



# Betsie Valley Communicator

## February 2017

Dear Families,



It is so hard to believe that the first half of the school year is now over! What an amazing adventure so far! Report cards were sent home on Monday. We will be celebrating our Honor Roll students in grades 3-5 on Monday, Feb 12 at 3 pm. If you have not received your child's report card yet, please contact the office.

Our students have completed their winter benchmark assessments. Students in grades K-5 took Aimsweb assessments and NWEA assessments. Cultivating life-long learners that continue to grow over time is our main objective. We value using multiple assessments throughout the year to measure growth so we can accurately plan for continued student learning. These assessments help us to better understand where our students are in comparison with national learning standards. Over the last three years our students have shown continued growth in math and reading from the previous year's average. While we are proud of this growth, we still have work to do. The data collected helps us to better plan for student learning and helps us match additional supports needed for each student. Betsie Valley offers math and reading interventions for students in grades K-5. New intervention groups will begin on Monday, Feb. 5.

The start of the second semester allows us to welcome Mrs. Reed, our music teacher, back to teach music on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are excited to have her back!

Exciting things are in the works for Betsie Valley! A group of parents, local agencies, businesses, and committed members of our community have formed a planning team to create a community center to meet the needs of our families. This group is working to create a center that would house child care, a full-sized gymnasium, a walking track, a pediatrician's office, DHHS offices, counseling services, and much more. Please see the attached progress report in this newsletter for more details. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Betsie Valley Library at 6 pm.

Please remember there is an EARLY RELEASE on Friday, Feb. 16 at 11:50 am and NO SCHOOL on Monday, Feb. 19.

Have a wonderful February!  
Amiee Erfourth

### 100 Board /Paw Print Winners JANUARY

Emilia Gee	Tyrone Duford	Skarlet Duford
Olivia Wilson	Mason Pfister	Angela Ciloski
Brandon Smith	Isaac Rood	Will Campana
Conner Meachum	Wyatt Humphrey	Ali Campana
Kallie Baldwin	Eva Tsuber	Addison Hogarth
Arabella Cuevas	Sophie Ellsworth	Layten Campbell
Rebecca Severance	Carson Tinker	Nevada Gordon
Daniel Botsford	Mia Jones	Sophie Ellsworth
Annie Defaille	Amelia Matteson	Isaac Rood
Rylee Colby	Autumn Casey	Matthew Sievert
Shawn Armstrong	Amorie Mosher	Eva Tsuber
Brandon Smith	Skarlet Duford	Amelia Matteson
Jaiden Hunt	Ava Erfourth	Dalton Tabbert
Alexias Buckner	Karri Kelley	Jessie Currie
Tyrone Duford	Wyatt Lamie	Meisha Gokey
Wyatt Humphrey	Adam Mihalic	Leigha Wheelock
Layten Campbell	Addison Hogarth	Christine Whitbeck
Mason Pfister	MakayInn Richards	Zachary Tallman
Mickenna Ciloski	Soraya Defaille	Katelyn Osterloh
Natalie Garske	Colson Pappas	Sophie Ellsworth
Annalesia Frieholtz	Daniel Botsford	Gary Conrad
Ava Erfourth	Rebecca Severance	Wyatt Humphrey
Ali Campana	Ricky Harner	Isaac Rood
Reece Rainey	Peyton Conrad	Nevada Gordon
Amorie Mosher	Brandon Smith	Mia Jones
Lelynd Keech	Shawnee Tabbert	Kaylei Wheelock
Caleb Joan	Reece Rainey	Amelia Matteson
Amelia Matteson	Vinnie Pickard	Alivia Lutz
Cayson Hogarth	Amorie Mosher	
Katelynn Osterloh	Leyland Keech	
Zavier LaBonte	Caleb Joan	
Isaac Rosam	Jaiden Hunt	
Mia Jones	Annalesia Frieholtz	
Maraya Mosher	Ava Erfourth	

### Mission Statement

The community of Betsie Valley  
inspires greatness one student at a time  
by encouraging best effort, responsible choices,  
and respectful behavior in  
safe environment.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Sleigh-Fest

"Fun For Everyone"

When: Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Where: Benzie Co. Central High School  
9300 Homestead Road  
Benzonia, MI

Time: 10 A.M. ~ 5 P.M

Cost: \$6 per person / Children 3 & under free

- Horse-drawn sleigh rides ~ provided by 2 Fools Carriage
- Food & Drinks
- Raffle ~ Ticket price \$1 each or 6 for \$5 ~ Items donated by local businesses (winners announced at end of event; Need not be present to win)
- DJ Dan Sheffer ~ dancing for all ages

100% of proceeds going to the Bob Reed Scholarship Fund which will be given to one deserving Benzie Central student.

~ Donations also accepted and greatly appreciated ~

Sponsored by: Benzie Central School's Transportation Dept.



### Calendar of Events

2/2	Playgroup 10-noon
2/12	Honor Roll Assembly 3:00 pm
2/14	Count Day
2/14	Happy Valentine's Day
2/16	Early release 11:50
2/16	Playgroup 10-Noon
2/19	NO SCHOOL President's Day





**STUDENT OF THE MONTH: January**

Kindergarten: Emilia Gee

1st grade Williams: Rylee Coiby

1st grade Gramzow: Angela Ciloski

2nd grade: Catelyn Whitbeck

3rd grade: Tyron Duford

4th grade: Irvin Meachum

5th grade: Peyton Dennis



**WE love FOOTBALL Camp**  
 Who? Pre-K to 5th Grade  
 What? A high-energy 1 day youth camp  
 Where? Benzie Central High School gym  
 When? Sunday Feb 11, 1 to 3pm  
 Cost: \$20 per camper (t-shirt included)  
 All proceeds go to BACN.  
 Any ?'s call Coach Katt 616-318-0100 or email  
 at kattj@benzieschools.net

**FREE PRESCHOOL**

NMCAA Head Start & BCCS GSRP Preschool Programs are now taking applications for the 2017-18 school year. These are Free quality preschool programs promoting school readiness.

Children who will be 3 and 4 years-old on or before 9/01/17 are eligible to apply.

**Call now for an appointment in your area:**

**1-231-346-2116 or 1-800-632-7334**

**Apply Now!**

## The Betsie Valley Community Center

Progress Report - JANUARY 2018

A Planning Team has been meeting since October 2015 to explore the possibilities of creating and sustaining a regional Community Center for all age groups. This Community Center will be a multi-use facility housing a number of essential services currently not easily accessed by residents of southern Benzie and northern Manistee counties. Some critical services already identified are: a licensed child care center along with before and after school care; a regulation sized gymnasium with an indoor walking track and several multi-purpose features, lockers and showers; a medical and dental clinic for all ages with a specific concentration on pediatric services; a certified kitchen attached to event space available for rent; and shared satellite office space for such critical services as DHHS and Senior Services. The proposed location is at the intersection of County Roads 669 and 115, adjacent to Betsie Valley Elementary School.

In 2017 the Planning Team successfully raised funds to contract with a Michigan consulting firm with expertise in assisting such groups as ours to develop space needs plans, financial analyses and sustainability metrics for such an ambitious project. We have been working with our consultants since October 2017, and the Planning Team now has sub groups with specific local expertise addressing each section of the overall Community Center plan.

On the 4th Tuesday of each month the full Planning Team meets at 6 PM in the Betsie Valley Elementary School Library. Currently, this group includes Benzie and Manistee county representatives from education, business, local government, social services and the medical/dental community - along with the essential voice of parents! We welcome visitors and additional members and would be delighted to have you join us or call for more information. THANK YOU!

The Betsie Valley Community Center Planning Team

Cindy Smith, chairperson

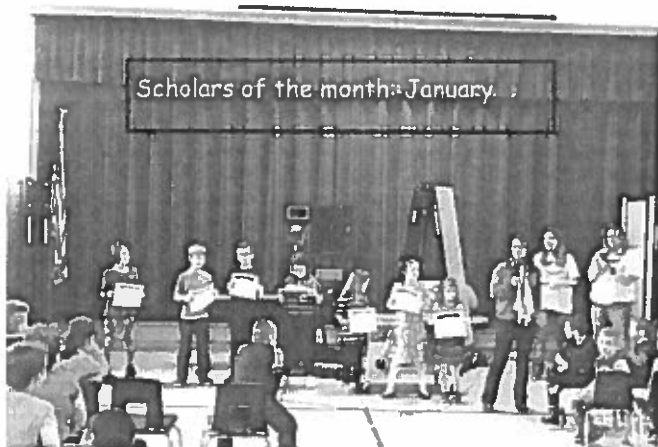
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STEM ACTIVITIES



**Don't forget! Indoor shoes for gym.  
Snowpants, boots, hats & mittens for  
outdoor recess.**

# February 2018

# Betsie Valley Breakfast

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apple Breadstick</li> <li>• Butter, Salted, Whipped</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Cherry Yogurt</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole Grain English Muffin</li> <li>• Peanut Butter</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Bar, Cereal, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, 1.42 oz</li> </ul>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cinnamon Cream Cheese Stuffed Bagel</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Oatmeal &amp; Cinnamon Baked bar</li> </ul>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancakes</li> <li>• Butter, Salted, Whipped</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Cherry Yogurt</li> </ul>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrambled Eggs</li> <li>• Mini Whole Grain Biscuit</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Bar, Cereal, Cocoa Puffs, 1.42 oz</li> </ul>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast Turkey Sausage Pizza</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Strawberry Banana Yogurt</li> </ul>

<p><b>19</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham, Egg &amp; Cheese Burrito</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Bar, Cereal, Rice Krispy Apple Cinnamon, Whole Grain, 1.27 oz</li> </ul>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Toast Sticks</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Strawberry Banana Yogurt</li> </ul>
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<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancakes</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Cherry Yogurt</li> </ul>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrambled Eggs</li> <li>• Mini Whole Grain Biscuit</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Bar, Cereal, Trix, 1.42 oz</li> </ul>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast Turkey Sausage Pizza</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Oatmeal &amp; Cinnamon Baked bar</li> </ul>
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<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bagel</li> <li>• Light Cream Cheese</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Cherry Yogurt</li> </ul>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Toast Sticks</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Strawberry Yogurt</li> </ul>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colby Cheese Omelet</li> <li>• Mini Whole Grain Biscuit</li> <li>• Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal</li> <li>• Lucky Charms</li> <li>• Cocoa Puffs Cereal</li> <li>• Reduced Sugar Trix</li> <li>• Giant Cinnamon Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>• Oatmeal &amp; Cinnamon Baked bar</li> </ul>
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# February 2018

# Betsie Valley Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham &amp; Swiss Pretzel Roll Sandwich</li> <li>• Crinkle Cut French Fries</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap</li> <li>• PB &amp; Grape Jelly Uncrustable</li> <li>• Fresh Carrot Sticks</li> </ul>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey Hot Dog</li> <li>• Hashbrown Slutz</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham &amp; American Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Nachos Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Tenders</li> <li>• Mashed Potatoes</li> <li>• Chicken Gravy</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popcorn Chicken Salad</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Bagel Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole Grain French Toast Sticks</li> <li>• Scrambled Eggs</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham, Cheese, and Lettuce Wrap</li> <li>• Cereal Fun Lunch</li> <li>• Bug Bites Graham Crackers</li> </ul>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Pepperoni Pizza</li> <li>• Seasoned Peas</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheddar/Mozzarella Salad</li> <li>• Breadstick</li> <li>• Apple Cinnamon Muffin Fun Lunch</li> </ul>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito</li> <li>• Red Enchilada Sauce</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap</li> <li>• PB &amp; Grape Jelly Uncrustable</li> <li>• Fresh Carrot Sticks</li> </ul>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Cheeseburger in Bun</li> <li>• Tater Tots</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham &amp; American Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Nachos Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Roasted Green Beans</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popcorn Chicken Salad</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Bagel Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancakes</li> <li>• Turkey Sausage Link</li> <li>• Scrambled Eggs</li> <li>• Syrup</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham, Cheese, and Lettuce Wrap</li> <li>• Cereal Fun Lunch</li> <li>• Bug Bites Graham Crackers</li> </ul>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks</li> <li>• Savory Green Beans</li> <li>• Marinara Sauce</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheddar/Mozzarella Salad</li> <li>• Breadstick</li> <li>• Apple Cinnamon Muffin Fun Lunch</li> </ul>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef Taco Meat</li> <li>• Taco Bowl</li> <li>• Shredded Romaine Lettuce</li> <li>• Fresh Diced Tomatoes</li> <li>• Shredded Cheddar Cheese</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham &amp; American Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Nachos Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese on Flatbread</li> <li>• Alternate Entrees</li> <li>• Popcorn Chicken Salad</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Bagel Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef Ravioli</li> <li>• Roasted Green Beans</li> <li>• Garlic Breadstick</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham, Cheese, and Lettuce Wrap</li> <li>• Cereal Fun Lunch</li> <li>• Bug Bites Graham Crackers</li> </ul>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Pepperoni Pizza</li> <li>• Fresh Carrot Sticks</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheddar/Mozzarella Salad</li> <li>• Breadstick</li> <li>• Apple Cinnamon Muffin Fun Lunch</li> </ul>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mashed Potato &amp; Chicken Bowl</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap</li> <li>• PB &amp; Grape Jelly Uncrustable</li> <li>• Fresh Carrot Sticks</li> </ul>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home-style Beef and Bean Chili</li> <li>• Breadstick</li> <li>• Mini Salines</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham &amp; American Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>• Nachos Fun Lunch</li> </ul>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Turkey Corn Dogs</li> <li>• Crinkle Cut French Fries</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternate Entrees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popcorn Chicken Salad</li> <li>• Dinner Roll</li> <li>• Bagel Fun Lunch</li> </ul>		