



Betsie Valley Communicator

December 2016



Dear Families,

December is already upon us! These next few weeks will be busy. Here are a few important dates:

- **Monday, Nov. 28 Kick off for Penny War to Benefit Toys for Tots**
- **Friday, Dec. 2 BV Playgroup 10-11:30 am**
- **Thursday, Dec. 8 Christmas Program 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, Dec. 9 FINAL DAY FOR PENNY WAR**
- **Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 9-13 Christmas Bazaar Shopping**
- **Friday, Dec. 16 BV Playgroup 10-11:30 am**

This year's program, The Problem With Christmas, will feature students in grades K-5. The teachers will be working with students to practice songs and speaking parts. Program practice will be 10-15 minutes of your child's school day, each day. If you do not want your child to participate, your child's teacher will arrange for other activities during that time. We hope to see you all on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm!

Betsie Valley has been very blessed by the generosity of others and outside organizations. We would love to help our students give back, too. One way our students can help others is by donating gently used or outgrown coats, snow pants, or boots to the box in the lobby. These will be donated to the Copemish Clothing Closet.

Another way that our students can help others in need is to hold a Penny Door War. Each classroom will decorate their classroom door. The classroom that collects the most pennies (pennies count for positive points, silver coins and dollars count as negative points) will be the winning class. The winning class will receive a reward. All money collected will be used to purchase toys for the Benzie County Toys for Tots program. Last year our students raised over \$700 in just 2 weeks. That donation was generously matched by The Corner Toy Store in Frankfort for a total of \$1400 in toys. The Corner Toy Store has offered to match what we raise again this year. Let's see if we can break last year's record!

Thank you for continuing to support the Betsie Valley Staff! We appreciate the opportunity to serve the students and families of Betsie Valley!

Have a great December and a Happy New Year!

Amiee Erfourth

Insert info from last month's newsletter about the Community Center Survey.

Reminder to parents about sending kids with coats, hats, gloves, etc!



Mission Statement

The community of Betsie Valley will provide opportunities in a responsible, respectful and safe environment to empower students to learn and succeed in today's society.

December Birthdays

- 12/11 Natalie Garske
- 12/11 Emmett Zeller
- 12/12 Mylie Guiney
- 12/13 Catelyn Whitbeck
- 12/17 Skarlet Duford
- 12/17 Rebecca Severance
- 12/20 Mia Tabora-Jones
- 12/22 Karri Kelley
- 12/23 Colton Ross
- 12/25 Annalesia Frieholtz
- 12/26 Tommy Currie Jr
- 12/17 Gabriela Atkinson
- 12./27 Adien Buckner
- 12/27 Corchale Tinch



BETSIE VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENTS:

The Problem with Christmas

Thursday December 8, 2016 7:00 pm

Please come join us for a night of entertainment.

It is the night before the Christmas Program and you would think everything would be ready, but it simply isn't so! The students can't decide if they should even celebrate Christmas this year. Can Mrs. E answer their questions and get the program back on track? You will never know unless you come help us celebrate.



STUDENT'S OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten: Brandon Smith, Ava Efourth, Carter Eastham, Shawnee Tabbert, Peyton Conrad, Connor Meachum

1st grade: Addison Hogarth, Kenningston Maidens, Katelynn Brinkman

2nd grade: Echo Hornback, Caleb Pearson, Mickenna Ciloski

3rd grade: Moraya Mosher, Irvin Meachum, Natalie Garske

4th grade: Joseph Tsuber, Aidan Erfourth, Chuck Joan Jr

5th grade: Jonathan Rollo, Dreyvan Campbell, Alie Finzel

1st Marking Honor Roll
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

3rd grade:

All A's: Althea Gaylord, Cayson Hogarth, Mia Tabora-Jones, Moraya Mosher

A & B: Katelyn Clark, Andrew Dixon, Natalie Garske, Zavier LaBonte, Andie Oakley

4th grade:

All A's: Aidan Erfourth, Joseph Tsuber

A & B: Nathan Chrzanowski, Alivia Cooper, Payton Dennis, Charles Joan Jr, Seth Lamie, Brianna Ross, Zachary Tallman, Crystine Whitbeck, Eli Workman

5th grade:

All A's: Dreyvan Campbell, Alie Finzel, Jonathan Rollo

A & B: Maicee Jones, Dominic McCumber, Emma Nord, Angel Oakley

BENZIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUM

WHEN: DECEMBER 20, 2016 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: BENZIE CENTRAL AUDITORIUM

TOPICS: School funding, infrastructure, academic achievement, long term planning and Mission/Vision

WHO: All residents of Benzie Central School District are welcome to attend

FORMAT: There will be an opening presentation followed by a segment dedicated to Questions and Answers.

Calendar of Events

12/9, 12/12, 12/13 Christmas Bazaar

12/ Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.

12/22 1/2 day school releases at 11:50

12/23 Christmas Break

1/3 School resumes

WINTER—BRRRR

Winter is here so please send your child dressed for outside recess. That means proper boots, coats, hats and mittens. Fresh air is great but if your not dressed properly it isn't much fun.

THANK YOU!!



Holiday Party & Craft Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016



Benzonia Public Library

(Mills Community House-upper level), 891 Michigan Ave (US-31)

Schedule of activities

11:00-11:30 am Stories and carols.
11:30-12:00 pm **Hilarious Puppet Show!**
12:00-1:00 pm Ornament-Craft Workshop Photo Booth!
12:00-1:00 pm **Special gift making & wrapping workshop**
University of Michigan School of Information

Refreshments served throughout event.

Sponsored by the Friends of Benzonia Public Library
and the Mills Community House

Call the 231-882-4111 or visit www.benzonialibrary.org for more information.



ART NEWS

First of all, I would like to thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me in art class every week! They have been an absolute joy to work with! Next, I would like to thank everyone who placed an order with Mountain Colors for our art fundraiser. We raised \$145.00 to spend on art materials between the two schools.

Here is a brief overview of the skills we have been working on in each grade.

Kindergarten - Line, shapes and rainbow colors

1st Grade - Primary colors, Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian

2nd Grade - Secondary colors, horizon line, foreground, middleground, and background

3rd Grade - Warm and cool colors, horizon line, foreground, middleground, and background

4th Grade - Complementary colors, positive and negative space, contour lines

5th Grade - Monochromatic colors, positive and negative space, contour lines

The children's artwork from the past quarter is hanging up in the hallways at school if you would like to see it on display. It looks absolutely wonderful. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. I am at Lake Ann on Monday and Tuesday - (275-7730), and Betsie Valley Wednesday and Thursday - (378-4164).

Sincerely, Rebecca Travis

The Betsie Valley Community Center Planning Team is committed to the creation of a community center that would benefit families in our community by providing access to valuable resources and services. Your feedback is critical to the development of this center. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at this link . A copy of the survey can also be picked up at the Betsie Valley Office.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3119927/Betsie-Valley-Community-Survey>

