



# **BENTLEY PRIDE**

**JANUARY 2024**



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## **NOTE FROM MS. ZASTRO**

***Happy 2024, Bentley families!***



***We hope everyone is having a wonderful, restful holiday break and we are looking forward to all that 2024 has to offer. A big congratulations goes out to all of our students who are participating in our IXL Winter Break Challenge. It has been fun watching the leaderboard in each grade level. Remember, even if your child is not in the top 10 on the leaderboard, encourage them to keep practicing those skills because 10 additional students in each grade level will be randomly chosen to receive our reward!***

***As part of our on-going commitment to academic excellence in New Lenox School District 122, the TerraNova Achievement Test will be administered to your child during the week of January 16. This is an online test that will be administered to students. We cannot wait to see the students back in class on Tuesday, January 9! Happy New Year!***

***Mary Zastro  
Principal***





- 8 NO SCHOOL-INSTITUTE DAY**
- 9 School Resumes**  
**Yearbook Sale begins online**
- 10 Boys Basketball Game @ Homer 4:00pm (Away)**
- 11 Boys Basketball Game vs Mokena 4:00pm (Home)**
- 12 Midterms online**  
**Spirit Day- 80's Day for the 84th day of school!**
- 15 NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY**
- 16 Boys Basketball Game @ Oakview 4:00pm (Away)**  
**NLSD 122 Board Meeting 6:00pm**
- 16-19 Terra Nova testing begins**
- 17 Boys Basketball Game vs Crossing 4:00pm (Home)**
- 19-20 Boys Basketball DPVC Conference Tournament @ Hickory Creek**
- 22 Art Returns**
- 26 Spirit Day - Tie Dye Day vs Neon Day**
- 31 Yearbook Sale ends**



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Parents,

January is the month for two safety videos; Vaults & Fake accounts (9) and No one is anonymous & online laws (10). Attached is the parent login information for Be Sure Consulting for Cyber Safe Schools. If you would like to watch the student videos with your child, please see the following login information. We will not be showing the student videos at school.

Parent login:

URL: [vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp](https://vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp)

Password: NLSP623!

Student login:

URL: [vimeo.com/showcase/nlss](https://vimeo.com/showcase/nlss)

Password: NLSS876!



As part of our on-going commitment to academic excellence in New Lenox School District 122, the TerraNova Achievement Test will be administered to your child (Grades 3-7) during the week of January 16th. This is an online test that is administered to students in-person.

## NOTES FROM MUSIC

In January, we are learning various instruments. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade has started on the recorder, and you might be surprised at how every student can make a pleasant sound on their instruments! 5<sup>th</sup> Grade has started strumming away on Ukuleles. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will start a bucket drumming unit when we return from break.

*Save the Date:*  
**April 17**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program**

Mrs. Grill  
[mgrill@nlsd122.org](mailto:mgrill@nlsd122.org)



## STUDENT COUNCIL

1/12-Spirit Day 80's for the 84th day of school  
1/26-Spirit Day Tie Dye Day vs Neon Day

SPRIT  
DAYS

Thank you to all of our Bentley families that turned in pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We will continue to collect them till the end of the school year.







### LUNCH TIMES

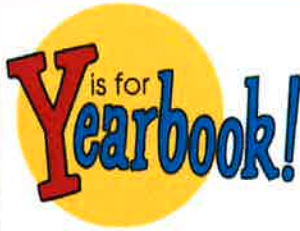
4th Gr. Lunch 10:35-10:50 am Recess 10:50-11:05am

5th Gr. Lunch 11:10-11:25 am Recess 11:25-11:40pm

6th Gr. Lunch 11:45-12:00 pm Recess 12:00-12:15pm

Lunches are now \$4.00 each-they are not free unless a student qualifies for free lunch. Lunch orders will be sent to parents by email or can be ordered on the NLSD122 website under Parents & Students, Lunch program. Orders will be for a 2-week period. Milk can be purchased for .35 each day during lunchtime. Payments can be made through your NLSD122 PowerSchool account.

We are selling ice cream in the lunchroom on Wednesdays for \$1.00.



### YEARBOOK SALES

Our 2023-2024 Bentley School yearbooks are on sale online for \$13.00 plus a \$1.00 transaction January 9 through January 31, 2024. More information regarding ordering will be sent out to families soon! All orders are ordered online.



### ATTENDANCE

Please call our Bentley office at 815-485-4451 if your student is going to be absent by 8:00 am.

If you are leaving a message give your student's name, reason for absence, homeroom and your name. If we do not receive a call from a parent or guardian we will have our New Lenox Police Department make a wellness check.



### PHOTO ID FOR VISITORS

District policy requires us to ask for ID's whenever we have visitors. Please be prepared to show a photo ID or Driver's license, when coming into the building to pick up a student. Your cooperation in this matter is beneficial to the safety of all staff and students.



### SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture Day was on September 29<sup>th</sup>. All photos will be posted online for you to view and order. After picture day, look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography" or go to [vipis.com](http://vipis.com). (A student ID number may be required.) All orders are delivered directly home. For assistance email [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com)

## JANUARY PILLAR OF THE MONTH

### FAIRNESS

- \* Play by the rules
- \* Take turns and share
- \* Be open-minded; listen to others
- \* Don't take advantage of others
- \* Don't blame others carelessly
- \* Treat all people fairly



## **PILLAR FOR DECEMBER CARING WINNERS**

Jasmine B.  
Jackson B.  
Marissa B.  
Sylvia C.  
Ava C.  
Amelia D.  
Kaylee E.  
Nolan F.  
Roxie J.

Grace K.  
Lu L.  
Fiona M.  
Neenah P.  
Caydee P.  
Emma R.  
Liliana S.  
Lily W.  
Caydence Y.





## NOTES FROM OUR NURSE

With the weather turning colder, please dress appropriate for the weather! Here are some winter safety tips.

- Dress in layers - young children should wear one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.
- Don't forget accessories - warm boots, gloves, and hats will keep your child comfortable while outside.
- Use sunscreen - even in the winter, skin still needs protection from the sun. The sun can reflect off the snow and cause sunburn.
- Wear a helmet - children should wear a helmet when skiing, snowboarding, sledding, or playing hockey.
- Nosebleeds - if you are prone to winter nosebleeds, a cool air humidifier in the home can help keep noses moist.
- Hydration - it is important to stay hydrated because we lose moisture with the dry winter air. Lots of water is the perfect way to stay hydrated.



## NOTES FROM ART



Mrs. Wieclaw  
Art Teacher

# Keeping Fit in P.E. with Mr. B



## What's Happening in PE...

\*This past month we finished up our Basketball Unit, played fun winter games like "Elves on the Run" and "Snowman Blast", and did some fun winter activities like building snowmen, sleigh rides, and bobsled. When we return from break we will be starting our floor hockey unit.

\*Students are encouraged to bring in pictures of themselves (or of them and their family) being active outside of the school day for our bulletin board.

Let's see those winter activities!

## Upcoming Clubs

4th Grade Basketball Club: T/TH January 23rd - February 20th

\*Listen to morning announcements January 9th-16th for more information

\*Permission slips will be available January 9th and are due January 18th

Volleyball Club: T/TH February 22nd - March 21st

\* Volleyball Club information will be on the morning announcements come February

## PE SHOES

Please remember to wear or pack your PE shoes on PE day.

**WHILE QUITE FASHIONABLE, CROCS & SLIDES ARE NOT PE SHOES** 😊

**MR. BOERSMA/PE TEACHER** [jboersma@nlsd122.or](mailto:jboersma@nlsd122.or)





## NOTES FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

Winter can be an especially difficult time for families in need of food, clothing, shelter, or other assistance. There are several community agencies available to those who need support. Below is contact information for a variety of services in the area. **Please also notify the school if your child is in need of a winter coat, hat, or gloves so we can provide you with a voucher for a free coat, a hat, and gloves.**

### New Lenox Township

[https://www.newlenox.org/services/food\\_pantry.php](https://www.newlenox.org/services/food_pantry.php)

**(815) 485-6431**

The township offers general and emergency assistance, a food pantry, and medical supplies exchange program. The food pantry is housed at the Township Offices (1080 South Cedar Road, New Lenox, behind the main office) and operates Monday through Friday from 9:30-11:30 am and 1:30-3:30 pm.

### Northern Illinois Food Bank/My Pantry Express

[solvehungertoday.org/](http://solvehungertoday.org/)  
[mypantryexpress.org/](http://mypantryexpress.org/)

The Northern Illinois Food Bank provides food through a network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth and senior centers, and other direct distribution programs. My Pantry Express allows you to shop for groceries through the food bank and pick them up at a selected location.

### Child Care Resources and Referral

[childcarehelp.com](http://childcarehelp.com)

**(800) 552-5526**

**(815) 741-1163**

This agency offers custom referrals to child care providers, financial assistance with child care payments, and training on topics related to infants and school-aged children.

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org/](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)

**(800) 273-8255**

**Call or Text 988**

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides free and confidential support 24/7 for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you, and resources to help support family and friends who are in crisis.

### Community Resources

List of counselors, hospitals, and other services in our area.

**Denise Adams**

[dadams@nlsd122.org](mailto:dadams@nlsd122.org)





## NOTES FROM OUR LRC

I'm so happy to see the many students participating in our "Choose to Read" program! The program involves reading the nominees from the [Illinois Bluestem program](#) (sponsored by the Association for Illinois School Library Educators - AISLE) and the Illinois [Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award](#). This program ends in February. Students who read at least three books from either program will be invited to a voting party the end of February. Besides the Bentley library, the New Lenox Public Library also carries all of the nominated books as well as audiobooks.

Speaking of the New Lenox Public Library, it's not too late to participate in their [Winter Reading program](#). Forms are available in the library and on their website.

Bentley will be having their February Scholastic Book fair next month! The book fair will take place February 5-9, 2024. This will be our big fair, with a night for family to come shop. More information will come to your child later this month.

If you are looking for some great books to read with your middle-grade child this winter, here are a few articles with some great suggestions.

[Middle Grade Books Set in Winter](#)

[Best New Books in January 2024](#)

[Winter Chapter Books](#)

[100 Exceptional Middle Grade Books to Read in 2023](#)

[The Best Middle Grade and Chapter Books of 2023](#)

Happy New Year and Happy Reading in 2024!

Mrs. Kathy Drews





# Bentley School - New Lenox

## Lunch, January 2024



Mon	01	Tue	02	Wed	03	Thu	04	Fri	05
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Closed

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Mon	08	Tue	09	Wed	10	Thu	11	Fri	12
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Closed

**Cheesy Meatball Sub**  
**Cinnamon Applesauce**  
**Carrots**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Cheese Quesadilla**  
**Seasoned Black Beans**  
**Orange Wedges**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Chicken Nuggets**  
*Low Sodium Ketchup*  
**Corn**  
**Pineapple Tidbits**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Bosco Sticks with**  
**Marinara**  
**Broccoli**  
**Watermelon Craisins**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

Mon	15	Tue	16	Wed	17	Thu	18	Fri	19
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Closed

**Chicken Corn Dog**  
*Low Sodium Ketchup*  
**Celery Sticks**  
**Peaches**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Cheeseburger**  
*Low Sodium Ketchup*  
**Garbanzo Beans**  
**Orange Wedges**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Breaded Chicken**  
**Tenders**  
*Barbecue Sauce*  
**Peas**  
**Apple**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Personal Cheese Pizza**  
**Broccoli**  
**Orange Craisins**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

Mon	22	Tue	23	Wed	24	Thu	25	Fri	26
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**Chocolate Chip French**  
**Toast**  
*String Cheese*  
*Maple Syrup*  
**Carrots**  
**Cinnamon Applesauce**  
**Peaches**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Turkey & Cheese Sub**  
*Lite Mayonnaise*  
**Nacho Cheese Doritos**  
**Cucumbers**  
**Apple**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Chicken Tacos**  
**Seasoned Black Beans**  
**Orange Wedges**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Chicken Nuggets**  
*Low Sodium Ketchup*  
**Corn**  
**Banana**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Cheesy Pull-Apart**  
**Broccoli**  
**Applesauce**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

Mon	29	Tue	30	Wed	31				
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**Mini Blueberry Waffles**  
**(NSLP)**  
*String Cheese*  
*Maple Syrup*  
**Carrots**  
**Pineapple Tidbits**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**All Beef Hot Dog**  
*Low Sodium Ketchup*  
**Celery Sticks**  
**Apple**  
**Ranch Dressing**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

**Breaded Chicken**  
**Sandwich**  
*Barbecue Sauce*  
**Garbanzo Beans**  
**Orange Wedges**  
**Fat Free Chocolate Milk**  
**Lowfat Milk**

No Menu Available

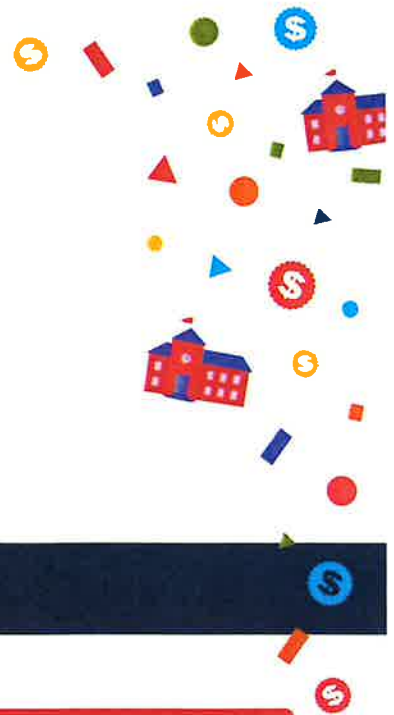
No Menu Available

\* Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellsh or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Menu is subjected to change, notice posted when available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

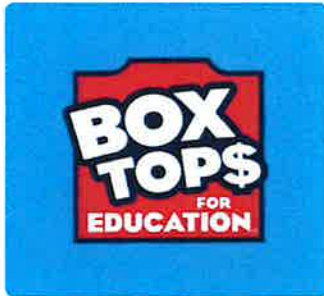
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