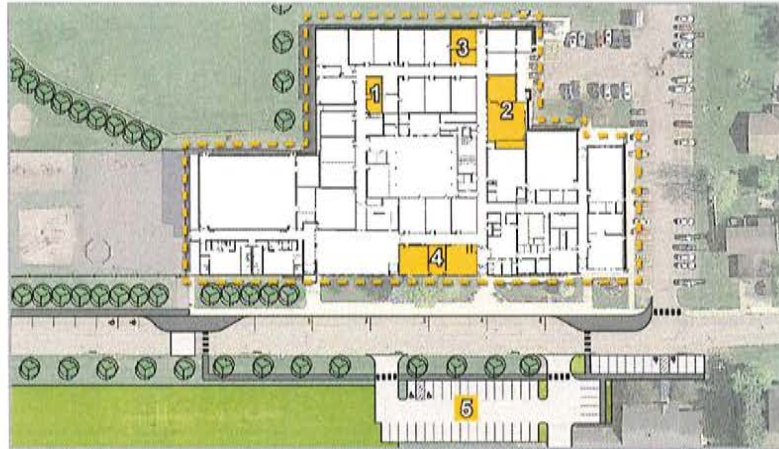
For detailed plans of all District buildings, visit the District website.



Riverview Middle School

Question 1:

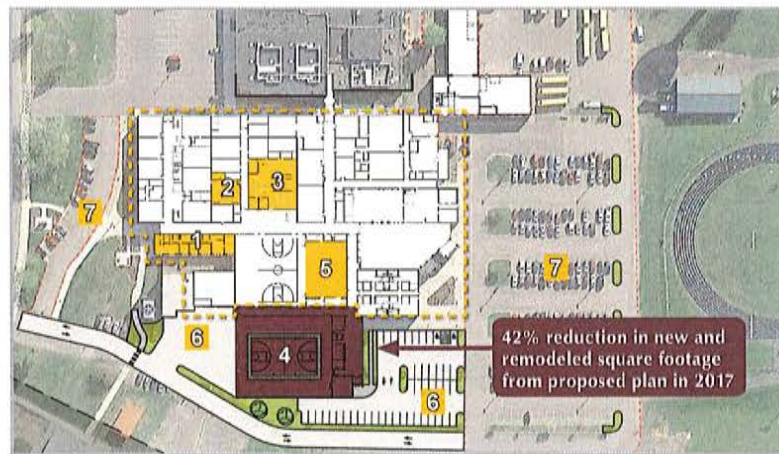
1. Restroom renovation for ADA compliance
2. Tech Ed renovation
3. Special Education relocation and renovation
4. Classroom restructuring to create adequately sized classrooms
5. Parking lot reconfiguration for improved traffic flow
- Infrastructure upgrades



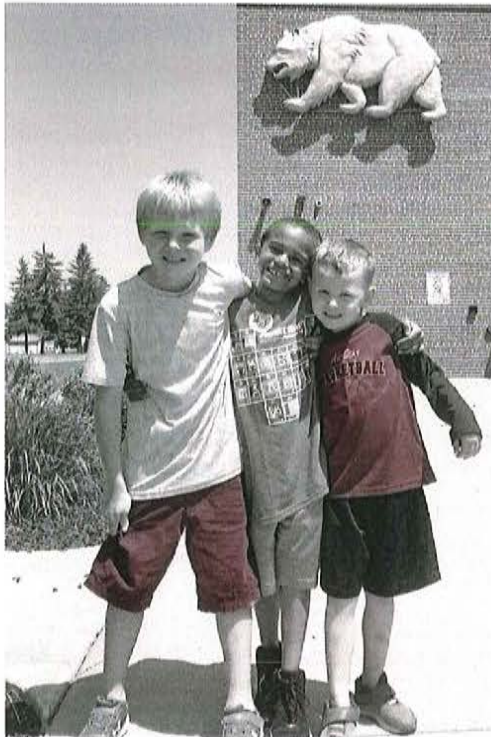
Barron High School

Question 1:

1. Office renovation to provide secure main entrance
2. Science room updates
3. Library/Media Center updates
4. Competition gymnasium and restroom addition
5. Space reconfiguration to create multipurpose/wrestling room
6. Parking lot reconfiguration for improved traffic flow and additional parking
7. Parking lot replacement
- Infrastructure upgrades



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REFERENDUM

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THE TAX IMPACT

The District has been diligent in managing expenses and remaining fiscally responsible for our taxpayers. Below is the estimated tax increase for the school portion of your taxes associated with each question:

Property Value	Question 1 \$24,500,000		Question 2 \$1,900,000	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
\$100,000	\$80.00	\$6.66	\$16.00	\$1.33
\$150,000	\$120.00	\$10.00	\$24.00	\$2.00
\$200,000	\$160.00	\$13.33	\$32.00	2.66



Use the Tax Impact Calculator on the District website to estimate the impact on your taxes.

Assumptions: Mill rate based on 2020 equalized valuations; borrowings amortized over 20 years at a 3.75% interest rate. (Provided by R.W. Baird)

IMPACTING ALL SCHOOLS, ALL STUDENTS

	Almena	Ridgeland-Dallas	Woodland	Riverview	Barron High
Safety & Security					
Security upgrades	•	•	•	•	•
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades			•	•	•
Infrastructure Updates					
Site upgrades (pavement, stormwater, fencing, etc.)	•	•	•	•	•
HVAC infrastructure upgrades	•	•	•	•	•
Plumbing infrastructure upgrades	•	•			•
Electrical infrastructure upgrades	•		•		•
Exterior building repairs (walls, roof, doors, windows, etc.)	•	•	•	•	•
Interior building upgrades (finishes, flooring, doors, etc.)		•		•	•
Educational Programming					
Gymnasium and/or cafeteria addition			•		•
Science lab and/or Tech. Ed space updates				•	•
Library/Media Center updates			•		•

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LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION

The Barron Area School District partnered with the Barron County Law Enforcement Foundation and helped celebrate National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Our students drew pictures and made notes and cards to thank the officers in our town. It was a great success as the students truly enjoyed showing their appreciation in a variety of ways.

BASD would like to thank these officials from the time they took their oath, for the times they responded to our needs, their service, security, bravery, peace, protection, courage, safety, sacrifice, and finally for the time they have risked it all, We THANK YOU and are GRATEFUL every day for all you do for us.



Pictured (L to R): Bronson Halverson, Caidan Deacon, Officer Parr, School Resource Officer Andy Krahenbuhl, Superintendent Tremblay, Sheriff Fitzgerald, Ubah Ali, Devan Keilholtz



Pictured (L to R): Micahlee Skjerly, Mia James, School Resource Officer Andy Krahenbuhl, Winona Schneider, Mateo Halverson

Riverview Middle School students enjoyed providing lunch for Deputy Andy for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! We appreciate what Deputy Andy and all police officers do for us!

BOARD OF EDUCATION



During our December School Board meeting, our wonderful Board of Education was featured under Spotlight on Staff. Our Administrative team at BASD expressed how important our School Board Members truly are.

Our School Board leads and governs our schools and the educational programs for our entire District. Their leadership role is achieved as part of a team which includes the superintendent. Our leadership team operates within a unique framework of authority, duties and powers that are established by a variety of state and federal laws and supplemented by local policy decisions.

Student learning and student accomplishment constitute the centerpiece of our mission for all students to reach their dreams while making positive impacts on our world.

The Board of Education has five core functions that, when pursued with rigor and intent, demonstrate effective local leadership and correlate high levels of student achievement. Vision, Accountability, Policy, Community Leadership and Board/Superintendent Relationships.

Education is the greatest of all equalizers for our children as they are the future of tomorrow. The positive collaboration and dedication from the school board level ensures that this will always be the priority of the Barron Area School District.



Kelly Hover,

Director of Technology and Transportation
Because trust is such an important part of all of our relationships, we want to thank you for trusting us to be leaders for the Barron Area School District.

Your trust allows us to bring our ideas and thoughts to you to have open and honest conversations and communications. Because our trust is a mutual thing, it creates a solid team approach to look at what is best for BASD. Your trust allows us to lead with confidence. Thank you for believing in us so we can believe in our own abilities to focus on what is best for BASD students everyday. We know we have great people serving on our BOE. We sincerely thank you for all you do.



Sarah Stauner,

Director of Pupil Services

We are so lucky to have all of you on our school board, leading and supporting our district. You have supported the students, families and staff through both difficult challenges and great celebrations. As a school board, you continue to partner and support administration through conversation, debate, and problem solving with a vision of excellence for our district. (But, it's not always so serious. You also partner with us and support Diane with the songs and dancing - fun does matter)! The Barron Area School District is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people, and we want to thank you for your commitment to our students, staff and community, and your support of our mission to ensure all students reach their dreams while making a positive impact on the world. "We Back the Bears" has become a well known phrase around the area, and we definitely are appreciative of our school board backing our Golden Bears.



**Teri Massie,
Director of Learning and Assessment**

We are so grateful for all the things that have been mentioned, but also the fact that all of you are actively engaged in a variety of community and school functions. We see you in the community, not out of necessity, but out of pure interest, excitement, and enjoyment. You are there whether it is a multicultural event, a welcome back video, sporting event, staff recognition, or band concert; showing us routinely and often that you value us and all aspects of our roles.



**Jen Clemens,
Principal of BASD Elementary Schools**

Our school board is the eyes, ears and mouth of our Barron community and Barron Area Schools. They listen carefully and see things as they are. Our school board asks tough questions and makes sound decisions, always in the best interest of our students. I am grateful for their leadership and support.



**Chad Buss,
Barron High School Principal**

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board for keeping our students the primary focus for every decision made in our district. I have seen first hand the detail that the Finance and Facilities committee has shown as we completed our three phases of new construction at BHS. Ensuring that everything was completed to our specifications was an arduous task, but our students now have top notch, 21st Century classrooms in which to work. Our Policy and Personnel Committee has put in the work to allow the hiring of employees that best fit our mission. Our policies have provided the framework to best serve our students and

staff. Our Curriculum and Technology Committee has been committed to supporting the means to provide the best possible curriculum and technology needs to best serve our learning community. Our staff development continues to be outstanding and outmatches many other area districts. Our students are truly set up for success. I have been and continue to be proud to have had my children as students in our district. Thank you for all you do for our district!



**Scott Stralka,
Riverview Middle School, Principal**

Not only is our school board dedicated to our students, but they are also dedicated to our staff. I have worked in other districts, and I can tell you it is not like this everywhere else. We are fortunate to have a school board that supports all of us and helps us feel comfortable to be creative as we deliver our curriculum to our students. Thank you.



**Andrew Sloan,
Director of Finance**

The last thing we would like to acknowledge is that Fun Matters. Our Board helped create that slogan and they epitomize it. What we do as collective administration of a school district is incredibly important and can be very stressful. Our Board has always supported the idea that Fun really does Matter in all realms of education. Students and staff recognize this mindset, and it makes our learning environment comfortable and exciting to be a part of. So whether our board is building a float, dancing on camera, attending a committee meeting or community event, interacting with our students, they prove through their actions that Fun Matters.

LET'S GIVE A HUGE BARRON BEARS SHOUT OUT TO:



Megan Danielson, Riverview Middle School ELA teacher. Megan is always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed with behavior supports, covering for colleagues and even lending a hand in the kitchen and always with a smile and positive outlook!

“Every day effective team players realize, it’s important to ask and answer these questions: What’s good in my life? and What needs to be

done?” Nathaniel Branden

Heidi Ovsak, kindergarten teacher who always knows how to get down to the necessary level of business to best serve our Golden Bears best!



“Great teacher leaders don’t just tell you what to do, they show you how it’s done.”

Melissa Holmquist and Dani Felber, the teachers in the Multiage Pond, who are so committed to their child centered teaching. With every visit to their classroom, it is full of enthusiasm and academic engagement even during snack time!



“Effective teacher teams know that the question isn’t what are we teaching our students, it’s what are they learning.”



Mr. Karstens, an extraordinary long-term substitute teacher who has proven to effectively teach our Golden Bears in multiple subjects in most of our buildings. We feel very fortunate to have him on our team!

“Unity is strength... then add positivism, adaptability, along with a smile and great things can be achieved.”

Alaetha Laliberty and Wendy Levy along with Brooke Halverson for making the extra effort and allowing administration to team up with them to construct gingerbread houses with our little Golden Bears, proving yet again that fun matters here at BASD! Just try to imagine the fun we had!

“It takes huge hearts full of love to inspire little minds with great potential.”



Nikki Marvin and Brittni Hover who joined forces with their classrooms in order to have some fun and construct Gingerbread houses to share some amazing Christmas cheer, which included the mystical bond of brotherhood!

“Happiness is having a loving, caring close knit team that feels like family.”



Kayla Bonn, special education teacher at Riverview Middle School who made the effort to create this balanced opportunity for teamwork and competition so all of our Golden Bears achieve to their

highest potential in this snowflake contest.



“The ultimate victory in competition is derived from the inner satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best and you have done the most out of what you have to give!” Howard Cosell

Katie Schoenke... or is that Miss Frizzle? This teacher goes above and beyond to make science a fun and engaging experience. Her excitement for science is evident to all and is absolutely contagious. Each year she hosts a Mad Scientist tour on Halloween, but this year the event was postponed due to COVID, so she transformed this innovative laboratory into “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” It wasn’t a nightmare at all. It was nothing but learning, laughter and liveliness.



“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.” Japanese Proverb



Sue Becker, Family and Consumer Educator, who led our Golden Bears as they designed these intricate and beautiful masterpieces and then later displayed them for all to see as we were invited to walk through a parade of gingerbread houses.

“Every great leader is a great teacher, and the greatest leaders seize every opportunity to teach well.” Albert Mohler

Deputy Andy, School Resource Officer because he is a stellar role model for our Golden Bears. Here is a quote from one of our 1st graders, “I want to be just like you when I grow up.”



BASD thanks you, Deputy Andy, for your courage, strength, dedication, concern, and compassion for all of us who need you!



Jessica McFarlane, 2nd Grade - Each morning, these Golden Bears spend time doing word work- sorting & working with vowels, consonants, and digraphs. They work in small and large groups and also partner teams and will then take turns “leading” a group, so they’re able to help each other. It is extremely empowering. In

Reader’s Workshop these leaders read a book to themselves, a partner, and a teacher which furthers their experience as our future leaders.

“Great leaders don’t tell you what to do, they show you how it’s done.”

Karen Fowler, who is one of our dedicated STEP volunteers. Karen was previously in the nursing profession and has been a STEP (Seniors Serving Together as Educational Partners) volunteer for 8 years for our school district. The students were learning the letter "V", and this wonderful district hero shared her love of music as she played the "violin" for our Golden Bears.



"Music washes from the soul the dust of everyday life."

BASD Crossing Guard Team. We have an amazing group of adult crossing guards, who provide safe passage for our Golden Bears, to and from school each and every day. We truly appreciate their service and dedication.



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." John C. Maxwell

DRAG-SMITH FARMS

Shout out to Drag-Smith Farms for teaming up with us and donating 13 food boxes to BASD families to make a beautiful holiday dinner! Thank you also to our BASD staff members (current and retired) who helped deliver the boxes right before the break.

"Bounty always receives part of its value from the manner from which it is bestowed." Samuel Johnson



SPOTLIGHT MENTOR



Why is he the spotlight mentor?

A mentor for one year, Kevin is a kind, reliable, committed mentor who truly cares about his mentee student. He joined the program because he wants to positively contribute to his community—and he is!

What Samuel (mentee student) says about the mentoring program:

“I enjoy the mentor program a lot, actually. It’s fun to have Kevin come and see me and talk to me at lunch. It’s quite enjoyable, and I recommend it. I hope Kevin is my mentor for a long time.”

How long have you been mentoring?

I have been a mentor for about one year. We were meeting weekly at school until COVID. We talked on the phone for a few weeks but that was difficult to coordinate. We have gotten back to weekly meetings when school started this fall.

What inspired you to mentor?

I was inspired to mentor with some encouragement. It looked like a way for me to do something positive in the community.

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

My favorite aspect of mentoring is I get to see life through a young person’s eyes. When I listen to Samuel I get a different perspective. I get ideas that wouldn’t occur to me in my daily routines. Ideas like recess is fun. Language Arts is difficult, but with hard work it can be done.

Why do you think others should mentor?

Mentoring would be good for anyone to try. You can make a positive connection with a student. That can be good for both the mentor and student.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

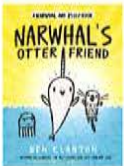
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Almena Elementary
 # of Books Checked Out: 1345
 Book Checked Out the Most: Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild By Dav Pilkey
 4 Dog Man books in the top 10 checkouts



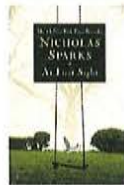
Woodland Elementary
 # of Books Checked Out: 4195
 Book Checked Out the Most: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball By Jeff Kinney
 3 Diary of a Wimpy Kid books in the the top 10 checkouts



Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary
 # of Books Checked Out: 1378
 Book Checked Out the Most: Narwhal’s Otter Friend By Ben Clanton

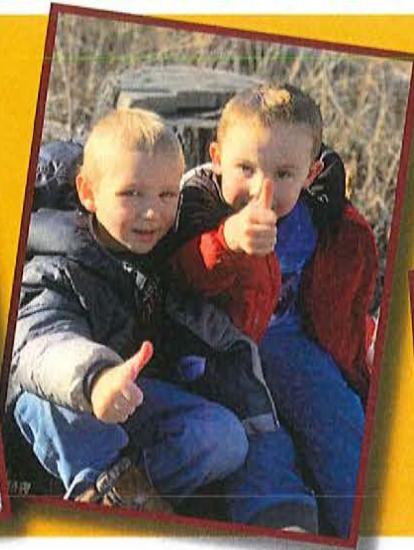
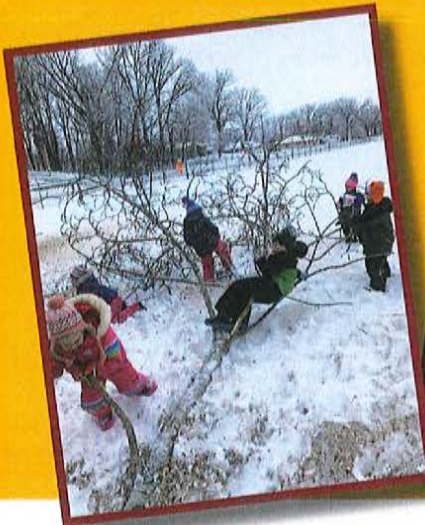


Riverview Middle School
 # of Books Checked Out: 3050
 Book Checked Out the Most: Sisters by Raina Telgemeier
 6 Big Nate books in the top 10 checkouts



Barron High School
 # of Books Checked Out: 1607
 Book Checked Out the Most: At First Sight by Nicholas Sparks

BEAR CUB DEN: NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021-2022



We strive to help your child foster a love of learning and wonder of our world. We provide engaging, play based, child centered activities for 4 year old children. We focus on the whole child by centering our day around your child's cognitive, social/emotional, and physical development. Children are able to question, explore, and interact with their learning environment following their natural curiosity and imagination. Our staff know and understand child development and use this knowledge to support and guide your child to learn and grow.

Before/After School

Before school: 6am-7:45am - \$4/day
 After school: 3:45 - 6pm - \$5/day
 Drop in rate: \$5 before school, \$8 after school

4K Wraparound

\$30.00/day covers a 4K child from 6am to 6pm
 Breakfast, snacks, and lunch are included
If families do not need before or after school care, they are able to send their 4K students to and from school on the bus



For more information contact
 Amber Carlsrud & Lyndsey Kurtz
 715-637-9199
 cubden@barron.k12.wi.us

Look for more information at Child Development Day (see back cover of this newsletter)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The Ridgeland-Dallas parent group organized a shopping day where students could go Christmas shopping for their family. A BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make their Christmas shopping at school so much fun!



HEALTHCARE HEROES

Mrs. Carr's 1st graders at R/D made a thank you sign showing the Barron Mayo Healthcare Heroes how much they appreciate them. Heroes they personally knew also received some treats and some in-person thank yous!



MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The EDUCATION of even a SMALL CHILD, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life.

~Maria Montessori

ENROLLING:

Children's House
Ages 3-6

Elementary 1 (E1)
1st-3rd grade

Elementary 2 (E2)
4th-6th grade

Barron Area
Montessori School is
TUITION FREE!



Children learn to take care of THEMSELVES and their SURROUNDINGS

At an early age students develop, CONCENTRATION, INDEPENDENCE, and RESPONSIBILITY.

Individualized Learning

An educational philosophy that creates: INNOVATORS, PROBLEM-SOLVERS, CRITICAL-THINKERS, & COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS

Students enjoy FREEDOM of CHOICE within prepared environment

SELF-CORRECTION is an integral part of the Montessori Classroom

ONE-ON-ONE & SMALL GROUP lessons



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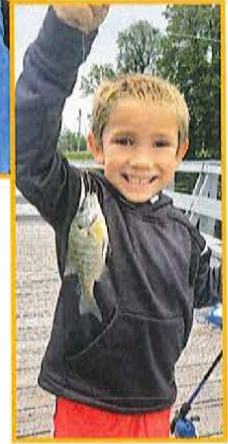
Barron Area Montessori School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious beliefs, cultural origin, age, sex, academic ability, socio-economic background or handicap.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Get out your shorts, sunglasses and sunscreen,
mark your calendars for
SUMMER SCHOOL!

Elementary sessions are as follows:
June 14-25, July Swim 5-12 and August 2-13.

Watch for registration coming in April!



ALAW: APPLY TODAY!

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has officially begun at Advanced Learning Academy of Wisconsin (ALAW).

Often, a one-on-one approach is what it takes to realize a child's innermost possibilities. ALAW is a full-time, virtual public charter school program for K-12 students in the state of Wisconsin and offers full-time options through the Barron Area School District.

We Offer

- A high-quality, virtual education
- Support from passionate, experienced, Wisconsin-licensed teachers
- Flexible pacing and an individualized approach to learning
- Early graduation for those students who qualify



Virtual education boasts the ability to complete course work at any time of day or night according to what fits the student's situation. Every child is different. What might work for some won't necessarily work for another. Partnering with Lincoln Learning and BYU-Independent Study allows ALAW to make learning as unique as each child.

Contact ALAW today to sign up for the 2021-2022 school year!

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GOLDEN BEAR BRAVOS

It's once again time to start recognizing our outstanding Riverview students with Golden Bear Bravos! These are students that have been nominated for "doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do" and are respectful, responsible, and safe. Each student receives a certificate from the nominating staff member, an A La Carte coupon for a free treat at lunch or breakfast, and an engraved medal! A positive postcard is mailed home to share the good news with their families.

NOVEMBER



5TH GRADE

Suleiman Ismail, Keli Miller,
Ayub Osman, Mr. Stralka



6TH GRADE

Mustafe Garad, Melani Novinski,
Braydon Roberts, Micahl Braden,
Mrs. Horvath



7TH GRADE

Mr. Stralka, Baylee Shatley and Abby
Elliott, Mrs. Marvin;
not pictured:
Konnor Severson, Shawn Holten



8TH GRADE

Kailynn Duncan, Tabitha Thompson,
Mia Villalobos, Calvin Wong, Mr. Stralka

DECEMBER



5TH GRADE

Cole Rindsig, Grace Marvin, Emily Bigler,
Mr. Stralka; not pictured: Callie Stokes



6TH GRADE

Ms. Bonn, Hailey Featherly, Noah Marvin,
Braiden Eraquam, Aliyana Olson

7TH GRADE

To be announced...

Will be featured in the Spring newsletter!



8TH GRADE

Garrett Sadtler, Camden Valentine,
Caidan Deacon, Ubah Ali,
Mrs. Beckendorf



Riverview Middle School art students created thank you posters for our area health care workers.



COMMUNITY SERVICE NOVEMBER



6TH GRADE
Daniel Wirth and Raina Cook
(pictured with Mrs. Horvath)



7TH GRADE
Reanna Cook
(pictured with Mr. Stralka and Mrs. Marvin)

8TH GRADE
Mia James
Adam Wirth: Reached 100 hours
(pictured with Mr. Stralka)



FROSTY RESEARCH

During some beautiful frosty days back in January, Mrs. Bell's 5th grade class did some research on the crystalized trees.

Did you know that the frost we experienced is called rime ice? Our 5th graders were curious about it, so they spent some time learning that it forms when the moisture in fog freezes on surfaces. They then went outside to investigate it firsthand!

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."
- Albert Einstein



WRITING OUR WORRIES AWAY

Sixth graders were given an opportunity to write about living history, COVID 19. Sixth grade students rose to the challenge and were entered into two separate essay contests. In January, we received the results for the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center contest. The results are in! The votes have been counted! The people have spoken and The “2020 Middle School Essay Contest”, proudly sponsored by the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, is now history!!! The winners, runners-up, and honorable mentions were chosen by a panel of esteemed judges from scores of entries from around the region. The contest was open to all Middle-School students from The Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Northeastern Minnesota, and Northwestern Wisconsin. Center staff read and volunteers evaluated all essays, editorials, poems, and photo essays and selected one winning artist from each grade level. This year the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center asked that students share their voice on life, loss, and distance learning in the time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Congratulations, Troy McDonough, with your 3rd place poem!

*Covid 19 gotta stay clean
6 months of quarantine being kinda mean,*

*I'm home all day on a machine
All I'm doing is staring at a screen,*

*Summer break went by in a flash
now schools back and I'm feeling overtasked,*

*They're handing out papers way too fast
Every class feels like a year has passed,*

*When I get home I unmask
I wish I could go back into the past,*

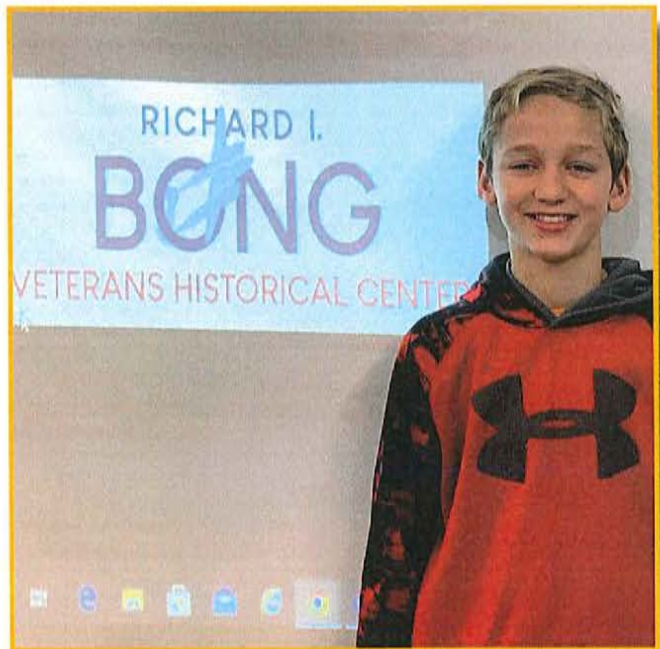
*I feel like a fool, can't breathe in the school
I wish this was all just a big April fools,*

*It doesn't seem fair, I'm as mad as a bear
It feels like COVID is everywhere,*

*If only I could stop time on a dime
Then I could turn my papers in on time,*

*But I play it safe
We have faith,*

*So when it comes for you
I know you'll be safe from the COVID flu.*



ATOMIC APRONS

Mrs. Schoenke's 7th grade science students have been busy doing research about elements and designing their own atomic attire aprons!

After all the research they've done, the rest of Mrs. Schoenke's 7th grade science students wanted to show off their atomic attire aprons!



STUDENT COUNCIL

PENNY WARS

Mrs. Dana Miller and Mrs. Angela Knapmiller serve as our student council advisors at Riverview Middle School. These dedicated advisors have led our Golden Bears as they teamed up to raise money for a worthy charitable organization called Gift From the Heart.

The week of December 7th, students at Riverview had a friendly competition called annual penny wars. They raised \$957.66! This money was donated to Gift From

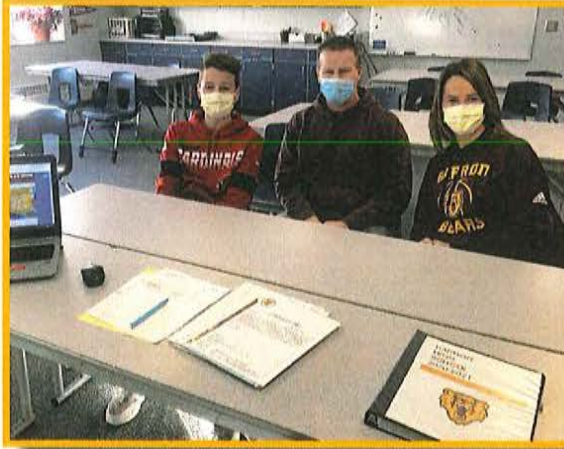
the Heart which helped 51 Barron Area School District families and 141 kids. This was the largest single donation ever made to Gift From the Heart. We are looking forward to partnering with this organization in the future.

"When people team up and use their voice for kindness, ears for compassion and hands for charity, all hearts become filled with love."



*Pictured are: Student Council Advisors: Angela Knapmiller and Dana Miller
 Gift From the Heart Coordinators: Kristi Pedersen and Jan Kienbaum
 Students: Riverview Student Council Members*

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING



8th graders and their parents have been invited to participate in a High School Planning Conference with school counselor, Amy Beckendorf. This 45 minute conference focuses on each child's interests, personality and learning styles, as well as their academic and career plans. It is the perfect time to start asking questions about the transition from middle school to high school. These conferences are scheduled from mid-January through the end of February. Each 8th grader has been assigned a conference date and time based on their returned conference time request sheet. Contact Mrs. Amdall in the Riverview Office if you need to confirm or change your appointment (715) 537-5641. Let the planning begin!

COMPASSIONATE 6TH GRADE GOLDEN BEARS

COMPASSION PROJECT

Our mission statement is to help our Golden Bears reach their dreams while making a positive impact on the world. We encourage our students to be active in our community, give back by being involved in various community events, and selflessly help others.

In sixth grade, we have students complete a compassion project. This project helps our students to be aware of others in our community. Each year we make blankets

to deliver to our local children's hospital. This year we wanted to reach our community members that may be lonely or isolated, due to COVID restrictions.

In December, our sixth graders assembled tie blankets to give to a local nursing home. Our sixth graders wanted to make sure to brighten someone's holiday season. Students also made cards full of well wishes for each resident.



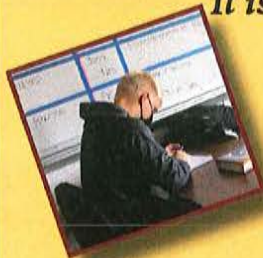
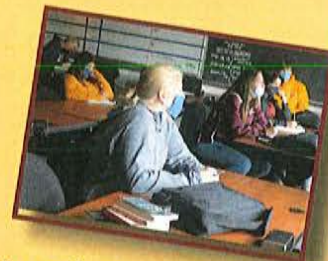
JUNIOR CLASS

Attention Juniors & Parents of Juniors
Important Information

March 9, 2021

Statewide ACT Test Date

It is important that every Junior be in school on that day.



We are starting

Junior Planning Conferences

Use the site below to schedule your conference.

<https://juniorplanningconference.youcanbook.me/>

SENIOR CLASS



Commencement for the
Class of 2021
will be held outside at the Barron High
School Football Stadium on

May 28, 2021

weather pending. If the forecast is for
inclement weather, the ceremony will
be moved to the Barron High School
Gymnasium with risk mitigation
practices in place.

BHS FCCLA

Barron High School FCCLA does an annual Adopt a Family for Christmas. This year we found a local family that lives in the Barron School District that is going through some tough times including medical needs. The high school students love shopping for elementary students and this family has a young girl that loves anything Barbie and the little boy loves Pokemon and superheroes! This year has presented FCCLA with a few adjustments! FCCLA fundraising depends heavily on home athletic events and the concession stand. Since there are no concessions at home events we brainstormed

and decided to offer a vending machine with a variety of snacks that are available to all visitors and students. This vending machine is in the commons and has proven to give some funds to the organization along with the responsibility of stocking, ordering, and depositing the money! The students budgeted \$200 to spend on a family for Christmas.

They love giving back to the community that continually supports them!



CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

BHS Conservation Poster 2020 contest winners were: runner up Teagan Mickelson, 1st place for grades 7-9 division Mikayla Ecklor, and runner up Emmelee Shipley.



MUSIC UPDATES

WSMA SOLO & ENSEMBLE

In response to COVID-19 restrictions, the WSMA Middle and High School Solo and Ensemble will be virtual for the 2020-2021 school year. Students will submit video performances for adjudicator feedback and a rating. Students have the choice to submit in one of two Cycles. Cycle A took place in November and Ella Mathews, 7th grade percussionist, received I ratings on both a Class C Marimba and Snare Drum solo. Audrey Bigler, 11th grade flutist, received a *I rating on her Class A solo and will be playing for a State medal. All 7th and 8th grade band students and many high school musicians are currently working on submitting Solo & Ensemble pieces during Cycle B, which opens February 23rd and closes April 9th for submission.



UPCOMING CONCERT

Monday, March 15, 2021

HS Band & 8th Grade Band: 7:00 PM Concert

HS Choir & 8th Grade Choir: 7:45PM Concert

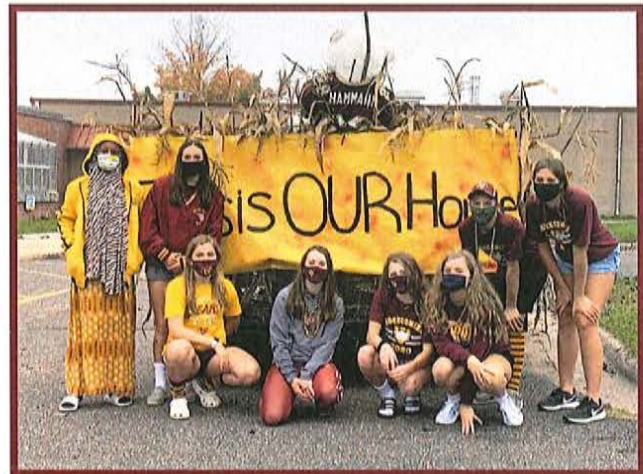
Location: Barron High School Gym

On March 15th, the HS Concert & Jazz Band, Chamber Singers and Concert Choir will be performing their annual Mid-Winter Concert. We are excited to announce the 8th grade band and choir will be joining the high band and choir in two selections at each concert! The concert video will be streamed on the Barron School District Facebook page a few days following the evening performance.

STUDENT SENATE

We had to get creative with some of our BHS traditions this year! First was homecoming, typically you wouldn't see the King (Isaac Mullikin) and the Queen (Rylee Stauner) wearing masks but as you can tell, they rocked it! The freshman built a traditional homecoming float which screamed school spirit! We decided to create a "Thankful" project and handed out tie-dye t-shirts to tell students and staff THANK YOU for all the good they do! Our next activity was our Variety Show, which usually takes place in the theatre at the BACC. This year, we had a Virtual Variety

Show and students went to their homerooms to watch! Our hosts were Megan Bartlett and William Weise, they kept everyone entertained between acts! Now as we are gearing up for Winterfest, we continue to think outside the box! This year, we will be having activities all over the building and outside! Some of these activities include hiking in Rockman's Woods, making homemade dog treats, nitroball, and gaming! We are so fortunate to have such a supportive team of staff members!



COMFORT CLOSET



We would like to thank you for all the support you have shown our students by donating to the Comfort Closet. Our students are grateful and use these products daily! Since we started this project over 2 years ago, we will now be expanding our supplies to the unisex bathrooms as well!

If you are interested in donating to our closet, please contact:
Jessica Mullikin: mullikinj@barron.k12.wi.us or
Brenda Haag: haagb@barron.k12.wi.us

LIVING TO SERVE

The BHS Agriscience students put part of the FFA motto, "Living to Serve," into action with their annual poinsettia project! Students raised a crop of poinsettias in the school greenhouse during the fall trimester and distributed them to local Meals on Wheels recipients to brighten their holiday season. Students also prepared cards and ornaments for recipients, as well. Forty-eight poinsettias were delivered with meals! Amazing work Golden Bears!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL Required Inservice	2 4:00-7:00 PM Elementary P/T Conference RVMS P/T Conferences WDLD Book Fair RVMS Book Fair	3	4 4:00-7:00 PM Elementary P/T Conference RVMS P/T Conferences WDLD Book Fair RVMS Book Fair	5	6
		3 rd Trimester Starts				
7	8 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg	9 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg 6:30 R-D Parent's Club Mtg ACT Testing with Writing Gr. 11	10 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Starts	15 6:00 School Board Mtg 7:00 Band/Choir Mid- Winter Concert	16 6:00 WDLD PTA Mtg @ WDLD	17	18	19 7:00 RV Play	20
21	22 WI Forward Exam Testing Starts	23 ACT With Writing Make UP Day Grade 11	24	25 4-7 BHS P/T Conference	26 End of 3 rd Quarter	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	
NO SCHOOL – Spring Break						

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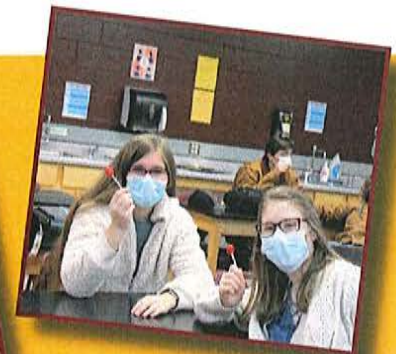
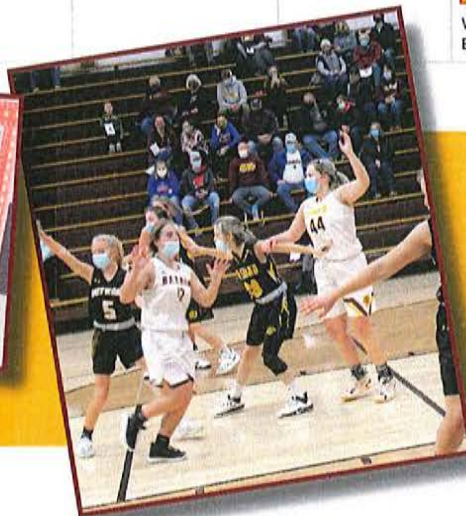


UPCOMING EVENTS

April

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				NO SCHOOL – Spring Break		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter	4:00 RVMS Site Council ACT Aspire Testing Starts Gr. 9 & 10		Senior Expositions			BHS Solo & Ensemble @ Rice Lake HS
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg	Federated Music Summer Camp/Scholarship Auditions Senior Expositions			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	5:30 5 th Gr. Music & Band Concert @ RVMS Gym 6:30 6 th Gr. Music & Band Concert @ RVMS Gym 6:30 School Board Mtg	<p><i>Athletics are not on this calendar due to the continuous changing of schedules. Please see the Back to School Blueprint on www.barron.k12.wi.us for the latest info and updates.</i></p>				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	PALS Testing Starts				NO SCHOOL- Required Teacher Inservice WI Forward Testing Ends	

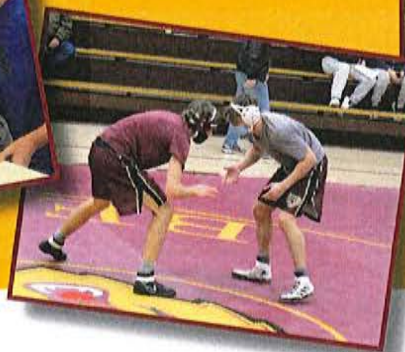
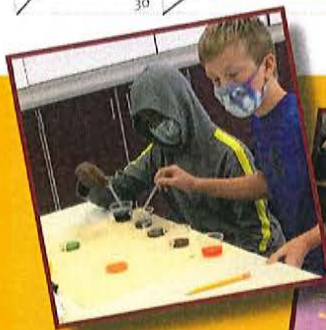


UPCOMING EVENTS

May

2021

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7:00 BHS Collage Concert @ BHS Gym	6:30 R-D Parents Club Mtg	ACT Aspire Testing Ends Gr. 9 & 10	Almena Brat Feed & Book Sale		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	6:30 School Board Mtg	6:00 WDL D PTA Mtg 7:00 7 th /8 th Gr Band & Choir Concert @ RVMS Gym	Almena All School Picnic 7:00 Baccalaureate @ BACC 8:00 Senior Banquet			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day	8:30 am BHS Achievement Awards	Senior Class Trip		7:30 BHS Commencement	
30	31					



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