



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Welcome back! We hope everyone had a relaxing break and is feeling refreshed and ready to take on the rest of the school year.

Reminder: Half Days next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for all students K-12. Dismissal is at 11:15am on January 14, 15, and 16.

Schoolwide Mid-Year Testing

- BCCS Mid High Exams -
 - January 14th Hour 1st and 6th
 - January 15th Hours 2nd and 5th
 - January 16th Hours 3rd and 4th



■ **PLEASE NOTE: KCTC** students need to stay at school until their normal release time.

- NWEA MAP
 - K-8 students take the NWEA MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Growth tests in Reading and Math
- F & P
 - All K-3 and designated Title IA (SWARM) 4th & 5th grade students will be administered individualized F & P (Fountas and Pinnell) Reading Assessments.

Student Awards and Recognitions:

December - Joyfulness

Elementary

Madison Minnie, Ophelia Gill, Keziah Walker, Nolan Brock, Abbey Buck, Maricrus Domingo-Velasquez, Natasha Olson, Ezra Gill, Melanie O'Brien, Sam Buck, Mason Guzman, Nora Gillissen, Eli Hubbel, Asher Iganze, Nathan Commans, Kent Smith, Raelynn Minnie, Carlos Rios, Torrance Heintz

Middle School

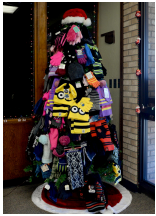
Natalia Rinvelt, Fiona Bolt, Aubrey Fisch, Aiden Heintz, Koda Longstreet, Adam Palasek, Liam Stratton, Leila Hubbel, Micah Barker, Chiara Kish

High School

John Duncan, Lazaro Maldonado, Lia Franson, Jocelyne Brown, Henry Kraai, Emma Marais, Kaleb Vela, Tori DeVries, Amelia Schmidt, Grace Duncan, Alice Bylsma, Ava Cox

Student of the month:

K-2 Easley Grover
3-5 Soraya VanNoy
6-8 Russell Lubbers
9-12 Santa Valaine



Spread the warmth!

Our Hat & Mitten Tree is in the office and ready for donations. Bring in new hats, mittens, or gloves and help us support our community. We will be collecting these items through January 23rd.

Blood Drive

• Our third blood drive of the school year is coming up quickly! It will be held on **Thursday, February 5 from 1 until 5 p.m. in the gym.** We need your help! If you've given in the past and are eligible, please consider. If you haven't given before, now is your chance to help save lives!

- Schedule your donation [Here](#).
- Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Emmelkamp at bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org



Game Night

- BCCS is Hosting a Game Night for K-5 Students Wednesday, January 28, from 3:15-3:45. Students are invited to participate and are asked to bring games to play with their peers (please write name on games). A free snack is also provided. Information sheets went home with students today
 - Students must have signed permission forms to attend.
 - Forms are available on reverse side of information sheets, in the office or parents can access and print off forms [HERE](#)
 - Forms are due by Monday 1/26



Inclement weather information:

- Please remember to check the Remind App, our BCCS FaceBook page, WOOD TV8 and TV13 for cancellations and/or 2-hour delays.
- **Note** that if we have a 2-hour delay, we will still be given credit to count that school day and it will not have to be made up in the summer. It is important that we have students attend 2-hour delay days if families can safely provide transportation.
- **Safety** is of the utmost importance. As we are a school community that lives in many different geographic areas. Please know that it is you, as a family, who ultimately determines if you feel comfortable driving. If you decide it is unsafe on a day that there is no cancellation/delay simply contact us so we are aware.

