



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Positive Character Traits in Action

The character trait highlighted during the month of December is Joyfulness. Joy is an emotion that is quite noticeable and contagious. Many distinguish between joy and happiness by saying that joy is an inner attitude or choice whereas happiness is a fleeting emotion based on circumstance. It is traditional for many of us to share expressions of joy during the Holiday/Christmas season....perfect timing BCCS. Many would agree that choosing to be in a state of well-being and happiness is good for our culture and what better place to start than with the BCCS community of learners? As a member of the BCCS school community, we are called to seek opportunities to bring joyfulness into the atmosphere of the building. So, choose joy, as this is an important character trait to share among our school family.

Students Nominated for November's Character Traits- Appreciation

Elementary: Eisley Grover, Vivienne Grover, Cohen Aniol, Maricrus Domingo-Velasquez, Emily Higley, Carter Donegan, Greyson Tilma, Nora Kuncaitis, Angela Palasek, Koda Rodriguez, Liam Stratton, Orion Warner, Ubaldo Castillo, Hailey Gonzalez, Soraya VanNoy, Jensen Braun

Mid/High School: Alice Bylisma, Maxwell Brown, Ally Houghmaster, Kaydense Downing, Symone Brown, Noah Fisch, Addelyn Hubbel, Christa Frank, Tate Anderson, Rose Minnie, Lia Franson, Lazaro Maldonado, Amelia Pike, Evie Timmer, Kaiden Coffey, Jedaiah Armour, Nolan Bolt, Annika Emmelkamp, Hanna Peterson, Lia Franson, Ashlynn Hoffer, Hannah Bunnell. John Ganka

Student of the Month

K-2 - Bristol Martin
3-5 - McKenzie Minnie
6-8 - Max Brown
6-12 - Sophia Hockenberry



The PTO Holiday Shoppe



Wednesday, December 18th is our annual PTO Holiday Shop for K-5th grade students. The shop is open from 9am-2:30pm. The students will be pulled during the school day and will be able to shop for their families. There are several different items ranging in price from \$1-\$10. PLEASE remember to send money to school with your child on Wednesday as there is only ONE day to shop. Change will be sent home with students as needed. Please make checks payable to Byron Center Charter PTO.

Ski Club - Bittersweet Ski Resort - Mrs. Cravino

All are welcome, including students age 7 and older, parents, grandparents etc.

BEFORE DECEMBER 18:



- Each participant will need to complete a Ski Club card form and return it to Mrs Cravino by **Wednesday, December 18**, with cash or check made out to Bittersweet Ski Resort for \$32/person. [Ski Club Forms](#)
- With your Ski Club card, students may purchase a discounted beginner area lift ticket and rentals. Adults (non-students that are 18 and older) will receive an all-area lift ticket. All Ski Club cards are valid **ONLY** on assigned ski club day (Wednesday) and every Sunday after 3:00 PM.
- **All students MUST do a 1 time evaluation** with a ski school instructor. After evaluation, students will be given an evaluation lift ticket allowing access to more advanced ski areas. Each Ski Club card comes with a free ski lesson if you desire.



PRIOR TO SKI CLUB DAY (WEDNESDAY):

- All participants will need to sign up with Mrs Cravino. Participants must email Mrs Cravino by **the MONDAY before the assigned ski club day (Wednesday)**.

DAY OF SKI CLUB (WEDNESDAY):

- Meet Mrs Cravino in the Bittersweet Lodge between 3:30 - 5:00 PM to pay and pick up your lift ticket and rental form. **Please have exact cash or a check made out to Bittersweet Ski Resort.**

RATES

Ski/Snowboard Club Card - \$32 (one time purchase)

Lift Ticket - \$32/student; \$35/adult

Ski/Snowboard Rental - \$32/student; \$35/adult

Helmet Rental -\$15

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB DATES

WEDNESDAYS - January 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5

More dates may be added.

Student Council Events for December

BCCS Hot Cocoa and Candy Cane Gram Sale

- Orders/Sales December 9-17th. \$1 each
- Delivered on Thursday, December 19th.



6-12 Gingerbread Decorating Contest Grades 6-12

Date: Wednesday, December 18th

Time: 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Location: BCCS gym

Requirements: Participants need a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school by Monday, December 16th.

See Mr. Emmelkamp to obtain and return slips





Holiday Spirit Week December 18-22

Monday: Holiday Flannel/Plaid: Wear your festive flannel/plaid.

Tuesday: Holiday Crazy Sock Day: Sport your seasonal socks

Wednesday: Holiday/Winter Character: Get into character in a festive way.

Thursday: Holiday Twin Day: Match with a friend(s)!

Friday: Ugly Sweater: Wear your best (or worst!) holiday sweater.



News You Can Use

Nurses Corner: As the holiday season approaches so does increasing concern of flu and other respiratory illnesses such as COVID, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and others. Early symptoms of each can look similar for many children, including congestion, cough, runny nose, muscle aches, fever, and headache. Since each virus typically begins as an upper respiratory infection, it can be difficult to know which one you are dealing with when your child gets sick. The only way to determine which virus is causing an infection is by getting tested by a physician if symptoms persist.



If your child is sick and/or has medication(s) that they need to take during the school day, here is a review of our school policies:

1. Medications can only be administered after a medication permission form has been filled out. This includes ALL over the counter medication (examples: Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, Benadryl, triple antibiotic ointment, even cough drops)
2. As required by state law, schools are not able to provide any over-the-counter medications. These must be provided by the parent or guardian.
3. Any medications sent MUST BE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER and properly labeled with the student's name. Parents must deliver the medication to the office.
4. During any illness, student(s) may return to school ONLY after they are fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications. (Fever is defined as a temperature of 100 degrees or above without the use of fever-reducing medications.)

As always if you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to email me at thouda@byroncentercharter.org

In Closing... As always there is much going on in our school. The students' engagement in the gratitude chain, the can food drive and the upcoming hat and mitten tree are wonderful ways to share in the gift of giving. During this season, We extend a special wish to all BCCS students and families for a joyous and happy holiday season.



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Integrated Pest Management

Annual Notification according to Michigan Regulation 637, Rule 14, PA 171

As part of an effective, environmentally-sensitive pest control program, school buildings and grounds may be treated as needed to control/eliminate pests or vegetation. All applications of chemicals shall be performed by licensed personnel, in accordance with the Michigan Pesticide Control Act.

On the fourth Monday of every month our school will be treated with a pesticide application. This application will take place after school hours. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office.

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA)

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

In compliance with AHERA (CRF 40 763.91) Byron Center Charter has been surveyed for asbestos containing building materials (ACBMs). The most recent inspection occurred in October 2024. Results of the survey and the management plan are available for public view in the office during regular school hours.

Re-inspections will be conducted and a periodic surveillance will be conducted every six months thereafter. The Asbestos Management Plan compliance will be monitored by the School's trained "Designated person". If ACBMs are found, the management plan will be enacted and notification conducted in accordance with applicable law, to maximize the level of environmental safety. Emergency response to any friable asbestos will be performed by certified personnel in full regulatory compliance.

WATER TESTING

Byron Center Charter School tests its water as required by the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, R325.10416. Results of these water safety tests are available upon request in the office.