



# Betsie Valley Communicator

## November 2017



Dear Families,

Is it really possible that it is November already? Our school year is flying by!

This time of year always makes me reflective and thankful for all of the wonderful people that care about our students at Betsie Valley. From the generous parents and grandparents that volunteer to help in classrooms, send in snacks, or help with our fundraisers to the community members and organizations that assist us by donating time and resources, we are truly fortunate! I hope you will encourage your child to take a few minutes this month to think of some way they have been blessed by someone's time or by someone's gift and have them write a note of thanks.



Here is a short list of people the staff of Betsie Valley would like to thank:

Parents and Grandparents, The Webber Family, Great Start Collaborative, Grandma Millie, Grandma Dee, Grandma Connie, Miss Kristi, Blessings in a Backpack, Betsie Valley District Library, Kids Hope USA Mentors from Blaine Christian Church, 5 to One Neighborhood Center Playgroup, MSU Extension, Advent Lutheran Church Baby Pantry, John Kundell and Max the dog, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troop leaders, Everyone that supported a fundraiser by donating money, purchasing an item, or attending an event.

Just a reminder that the weather is getting colder. Please send your child with coats and warm layers.

Have a wonderful November!

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### Calendar of Events

- 11/3 End of First Marking Period
- 11/3 Playgroup 10-11:30 am in BV ECSE Room
- 11/8 STEM After School Activity 4-5:30 pm
- 11/10 Report Cards sent home, Popcorn Friday
- 11/13 School Board Meeting 7 pm at Crystal Lake
- 11/17 Playgroup 10-11:30 am in BV ECSE Room
- 11/22 Community Meeting 9:30 am
- 11/22 11:50am EARLY RELEASE Teacher PD Day
- 11/23 & 11/24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 Playgroup 10-11:30 am BV ECSE Room
- 12/11 School Board Meeting 7 pm @ Middle School
- 12/13, 14, 15 Christmas Bazaar
- 12/15 Playgroup 10-11:30 am BV ECSE Room
- 12/20 Christmas Program
- 12/21 Early Release 11:50 am
- 12/22-1/2 Christmas Vacation

### 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.

# Winners!



## 100 Board Winners

Annie Defaille	Keech, Lelynd
Brandon Smith	Frieholtz, Trever
Emilia Gee	Peck, Grayson
Evan Jones	Ross, Corinne
Madison McCall	Routley, Justice
Corinne Ross	Rowles, Noah
Noah Rowles	Leffew, Reno
Layla Tinoco	Oakley, Diana
Ethan Brinkman	Tsuber, Joseph
Myleigh Dunlop	Casey, Autumn
Aidan Erfourth	Denune, Destiny
Zach Tallman	Garske, Natalie
Emmett Zeller	Gokey, Miesha
Mikenna Ciloski	Hamilton, Emma
Gary Conrad	Hogarth, Cayson
Wyatt Lamie	LaBonte, Zavier
Kensington Maidens	Matteson, Amelia
Lillian Wasson	Mosher, Moraya
	Rosam, Isaac

## November Birthdays

11/6 Dalton Tabbert  
 11/10 Lillian Wasson  
 11/11 Amorie Mosher  
 11/13 Aidan Erfourth  
 11/13 Evan Jones  
 11/17 Arabella Cuevas  
 11/20 Althea Gaylord



## COAT DONATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!

Thanks to the Webber's for the new coats, hats, boots, and gloves! We are now collecting gently used coats, snow pants, and boots to donate to others in need. Please drop them off at the box in the lobby.



## Congratulations Scholars of the Month

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Kindergarten:	Corinne Ross	Nevaeh Wimmer
1st grade:	Eva Demars	Colton Ross
	Amorie Mosher	Ava Erfourth
2nd grade:	Marius Crisp	Ellie Mathias
3rd grade:	Isaac Rood	Carson Tinker
4th grade:	Mia Jones-Tabora	Natalie Garske
5th grade:	Crystine Whitbeck	Nathan Chrzanowski

## Halloween Costume Contest Winners:

Ages 6 and under

Boy- Greyson Peck  
 Girl- Rebecca Severance

Ages 7-9

Boy- Marius Crisp  
 Girl-Lillian Hoeksema

Ages 10 and Up

Boy-Aidan Erfourth  
 Girl-Katelyn Clark

## P.T.S. NEWS

### \$1000 Raffle Winners

\$1,000 1st Place Winner

\$250 2nd Place Winner Patti Yauck

\$100 3rd Place Winner Judy

\$250 1st Place Student Winner Eva Tsuber

\$100 2nd Place Student Winner Aidan Erfourth

\$50 3rd Place Student Winner Layten Campbell

We would like to give a huge shout out to everyone that helped make our Halloween Dance a success! Everyone who took tickets, donated decorations, gave their time, or just came out to boogie down, we want to thank you!

Bake Sale Fridays: NOVEMBER 3rd, NOVEMBER 17th .50 cents a treat

Popcorn Fridays: NOVEMBER 10th .50 cents a bag



### November News from our ART teacher

Here are some of the lessons we are working on in art:

Kindergarten self portraits are up in the hallway by their lockers. Our next unit focuses on making art using shapes.

1st grade self portraits are up in the hallway also. They are working on Mondrian style spider webs next.

2nd and 3rd grade are drawing big pumpkins. The third grade drew overlapping pumpkins. We studied two different techniques for drawing pumpkins and the students chose their favorite. We then painted our pumpkins using acrylic paint cakes. Look for their lily pads hanging in the hallway.

4th and 5th graders worked on waving flags in honor of constitution day. Positive and negative space is next. They will be making different kinds of masks.

If there are volunteers out there who would like to come in and help organize art materials or help students with art work, I would put them to work;) Also the art room is in need of some supplies: Kleenex, wipes, glue sticks, pencils, old cookie cutters, and a two-sided easel.

One more thing, I love the messages on Dojo!! Please keep them coming. Could you please let me know which class your student is in?;) Dojo doesn't automatically tell me. Otherwise I have to search all 17 of my classes.

*Thanks, Mrs. Travis*



## Betsie Valley Community Center Update

The Betsie Valley Community Center planning team continues to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6pm in our library. This group is committed to creating and sustaining a multi-purpose community center for all ages and needs. \$15,000 has been raised to conduct the feasibility study. The first draft of the space needs assessment will be completed by November 8th. If you would like more information email [betsievalleycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:betsievalleycommunitycenter@gmail.com).



## DHHS Assistance Available

My name is Angela Gensler and I am a Family Independence Specialist with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) in Benzie County. At MDHHS, we provide Food Assistance, Cash Assistance, Daycare Assistance and Health Care Coverage (Medicaid). We also offer emergency assistance with evictions, relocation, water shut-offs and home repairs. Furnace repair/replacement and energy assistance with heat & electric can be requested during the crisis season (November 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>). For employment-related issues, we may be able to assist with gas cards, bus passes, car repair/purchase and other items. I am at Betsie Valley Elementary on Wednesdays from 8:30am – 4:30pm. You can stop in if you have questions about benefits, would like to apply for benefits or just need help with resources. My contact phone number on Wednesdays is 231-299-5781. For the rest of the week, I can be reached at 231-882-1306.

## Head Lice Reminder

Please be aware that head lice cases have been reported. Remind your child not to share hats or combs & brushes. Please check your child's hair especially at the nape of the neck and behind their ears for bugs or eggs. Medicated shampoo and careful combing should be completed on finding lice and then 7 days later.

