

BETSIE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

HUSKIES NEWSLETTER

Where learners belong, grow, and thrive



Our School
Resource
Officer (SRO)
Mat McKinley
speaking to our
Kindergarten
Classroom

October: A Month Focused on Safety, Kindness, & Empathy

October is an important month for building awareness around safety, including Fire Prevention Month and National Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month, our students have been learning how to keep themselves and others safe, both physically and emotionally.

We were grateful to welcome Mr. McKinley, who visited each classroom to talk with students about what bullying is and isn't, how to seek help when needed, and the importance of using our words rather than our fists to resolve conflict. Students also explored how kindness and empathy shape the way we treat one another and help create a school culture where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported.

At school, we want every student to know that their words and actions matter. When we choose kindness, show empathy, and look out for one another, we help create a community in which we can all learn, grow, and thrive together!

Families, we encourage you to continue these conversations at home by asking your child what they learned about bullying, how they can be an upstander, and what it looks like to show kindness and empathy in everyday situations. Together, we can make a difference!

~ Mrs. Migazzi, Principal



Kindergarten

We had a fire safety talk with our local fire department and learned what to do if our houses ever catch on fire. We finished our nursery rhyme unit and have started learning about our five senses. This is such a fun unit because there are so many opportunities for hands-on learning! In reading, we now know the letters M, T, D, A, C, and G. The students have been practicing reading and writing simple words with these letters. In math, we are working on recognizing numbers by seeing a group of five and then identifying how many extra ones there are.



First Grade



We studied the skeletal system and made it more of a Halloween theme! 🍎 We used apples to create math sentences! Practicing the commutative property of addition. Science project: how do birds use their beaks to eat? Which beak is better suited for picking up small seeds?



Second Grade



2nd grade recently wrapped up our science unit on landforms and changes in Earth's surface when we completed our fun volcano projects and erupted them together with great excitement! We've been working hard on working with data, graphing and surveys in math. With reading we have focused on a variety of phonics skills including digraphs and R-controlled vowels.



Third Grade

The Betise Valley 3rd graders have been working hard to develop opinions and use them to write well-organized paragraphs! We listened to the story “Apple vs. Pumpkin: The Battle for the Best Fall Treat Is On!” After the story, we had a special fall taste test where students got to try both apple pie and pumpkin pie. Once everyone had a chance to taste both pies, students voted for their favorite and got to work on writing their own opinion paragraphs. Each student shared which pie they preferred and supported their opinion with three reasons. It was a fun, hands-on way to practice opinion writing while celebrating some delicious fall flavors!



Fourth Grade

The fourth graders are working on finishing up unit 1 in CKLA and math in the next week or so. We are moving through identifying factors and multiples of numbers and if numbers are prime or composite. In CKLA, the kids are going through the writing process to draft personal narratives that include dialogue, sensory details, and feelings.



Fifth Grade

Students in Mr. Wassa's class travelled to Suttons Bay to spend the day with the Inland Seas organization. We set sail on a schooner and learned about the health and history of the Great Lakes while doing science experiments and collecting data. Students also were a part of raising the sails, pulling the anchor, and even driving the boat! It was a fantastic experience.



Intervention

Mr. G's group has been working on all things Math and Reading. Paisley and Grayson assemble their Tricky Word flash cards. The Math WIN group of Wren, Jyron, Katelyn, Leighann, Messiah and Wyatt has been learning about Balance Vision Exercises (Bal-A-Vis-X) and how they help strengthen the systems that make all learning possible.



Art

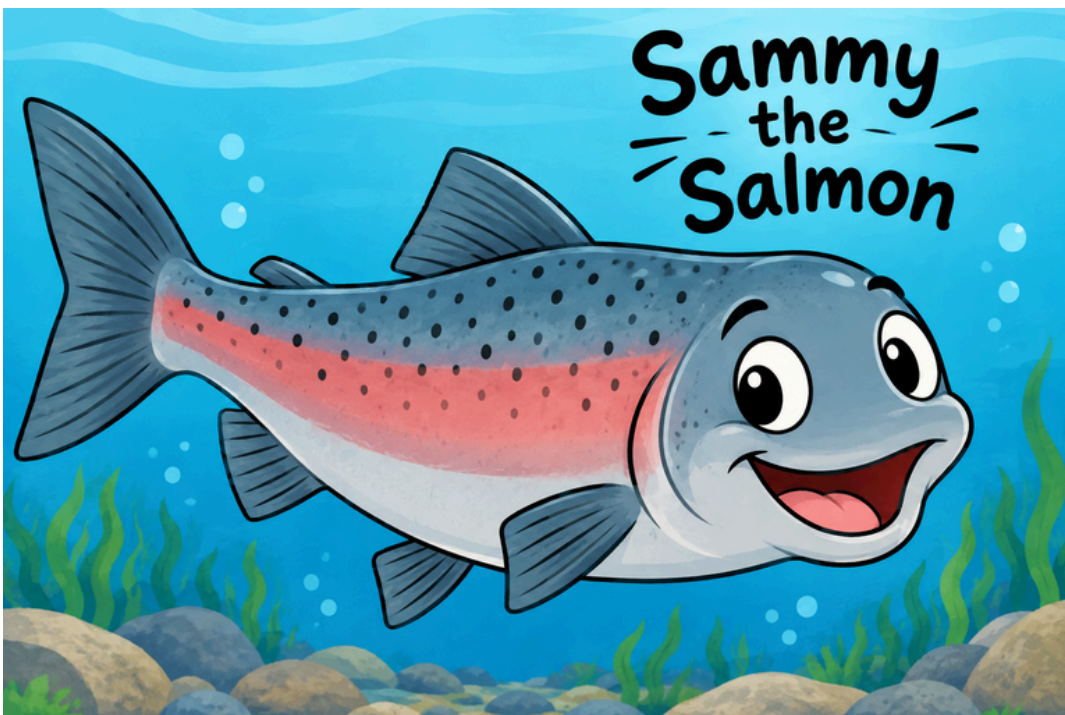
3rd-5th graders started sculpting their picasso cardboard faces. At the risk of sounding redundant...yes, WE STILL NEED BIG CARDBOARD BOXES: think cereal boxes



K-2nd graders are working on Kandinsky-style fall trees.

Music

In music class, students have been learning about Sammy the Salmon! Through songs, movement, and fun musical activities, students are exploring rhythm, listening skills, and musical expression. We are having a great time learning and making music together!



PE

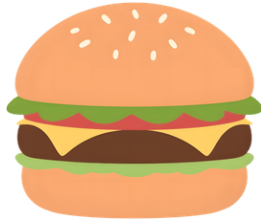
In PE, students are working on a soccer unit. Students have been taught proper form for two skills so far. The skills are the foot dribble and the instep kick. I am very pleased with how well students are able to perform these two skills. The students favorite soccer activity is called "knock em down set em up." This is an activity where students improve their aiming skills by using the instep kick to knock down bowling pins.



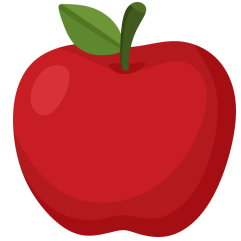
Library



Library has been fast and furious this month with lots of half days and the Book Fair but we have managed to start talking about fables, tall tales and personal narratives. In addition to that we are all getting excited for Halloween by decorating ghosts and asking "What kind of Boo are you?"



November Lunch Menu



November 2026

Betsie Valley
Lunch

MONDAY

2

- Lunch
- Chicken Nuggets
 - Dinner Roll
 - Turkey & Cheese Wrap
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

TUESDAY

3

- Lunch
- Pork Sausage Patty
 - Buttermilk Pancakes
 - Scrambled Eggs
 - Nachos, Cheese, & Salsa Fun Lunch
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

WEDNESDAY

4

- Lunch
- Soft Beef Whole Grain Tacos
 - Italian Chicken Parm Wrap
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

THURSDAY

5

- Lunch
- BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
 - Apple Crisp
 - Muffin, Yogurt & Cheese Fun Lunch
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

FRIDAY

6

- Lunch
- Classic Pepperoni Pizza
 - Ham and Cheese Bagel Melt
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

9

- Lunch
- Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks
 - Ham & Cheddar Chef Salad
 - Dinner Roll
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

10

- Lunch
- Sloppy Joe
 - Turkey & Cheese Wrap
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

11

- Lunch
- Turkey Ham Mac & Cheese
 - Flatbread, Ham & Cheese Fun Lunch
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

12

- Lunch
- Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
 - Cheddar Goldfish Crackers
 - Ham & American Cheese Sandwich
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

13

- Lunch
- Italian Sausage Pizza
 - Chocolate Chip Cookie
 - Bagel, Yogurt and Cheese Fun Lunch
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

16

- Lunch
- Honey BBQ Beef Rib Patty
 - Cornbread Poppers
 - Turkey & Cheese Wrap
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

17

- Lunch
- Cheese Quesadilla
 - Blueberry Crisp
 - Nachos, Cheese, & Salsa Fun Lunch
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

18

- Lunch
- Pork Sausage Patty
 - Whole Grain Waffles
 - Italian Chicken Parm Wrap
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

19

- Lunch
- Chicken Fried Brown Rice
 - Fortune Cookies
 - Muffin, Yogurt & Cheese Fun Lunch
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

20

- Lunch
- Meatball Pizza
 - Ham and Cheese Bagel Melt
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

23

- Lunch
- Roasted Turkey with Gravy
 - Cornbread Poppers
 - Ham & Cheddar Chef Salad
 - Dinner Roll
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

24

- Lunch
- Macaroni and Cheese
 - Dinner Roll
 - Turkey & Cheese Wrap
 - PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch

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Menus Subject to Change We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.

If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us. Ask your cafeteria manager if changes were made to today's menu so we can help keep you safe!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 No School	3	4 Popcorn Deep Dive Assembly 4th/5th 2pm Girls Bball 4-5:30	5 Build your Brave Assembly 10:30-11:15	6 Bake Sale	7
8	9 Girls Basketball 4-5:30	10	11 K-5 Veterans Assembly 2:30- 3:30 Girls Bball 4-5:30	12 Picture Retake Day 9-10am Pts Meeting 6pm	13 Bake Sale	14
15	16 Girls Basketball 4-5:30	17	18 Popcorn Girls Basketball 4-5:30	19	20 Bake Sale	21
22	23 Girls Basketball 4-5:30	24	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27 No School Thanksgiving Break	28
29	30 Girls Basketball 4-5:30					



Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us for a **FREE** community
Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday
November 26**

Perks of Frankfort
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**DINE IN OR
TAKE OUT:**

429 Main Street
Frankfort

Made Possible By
The Generosity Of
Our Perks
Customers



**ALL
Are Welcome**

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