



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS Family,

As we move through November, it's the perfect time to reflect on all the things we are grateful for. Our school's gratitude chain, led by our 4th-grade students, is a wonderful reminder of the many reasons we have to be thankful. It already stretches over halfway through the school and continues to grow each day with contributions from both students and staff!

This month, we are also collecting food donations for the Buist Community Center. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need in our community—your kindness makes a difference.

Personally, I am incredibly thankful to work with such a caring and dedicated group of staff, students, and families. Your enthusiasm and support bring our school to life every day.

Congratulations to the following students for making the Honor Roll this quarter

All A Honor Roll

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Miriam Apotheker, Leah Barker, Fiona Bolt, Camden Cashman, Addyson Coffey, Aaron Commans, Addison Cox, Noah Fisch, John Ganka, Sorren Gillikin, Emma Marais, Grace Pike, Cody VanDussen, Zavian VanNoy

A/B Honor Roll

6th, 7th, 8th Grade

Micah Barker, Theo Barker, Max Brown, Symone Brown, Hannah Bunnell, Godiva Covert, Kaydense Downing, John Duncan, Aiden Heintz, Deyton Hielkema-Verner, Isaac Higley, Joshua Hoort, Allyson Houghmaster, Addelyn Hubbel, Leila Hubbel, Serenity Malecki, Bella Stogsdill

All A Honor Roll

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade

Tate Anderson, Lilly Bauer, Tori DeVries, Grace Duncan, Annika Emmelkamp, Ian Emmelkamp, Ella Franson, Amelia Schmidt, Ava Syswerda

A/B Honor Roll

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade

Liam Borsk, Elijah Coffey, Nick Dies, Lia Franson, Tyler Ganka, RJ McCarthy, Amelia Pike, Jaylynn Steiner-Ary, Ellie VanDussen, Elina Wiersma

NURSES CORNER

Hello BCCS friends and families. I wanted to reach out as Kent County Health Department has issued a couple recent health alerts this past week. Cases of both pneumonia and pertussis (whooping cough) are at an extremely high rate already this year.

As a school, we have already had three students with confirmed cases of pneumonia. The Kent County Health Department would like to encourage parents and guardians to keep their children home if their cough and cold symptoms continue to worsen and they have possibly been exposed to these illnesses. Attached is a letter from the Health Department regarding questions on pertussis to use as a guideline. [KCHD Pertussis Letter to Parents and Families](#)

In addition, Byron Center Charter School's policy for illness continues to be:

- If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they should ***not*** return to school for at least 24 hours until they are fever free ***without*** the use of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Motrin.
- Even without a fever, if your child has vomited more than two times in the previous 24 hours, they should also stay home unless a healthcare provider has determined that it is not infectious (such as in cases of food sensitivities or allergies, antibiotics, etc.).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or through email at thouda@byroncentercharter.org.

Upcoming Events

November 1-25: Canned Food Drive - Last donations must be in on Monday Nov. 25th

November 25th - GVSU Renewal School Visit

November 26th: 5th Grade Field Trip to Blanford Nature Center

Nov 27th - Dec 1st: Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, OR FRIDAY**

December 2-13: Hat and Mitten Tree - Bring in a new hat or mittens to add to our tree for local families

December 5th: Elementary K-4 Music Concert at Godwin High School - 6:30pm

December 6: PTO Mother/Son Night

December 10: Winter Band Concert 5th-12th Grade - Godwin High School - 7:00pm

December 18: PTO Holiday Shop for K-5 Students, information will be sent home with students

December 23 - Jan. 3rd Winter Break, school resumes on January 6th