



BENTLEY PRIDE

OCTOBER 2024



Office Staff

Jennifer Kennedy - Nurse
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Office Information

Hours 6:40am-3:15pm
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NOTE FROM MS. ZASTRO

Happy October, Bentley families! We are delighted to celebrate Wellness Week at the end of the month. We will be sending home a more detailed description of our activities and our spirit days as we approach the end of the month. We are also encouraging our students and staff to wear orange on October 16 in recognition of Unity Day. Unity Day is a day to encourage kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.



Teachers are busy planning for our class Halloween parties at the end of this month. We will have our classroom parties on Thursday, October 31, which is a half day of school (10:35am dismissal). Students may wear Halloween costumes to school on this day but please remember, no weapons of any kind can be associated with their costumes. Please make sure your child can move freely in their costume and are able to safely get on and off the bus if your child is a bus rider.

Thank you to our families for following the car rider drop off and pick up procedures. As a reminder, please do not drive around cars that are in our lot dropping off children. The children are also expected to exit their car on the passenger side, closest to the building. Thanks for your help with this!

WELCOME FALL!



- 1 Yearbook cover contest begins
- 1 COPS CARE COAT DRIVE STARTS (see attached flier for details)
- 2 LOCKDOWN DRILL with NLPD
- 2 Custodian Appreciation Day
- 3 Girls Basketball 4pm game vs. Crossing @ Bentley B Team first
- 7 Girls Basketball 4pm game vs. Homer @ Bentley
- 9 4th Candor Health Presentations
- 9 Dine and Donate @ Chipotle 4pm-8pm
- 10 Girls Basketball 4pm game vs. Oakview @ Bentley B Team first
- 11 Bentley All School Field Trip - The Wild Robot Movie New Lenox AMC
- 14 No School - Holiday
- 15 NLSD School Board Meeting 6PM @ Oakview
- 16 Wear Orange For Unity Day
- 17 Girls Basketball 4:15pm game vs. Hickory Creek @ Hickory Creek
- 21 **Wear RED for Wellness Week**
- 21 Boys Basketball Tryouts afterschool 2 - 3:30pm (6th Grade)
- 22 Girls Basketball 4:30pm game vs. Troy @ Troy
- 22 Boys Basketball Tryouts afterschool 2 - 3:30pm (6th Grade)
- 22 **Wear Sports shirts or jerseys for "Team up" against Bullying**
- 23 **Wear PJ's to School for Get Plenty of Sleep for Wellness**
- 24 **Wear Workout Clothes & Read a Book for Exercise Mind and Body**
- 24 Girls Basketball 4pm game vs. Hilda Waker @ Bentley
- 24 Practice Bus Evacuation
- 25 **Wear Bentley Spirit Wear for Choosing Healthy Choices**
- 29 Girls Basketball 4pm game vs. Ridge @ Ridge B Team first
- 30 Yearbook cover contest ends
- 31 10:35am Dismissal-1/2 SIP Day



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.



LUNCH TIMES

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

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

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

Lunches are now \$4.00 each. Lunch order links will be sent to parents by email or can be ordered on the NLS122 website under Parents & Students, Lunch program. Orders will be for a 2-week period. Payments can be made through your NLS122 PowerSchool account. Milk can be purchased for .35 each day during lunchtime.



ICE CREAM

Ice cream will be sold in our lunchroom on Wednesdays each week for \$1.00.



BENTLEY CLUBS

We take attendance in all of our clubs. If your child is not going to attend, please send a note or call our Bentley office. Parents will be contacted if a student is absent from their club.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture Day was on September 27th. 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. (A student ID number may be required.) All orders are delivered directly home. For assistance email support@vipis.com
Picture retakes will be November 8.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students that will be our new 2024-2025 Student Council.

Fourth Grade

Scarlett A.
Madyson G.
Francesca G.
Cherish W.
Rosabelle W.
Ezra P.
Ava W.
Audrey P.
Declan M.

Fifth Grade

Caydee P.
Elloit O.
Daylee E.
Autumn P.
Harper K.
Madison B.
Ben C.

Sixth Grade

Leo K.
Madelyn P.
Ellie R.
Zoe V.
Carina S.
Avery L.
Aubrey W.
Lanie C.
Dexter D.



NOTES FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

We will continue to collect pop tabs this year for the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring your pop tabs into your homeroom and student council will collect them during our meetings!



Halloween Candy Collection - Nov. 1st - Nov. 8th

Veterans Day Collection - Nov. 1st - Nov. 8th

^please see attached flier

NOTES FROM OUR NURSE

6th grade students: Physicals with required immunizations are due by 10/15/24. If you have not done so, please turn your physical in to prevent exclusion from school. They can be sent in, emailed, uploaded to PowerSchool or faxed.

<https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/forms/child-health-exam-form-revised-01-31-2024.pdf>

Excuses for PE

Per the student handbook: if your child has an illness or injury that will keep them out of PE for more than 2 days, a written doctor's note must be on file. The note must include the length of time your child will need to be excused. The length of time can be updated as needed throughout the illness or injury.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Jennifer Kennedy RN, BSN, PEL-CSN

jkennedy@nlsd122.org

(815) 462-7803

(815) 485-7599 Fax



**PILLAR FOR SEPTEMBER
RESPECT WINNERS**

COLE H. EMMA B. EDWARD D. COLBY G. JORDAN T.
ELLIOT O. MARKO R. ADDISON T. VIVIAN F. NOLAN F.
FIONA M. LILY W. ALYSSA C. HARRISON D.
EDDIE D. ALIVIA K. HANK M.



**OCTOBER PILLAR
RESPONSIBILITY**

Do what you are supposed to do
Plan ahead
Persevere keep trying!
Use self-control
Be self-disciplined
Think before you act-consider the consequences
Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes
Set a good example for others



NOTES FROM LRC

Welcome to October! There is a lot happening in the Library this month!

Library Lions Club

I am very excited to have 24 students signed up for the Library Lions Club. These students will be helping in the library, helping with the book fair, and participating in book talks and programs. We had our first meeting on September 24 and they are very excited to participate in all things library!

Library Programs

Students can participate in two ongoing library programs. One is the "Star Reader" program. Students pick up a monthly reading log in the Library, color in a picture for every 10 minutes they read, turn it in after 5 hours of reading, and receive a small prize. This program will go through the end of the school year.

The other program involves two programs sponsored by the Association for Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE), is for grades 3-8, and goes until the end of February. The Illinois Bluestem Award and the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award are two programs that I call the "Choose to Read, Read to Choose" Program. Students will be receiving information about these programs during their library classes. Most of the books will be made available in the school library, and are also available at the New Lenox Public Library. Below are links to the book lists and grade recommendations for the Rebecca Caudill books.

[Illinois Bluestem Nominees \(Grades 3-5\)](#)

[Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Nominees \(Grades 4-8\)](#)

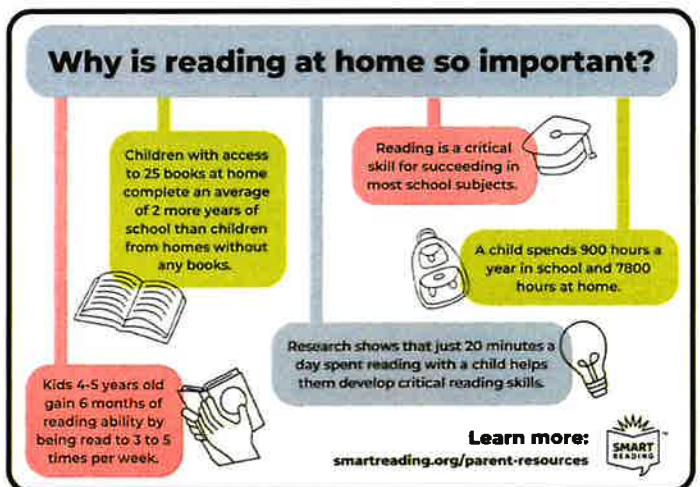
The New Lenox Public Library also has a free program involving the Illinois Bluestem Nominees. The [Bluestem Readers Group](#) meets once a month and discusses a different book each meeting. For more information or to register, please check out their [website](#).

Books and Reading @ Home

Each month, I will leave a little information about reading at home. Today, I post a chart that from the website Smart Reading that explains some of the reasons why reading at home is so important.

For more information or to see the chart in Spanish, go to the [Smart Reading website](#).

Happy Fall Reading!
Mrs. Drews
kdrews@nlsd122.org



NOTES FROM ART



ART IS BACK!

Hello! Art will be returning for the 2024-2025 school year in the beginning of October. I am excited to see all my students at Bentley School and look forward to seeing how much they have grown with their art skills! Below is the main focus points for each grade level:

4th Grade

LINE, RHYTHM and MOVEMENT.

5th Grade

FORM, VALUE and BALANCE.

6th Grade

SPACE and UNITY.

Lori Wieclaw/Art Teacher lwieclaw@nlsd122.org

Keeping Fit in P.E. with Mr. B



PUNTING - SOCCER



BOOM CITY!!!



INDY 500 @ RUN CLUB

What's Happening in PE...

Students recently finished up our soccer unit with a few "off" days with some of our favorite fitness games mixed in. As we move into October we will be starting our throwing unit and we'll start mixing in more fitness days. 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.

6th Grade Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the Bentley boys basketball team will be on October 16th & 18th after school from 2 -3:30pm. A 6th grade physical must be on file in order to try out. Pick up will be in the back of Bentley School by our gym (please don't get in the Tyler car- rider line). The season runs from October through mid-January. Mandatory practices will be before & after school. There will be no games or practices over Thanksgiving & Winter break.

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

**Wellness Week will be celebrated at Bentley School
October 21st -October 25th**

Monday, October 21st- Wear Red for Wellness Week

Tuesday, October 22nd- "Team UP" against bullying- wear sports shirt or jersey

Wednesday, October 23rd- Get plenty of sleep to help with your wellness- wear your Pj's to school

Thursday, October 24th- Exercise your mind and body- wear workout clothes and read a book today

Friday, October 25th- Our school chooses to make healthy choices- wear your Bentley spirit wear

Community Resources

New Life Food Pantry- Provides essential food and support to local families.

500 S Gougar Rd. New Lenox- 815-462-0202

Wednesday October 2nd and 23rd from 4:00pm-5:00pm for food pick up

New Lenox Township Food Pantry- Must be a resident of New Lenox township to receive food

1080 S Cedar Rd. New Lenox- 815-717-6221

You can register (Photo ID and utility bill within the last 45 days) by calling 815-717-6221. Once registered you can visit the food pantry weekly by making an appointment over the phone or through their [website](#).

Northern Illinois Food Bank- Mobile Markets- distributing free and fresh groceries. Everyone is welcome, no ID, proof of income or referral is needed. It is a drive through model, with first come, first served.

Friday October 4, 10:00-11:30 am- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 205 E. Jackson St., Joliet, IL 60432

Tuesday October 29, 4:00-5:30 pm- Joliet Jewish Congregation, 250 N Midland Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

[ShareFest Will County](#) has a "ShareFest Store" located at 21715 Moni Dr. New Lenox. You can register on the website and schedule a day to shop. The store offers food, clothes, and household items. Call 815-305-9198 if you need help registering or have questions.

Denise Adams/Social Worker dadams@nlsd122.org

Help Bentley School Celebrate

WELLNESS WEEK

October 21st- October 25th



**100%
HEALTHY
CHOICES**



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(wear sports shirts or jerseys)

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with your wellness!
(wear your PJs to school)

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body!
(wear workout clothes and read a book today)

Friday - Our school chooses to make
healthy choices!
(wear your Bentley Spirit wear)



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Parents,

October is the month for two safety videos; Sextortion(3) and Apps & Tik Tok (4). 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!

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

OCTOBER 1ST-30TH

HELLO BENTLEY FAMILIES!

IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR THE YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST! THE THEME FOR THE YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WILL BE, "CHEERS TO 50 YEARS" THERE ARE A FEW REQUIREMENTS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE. BENTLEY SCHOOL IS TURNING 50, SO WE HAVE A BIRTHDAY THEME THIS YEAR. THIS IS AN OPTIONAL ACTIVITY. WE HOPE ALL OF OUR FUTURE ARTISTS PARTICIPATE!

- * COLORED PENCILS OR ART PENCILS, FINE MARKERS, ARE ALL OKAY.**
- * PLEASE COVER THE ENTIRE PAPER WITH COLOR.**
- * PAPER SHOULD BE VERTICALLY DESIGNED ON AN 8 1/2 X 11 INCH STANDARD WHITE XEROX PAPER.**
- * NO COMPUTER GENERATED PICTURES PLEASE.**
- * PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME.**
- * PLEASE INCLUDE THE SCHOOL YEAR, THEME, OUR SCHOOL NAME, AND OUR SCHOOL MASCOT.**
- * PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO THE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 30TH.**
- * PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, GRADE, AND TEACHER ON THE BACK IN PENCIL.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MRS. JOHNSON AT LJOHNSON@NLS122.ORG OR AT THE BENTLEY SCHOOL OFFICE.





Join us in our annual Cops Care Coat Drive!

October 1st-31st

Coat donations can be dropped off at:

New Lenox Schools

New Lenox Police Department

New Lenox Village Hall

Coat Vouchers are available at:

New Lenox Schools

New Lenox Police Department

New Lenox Village Hall

New Lenox Township



Halloween Candy Collection



Please donate any unwanted
Halloween Candy! Student Council &
Kindness Club will create treat bags
for our local Veteran Home

November 1st - 8th



VETERANS

COLLECTION

2024

NOV. 1ST - NOV. 8TH

ITEMS NEEDED:

**MEN'S DISPOSABLE RAZORS
MEN'S SHAVING GEL
MEN'S AFTER SHAVE BALM
BENDABLE STRAWS
DESERT PLATES
INDIVIDUAL PACKAGED COOKIES
MIRCROWAVE POPCORN
SNACK CAKES
SINGLE SERVE BAGS OF CHIPS
INDIVIDUAL SERVE CEREAL**

