



BENTLEY PRIDE

March 2024



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NOTE FROM MS. ZASTRO

Happy March, Bentley families!

We love the spring season so we can get outside some more and enjoy the warmer weather. We will try to get outside for PE as much as possible so please be sure to send your child with a coat. We also go outside everyday for recess after lunch.

We are excited to once again challenge our students over spring break with our Spring Break IXL Challenge. This friendly competition will start on March 23 and conclude on April 1. Please encourage your child to participate in this challenge as these skills are tied directly to our upcoming state assessment. More information about this challenge will be sent home at the end of the month.

We will complete IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) state testing after we get back from Spring Break. We come back to school on April 2 and the first day of testing is April 3. We will test April 3, 4, 5, 8, 9. Please be sure your child gets a good night of sleep and eats a hearty breakfast.

Spring Break begins March 25 and students return to school April 2. We are hoping everyone has a great spring break!

Mary Zastro
Principal





- 1 Report cards online and sent to parents by school messenger**
- PTO Read-A-Thon begins (See attached flier)**
- 6 Author Lindsay Currie visits Bentley**
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins-Move clocks ahead**
- 18 Spring Spirit Week-Wear PJ's**
 - 6th Gr. Step up day @ Martino for students during the school day**
 - 6th Gr. Step up day @ Martino for parents 6:00-6:45pm**
- 19 Spring Spirit-March Madness wear college shirt**
 - NLSD Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm**
- 20 Spring Spirit-Wear tie dye**
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day- wear mismatched or colorful socks**
- 22 Spring Spirit-Dress for where you wish to go during Spring Break!**
 - Cops Care Food Drive ends**
- 25-April 1-Spring Break!**
 - Return to school Tuesday, April 2**



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 and are unable to reach a parent or guardian we will have our New Lenox Police Department make a wellness check at your home.



To the Parents of the Martino Junior High Class of 2026,

We would like to invite all 6 th grade parents to attend a Parent Step Up Night on Monday, March 18th, from 6:00-6:45 PM. This event will provide an overview of the junior high experience as well as a tour of the building led by current Martino students. This night is designed for parents only. If you are unable to attend the Parent Night, please do not worry. We will send all 6th grade parents a copy of the presentation on Tuesday, March 19th.

The Class of 2026 will be visiting Martino on Monday, March 18th in the morning to receive information on all that Martino has to offer them!

Thank you,

Dr. Bonnie Groen-Olson/Principal

Mr . Brian Laack/Assistant Principal



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. 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.



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Parents,

March is the month for one safety video; Monitoring Software (14). 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

Password: NLSP623!

Student login:

URL: vimeo.com/showcase/nlss

Password: NLSS876!

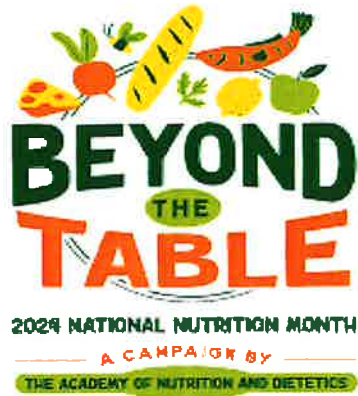


SRP

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol. Please see the attached flier for more details.



NOTES FROM OUR NURSE



March is National Nutrition Month! The theme for this year is “Fuel for the Future.” Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment. Here are some tips for healthy habits.

- ☐ Eat Breakfast: Start your day with a healthy breakfast that includes lean protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables.
- ☐ Watch Portion Sizes: Use half your plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean protein foods. Complete the meal with a serving of fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt.
- ☐ Be Active: Regular physical activity has many health benefits. Start by doing what exercise you can. Children and teens should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity per day.
- ☐ Family Meal Time: Plan to eat as a family at least a few times each week. Set a regular mealtime. Turn off the TV, phones and other electronic devices to encourage mealtime talk. Get kids involved in meal planning and cooking and use this time to teach them about good nutrition.
- ☐ Explore New Foods and Flavor: Add more nutrition and eating pleasure by expanding your range of food choices. When shopping, make a point of selecting a fruit, vegetable or whole grain that’s new to you or your family.

Jennifer Kennedy RN, BSN, PEL-CSN

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NOTES FROM MUSIC

This month we start a music rotation again! 6th grade will be playing guitars and will study Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. 5th grade will be learning a new rhythm pattern. They will also be learning a French Canadian folk dance, *La Bastringue* and will study Beethoven's 5th Symphony. 4th grade is continuing their work on recorders and are looking forward to singing and playing instruments for you in their music program later in April.

Save the Date

Bentley 4th graders present the music program



"LOL"

April 17th at 5:30pm
Bentley Gym

NOTES FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

Thursday March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day! #EndTheStereotypes

The Lots Of Socks campaign was launched to get people talking about Down Syndrome and to bring awareness. Simply choose some socks that are going to get people talking! Examples can be mismatched, silly, or colorful.



ArtWorks 2024 Festival

**Come, hear, see, and experience all
the arts have to offer !**

**Saturday, March 16 10am -- 3pm
L-Way East High School**

**A Day of ART
for ALL Ages!**

The public is cordially invited to spend the day listening to a variety of musical groups, looking at art exhibits and demonstrations, and participating in hands-on art activities for all ages. Concessions will be available in the cafeteria.



All featured art and music is provided by area elementary, middle, junior high and high school students.

Art Hands-On Workshops

10:30 – Pinch Pots in clay
10:30 – String Paintings
11:00 – Black Glue Painting
11:30 – Scratch Art
12:00 – Chalk Pastel Galaxy Art
1:00 – Origami
1:30 – Printmaking
1:30 – Jewelry Copper Enameling

Performances

10:30 – Lincoln-Way Youth Strings Orchestra
11:30 – L-Way Youth Strings Chamber Ensemble
1:00 – Rainbow Fish Theatre Production

Professional Artists / Demos

John Tylk, Oil Painting Demonstration
Ted Fuka, Pastel Demonstration
Frankfort Arts Association, kids craft demo

Student Art Exhibit

cafeteria 10:00--3:00

An art exhibit of over 1,000 pieces of student artwork ranging from kindergarten through high school from 32 area elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools.

**Admission
is FREE!**

Keeping Fit in P.E. with Mr. B



What's Happening in PE...

*This past month we finished up our floor hockey unit and completed our jump rope unit. The kids had a fun time improving their jump rope skills while improving their cardiovascular endurance. Some of the fun and challenging jumps we learned were the "Boxer", "Supersonic", "Criss Cross", & "Partner Jump". As we move into March, we will be beginning our volleyball unit, as well as completing some of our FitnessGram Fitness Tests.

*4th Grade Basketball Club wrapped up in February. The 4th graders worked hard to improve their basketball skills & participated in an exciting full court tournament to wrap up the club. Congratulations goes out to our Champions, the Lakers, on winning the championship game by a score of 12-9 over the Bucks. (The Lakers are pictured above). Laker team members were: James, Carson, Dylan, Lu, Marko, Beck, Ben, & John.

* We also had LWSR here in February for a day where all kids got to participate in "Go Ball", "Sit Volleyball", & "Wheelchair Basketball". Our students had a fun time learning how students with disabilities participate in sports.

*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/spring activities!

Upcoming Clubs

Volleyball Club: Is off to a great start and will continue on Tuesdays & Thursdays through March 21st.

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.org

Spring Spirit Week

March 18th - 22nd

Monday, March 18th



Just another MANIC Monday

Sleep in a bit longer & wear your comfy PAJAMAS to school!

Tuesday, March 19th



Spring into your Future...

While visiting your past. Tyler and Bentley Book Buddies will meet today! It is officially MARCH MADNESS! Put on a college shirt to show your school spirit.

Wednesday, March 20th



Dye-ve into Break

Get ready for a fun-filled break by wearing tie dye.

Thursday, March 21st



Rock your Socks

Wear fun socks in honor of World Down Syndrome Day!

Friday, March 22nd



Spring Break Day

Dress for where you wish you were going for Spring Break!

PILLAR OF THE MONTH

FAIRNESS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the pillar of the month.

Michael C.
Giovanni D.
Brook H.
Chase H.
Dylan J.
Declan M.
Alex M.
Kylee M.
Bronwyn R.
Marko R.

Lillian R.
Bryson S.
Katie S.
Keylee S.
Mason V.
Mason W.
Hunter W.
Austin Z.



MARCH PILLAR

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- Be honest
- Don't deceive, cheat or steal
- Be reliable-do what you say you'll do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal-stand by your family, friends, and country



NOTES FROM OUR LRC

The students at Bentley are super excited about March! We have two big events happening:

- **Author Lindsay Currie** will be coming to Bentley and Nelson Ridge on Wednesday, March 6. She will be doing a presentation for each school and signing autographs. A limited supply of extra copies of her books will be available the day of her visit for any students who did not preorder a copy but would like one. To learn more, go to Lindsay Currie's website at lindsaycurrie.com.
- **Battle of the Books 2024** - Third trimester means it's time to start Battle of the Books! The four books in this year's program are:
 - *Moo* by Sharon Creech
 - *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
 - *Scratch Scratch* by visiting author Lindsay Currie
 - *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas
- Forms with information about the program and registration are available in the LRC or use this [link](#). This program is not mandatory and does not require any fee or afterschool time. Students read the four books as a team and take quizzes on them during the school day.

I encourage you to read these books with your child. Ask questions, take notes, discuss the books! It is a great way to encourage reading, promote vocabulary skills, and enjoy time with your child!

For my library lessons this month, students were able to study items I brought in from The Harris Learning Collection at The Field Museum, Chicago. They were able to explore a display case with native butterflies, decide what is "real" or "not real" in a red squirrel exhibit case, and study replicas of various fossils. As a Field Ambassador at The Field Museum, I am able to bring items to school from their Harris Learning Collection.



happy
March



Have a wonderful March!

Mrs. Drews



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Lori R. Motsch, Ed.D., Superintendent

Illinois
5Essentials Survey

February 4, 2024

Dear Parents,

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey supplement, part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey administration. We guarantee that survey responses will *never* be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole.

A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to the building principal and superintendent and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

Marianne Cucci, Ed.D
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Technology



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

“Get Inside. Lock outside doors”



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.



WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

“Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the “Muscle Memory” associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.



NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sixteenth Annual “Cops Care Food Drive” February 20th-March 22nd 2024

List of items the Food Pantry needs:

Coffee/Tea	Salad Dressings
Breakfast Drinks	Mayonnaise
Orange/Fruit Juice	BBQ Sauce
Cereal	Peanut Butter
Oatmeal	Jelly/Jam
Pasta (No Spaghetti)	Flour
Rice	Sugar
Instant Potatoes	Evaporated Milk
Refried Beans	Baking Soda/Powder
Seasoning/Spices	Corn Starch

Food donation drop off locations:

New Lenox Police Department
(200 Veterans Pkwy)

New Lenox Village Hall
(1 Veterans Pkwy)

New Lenox School District #122

MARCH

Lunch Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

ENTREE
Mini Blueberry Waffles (NSLP)

SIDE
String Cheese
Applesauce
Baby Carrots

CONDIMENT
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

4 ENTREE
All Beef Hot Dog

SIDE
Celery Sticks
Apple

CONDIMENT
Low Sodium Ketchup
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

5 ENTREE
Grilled Cheese Sandwich

SIDE
Garbanzo Beans
Orange Wedges

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

6 ENTREE
Grilled Chicken Sandwich

SIDE
Peas
Strawberry Craisins

CONDIMENT
Barbecue Sauce

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

ENTREE
Personal Cheese Pizza

SIDE
Broccoli
Banana

CONDIMENT
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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ENTREE
Mini Pancakes

SIDE
String Cheese
Applesauce
Carrots

CONDIMENT
Maple Syrup

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

11 ENTREE
Cheeseburger

SIDE
Celery Sticks
Watermelon Craisins

CONDIMENT
Low Sodium Ketchup
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

12 ENTREE
Chicken Corn Dog

SIDE
Garbanzo Beans
Orange Wedges

CONDIMENT
Low Sodium Ketchup

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

13 ENTREE
Chicken Nuggets

SIDE
Corn
Peaches

CONDIMENT
Barbecue Sauce

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

14 ENTREE
Cheesy Pull-Apart

SIDE
Broccoli
Banana

CONDIMENT
Marinara Sauce
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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ENTREE
Mini Waffles

SIDE
String Cheese
Carrots
Pineapple Tidbits

CONDIMENT
Maple Syrup
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

18 ENTREE
Breaded Chicken Sandwich

SIDE
Celery Sticks
Apple

CONDIMENT
Barbecue Sauce
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

19 ENTREE
Chicken Quesadilla

SIDE
Salsa Cup
Black Beans
Apple

CONDIMENT
Sour Cream

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

20 ENTREE
Chicken Tenders

SIDE
Cornbread
Corn
Orange Wedges

CONDIMENT
Barbecue Sauce

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

21 ENTREE
Personal Cheese Pizza

SIDE
Broccoli
Peaches

CONDIMENT
Ranch Dressing

BEVERAGE
Lowfat Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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Closed

Closed

Closed

Closed

Closed



NEW LENOX 122 PTO PRESENTS

LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ!

A READ-A-THON IS AN EVENT THAT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO BECOME BETTER READERS AND LEARNERS BY DEVELOPING A LOVE OF READING. IT IS ALSO A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOLS!

MARCH 1ST - MARCH 15TH

REGISTER FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

4th, 5th, 6th GRADE: REGISTER UNDER HOMEROOM

https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=6387948dba42e

School Identifier Code: 6387948dba42e

CHAPTER 1: SHARE STUDENT'S PAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

CHAPTER 2: SEND 10-15 EMAILS/TEXT MESSAGES

CHAPTER 3: WATCH NIGHTLY READINGS AT

<https://www.newlenoxpto.org/read-a-thon-march.html>

BENTLEY SCHOOL-WIDE PRIZES

25% of GOAL: PJ DAY

50% of GOAL: BOARD GAME DAY

75% of GOAL: CLASS PICK THEME DAY

HIT GOAL: KONA ICE TRUCK

**REGISTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
INDIVIDUAL, CLASS, AND SCHOOL PRIZES!**

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



QUESTIONS?

nsld122readathon@gmail.com

REGISTER HERE!

