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Back-to-School 2016-17



Superintendent Les Fujitake chats with golfers at the Chip in for Schools Golf Classic. Learn more about the event on page 4.



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT LES FUJITAKE

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS TURNING 100



The first Bloomington Consolidated School District building in 1918. Students returning to school this year are part of a long line of Bloomington learners who have entrusted us with their education.

That's right! We are celebrating our 100th birthday.

Public education in Bloomington dates back to the 1850s when one-room schools dotting the rural community served students through eighth grade. Students traveled by horse-and-buggy or the Dan Patch train to attend high school in Minneapolis.

In May 1917, voters approved the consolidation of five rural schoolhouses—Cates, Ferry Hill, Kell, Palmer and Poplar Bridge—to create Bloomington Consolidated School District #142. A century later, we continue to thrive in an ever-changing landscape to serve the Bloomington community.

Centennial events and activities will mark our 100th birthday this year, beginning with the Bloomington Heritage Days Parade on Saturday, Sept. 17, and culminating in a 100th Birthday Party

organized and hosted by the Education Foundation of Bloomington at the Doubletree Hotel on Friday, May 19, 2017.

The centennial celebration is more than just for a school system. It's for the tens of thousands of students who have learned and graduated from our schools. For the remarkably dedicated employees who have prepared children to grow and learn. For the dedicated school board members and leaders who have shaped and guided the district to face each new decade of promise.

Most importantly, it's for our community, our greatest supporters through the years.

The dedication, innovation and support of generations of students, staff, retirees, alumni, parents, community members and partners helped establish the modern-day Bloomington Public Schools. This year in particular, we thank you.

The Hub offers student data

As we prepare for the new school year, parents and students are encouraged to log in to the Hub to view important back-to-school information. The Hub, a password-protected website for parents and guardians, allows easy access to student-specific information including homework, calendar, classroom sites, school news, attendance, and bus information.

As of Aug. 23, parents will have access to bus numbers, routes and pick-up/drop-off locations, locker numbers and combinations, lunch PINs, and class schedules. Please check back before the beginning of school for the most updated bus information, as it can change slightly up to the start of school.

New this year, free and reduced-price meal applications are available under the Meal Plan tab in the Hub. Paper applications will not be mailed to families.

Hub usernames and passwords will be emailed to families several times before the start of school. To register or update your email address with the district, contact your child's school (see School Directory on page 3).

To log in to the Hub, visit bloomingtonschools.org/hub. For more information, visit bloomingtonschools.org/parents-hub. Hub support will be provided at back-to-school events (see Back-to-School Events on page 3).

#BPS100

History and photos from the district, as well as Centennial information on events and activities can be found on the district's website at bloomingtonschools.org/centennial. We'll also be sharing via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the hashtag #BPS100, so we invite you to follow us and share your memories and photos as well. Use the #BPS100 hashtag and tag us; we'll be sharing our favorite posts throughout the year!

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Next Technologies for Learning enters its fourth year of implementation this fall. Learn more at bloomingtonschools.org/NTL.



Washburn's flexible learning space was created during construction this summer, which included safety enhancements approved by voters in the 2013 referendum and a comprehensive school maintenance project.

Creating spaces for flexible learning

When construction schedules allow, the district is taking an innovative approach to redesigning learning spaces. Building on the concept that learning and teaching should shape a space, Washburn Elementary School received some creative upgrades over the summer.

While scheduled building maintenance and security enhancements were underway, the media center, computer lab and fifth grade hallway were redesigned into flexible learning spaces. The spaces can be reconfigured in multiple ways to engage different types of learners and promote student-centered learning.

The new media center layout will allow for station rotation activities and multi-use spaces. The computer lab was redesigned for flexible instruction, and the fifth grade hallway was transformed into a collaborative breakout space.

Phase II of this project will include mobile and active furnishings for two classrooms which are currently implementing flexible instruction in math.

The computer lab at the Educational Services Center, used for teacher professional development and other staff training and meetings, was re-tooled into a flexible space over the summer as well. The updated space includes flexible seating and workstations.



Students learn to cook using native foods with Patty Veintenhimer (left) during Indian Education's Learning for Life program. Veintenhimer serves on the district's American Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

BCCA students earn credits, certifications

Students attending the Bloomington Career and College Academy (BCCA) last year earned both high school STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and elective credits, as well as industry-recognized certifications and college credits. The 144 BCCA students earned 68 certifications and 825 college credits.

For the seniors, nearly 100 students, the certifications and credits are valuable as they pursue college and a career. BCCA seniors graduated with 57 certificates in CPR, First Aid, Emergency Medical Responder/Emergency Medical Technician, Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide, OSHA 10, and the A+ Information Technology certificate.

The credits earned from students attending BCCA classes at Hennepin Technical College and Normandale Community Colleges have a value of more than \$140,000. For students continuing to post-secondary education, the credits will save time and money.

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"With the credits and certifications and the job experience, these students are well-positioned to complete their education or training faster, incur less debt and enter their chosen career more quickly," said BCCA Director Gary Kressin.

BCCA pathways include Automotive Technician, Building and Construction Trades, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Responder/Emergency Medical Technician, Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide, Information Technology and Manufacturing Technology. Open enrollment is available to students residing outside of Bloomington.

Learn more at bloomingtonschools.org/BCCA.

BY THE NUMBERS



144
students

825
college credits

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Back-to-School Information

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! Here, you'll find important back-to-school information. For more school- and student-specific information, visit your school's website, and log in to the Hub on Aug. 23. Let's have a great year!



2016-17 School Directory

Early Childhood Services

Pond Family & Welcome Center, 9600 3rd Avenue
 ECCE and Screening 681-6200
 Preschool Information 681-6212
 Early Learners Academy 681-6221
 Full-day childcare/preschool

Southwood Center, 4901 W. 112th Street
 EC Special Education 806-8900

Elementary Schools: Grades K-5

Hillcrest Community, 9301 Thomas Road
 Calvin Keasling 681-5300

Indian Mounds, 9801-11th Avenue
 Joan Maland 681 6000

Normandale Hills, 9501 Toledo Avenue
 Andrew Vollmuth 806-7000

Oak Grove, 1301 W. 104th Street
 Brian Cline 681-6800

Olson, 4501 W. 102nd Street
 Paul Meyer 806-8800

Poplar Bridge, 8401 Palmer Avenue
 Roberto Cantu 681-5400

Ridgeview, 9400 Nesbitt Avenue
 Steve Abrahamson 806-7100

Valley View, 351 E. 88th Street
 Cori Thompson 681-5700

Washburn, 8401 Xerxes Avenue
 Andrew Wilkins 681-5500

Westwood, 3701 W. 108th Street
 Hugh Roberts 806-7200

Middle Schools: Grades 6-8

Oak Grove, 1300 W. 106th Street
 Brian Ingemann 681-6600
 Galaxy Youth Center 681-6606

Olson, 4551 W. 102nd Street
 Jeremy Kuhns 806-8600
 Galaxy Youth Center 806-8606

Valley View, 8900 Portland Avenue
 Benjamin Magras 681-5800
 Galaxy Youth Center 681-5806

High Schools: Grades 9-12

Jefferson, 4001 W. 102nd Street
 Jaysen Anderson 806-7600
 Activity Center 806-7880

Kennedy, 9701 Nicollet Avenue
 Andrew Beaton 681-5000
 Activity Center 681-5280
 BEACON School 681-5056



BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

School in Session

Teacher Professional Development, Conference * or Work Day

START AND END DATES

Sept 6 First Day of School Gr. 1-12
Sept 6 Modified Schedules for Kindergarten
June 7 Last Day of School

KEY DATES

Aug 29-Sept 2 Teacher Professional Development
Sept 5 No School K-12: Labor Day
Oct 19 No School K-12: Professional Development
Oct 20-21 No School K-12: Education Minnesota Conference
Nov 23 No School K-12: Elementary Conference Day *
 Secondary Work Day / Conference Day *
Nov 24-25 No School K-12: Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1 End of Trimester 1
Dec 2 No School K-12: Elementary Conference Day *
 Secondary Work Day / Conference Day *
Dec 19-Jan 2 No School K-12: Winter Break
Jan 16 No School K-12: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day *
Jan 30 No School K-12: Professional Development
Feb 20 No School K-12: President's Day
March 10 End of Trimester 2
March 13 No School K-12: Elementary Conference Day *
 Secondary Work Day / Conference Day *
March 14 No School K-12: Elementary / Secondary
 Conference Day *
Apr 10-14 No School K-12: Spring Break
May 29 No School K-12: Memorial Day
June 7 End of Trimester 3
June 8 Teacher Workshop

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*Individual schools to determine actual school conferences
 School Board Approved January 11, 2016

Back-to-School Events

All elementary back-to-school open houses are Thursday afternoon, Sept. 1, accordingly:

- Hillcrest Community School 2:30-4 p.m.
- Indian Mounds Elementary School 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Normandale Hills Elementary School 1-3:15 p.m.
- Oak Grove Elementary School 2-3:30 p.m.
- Olson Elementary School 2-3:30 p.m.
- Poplar Bridge Elementary School 2-3:30 p.m.
- Ridgeview Elementary School 2-3:30 p.m.
- Valley View Elementary School 1-3:30 p.m.
- Washburn Elementary School 1-2:30 p.m.
- Westwood Elementary School 2-3:30 p.m.

Note: The elementary back-to-school events were scheduled during the teacher contract day. This was a decision made with the understanding of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers to allow for more students and parents to meet their teachers. We understand this change in scheduling

will impact parents and families and apologize for any inconvenience. However, we respect our teachers' rights to work only within their contract day as the labor negotiations process continues.

Middle school back-to-school events are as follows:

- Oak Grove Middle School Sept. 1, 3-7 p.m.
- Olson Middle School Aug. 31, 3:30-7 p.m.
- Valley View Middle School
 New students Aug. 25, 4-6:15 p.m.
 Returning students Aug. 31, 3:30-7 p.m.

All students attending Jefferson High School should plan to attend "Jaguar Jumpstart" anytime between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Orientation for all new students, including incoming freshmen, is Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Kennedy High School's "Connect Day" for parents and students is Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Freshmen and new student orientation sessions will be held on this day at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



IN THE KNOW

Update contact information today

Parents, now is the time to update your contact information with your child's school. Updated email addresses and phone numbers improve communication about upcoming events and activities, or in the event of an emergency. Submit contact information to your child's school.

Student Meal Accounts

Menus and meal account information can be found on the Hub or at bloomingtonschools.org/food. Student meal account PINs remain the same from year to year, even if a child moves to another school within the district.

Chip In for Schools Golf Classic

The Education Foundation of Bloomington's 2nd Annual Chip In for Schools Golf Classic raised over \$30,000, thanks to sponsors and participants in the July event at Dwan Golf Course. The event has raised more than \$60,000 in two years with proceeds going to enhance learning opportunities for students. Mall of America and Kraus-Anderson join a host of other businesses and groups who donate money and door prizes for the event. Learn more at efbmn.org.

School Safety Plan Improvements

School safety improvements were completed this summer at Washburn, Pond, Southwood and Oak Grove Middle/Educational Services Center. Each site's main entrance was renovated for the new Access Management System (AMS) and related safety measures.

The new entrances will limit school access by funneling visitors to a single control point and requirement to pass through the main office once the school day begins. School entrance doors are open before and after school to allow easier flow of students, parents and staff. Access is limited at all other times.



- School Safety Plan improvements include amber-colored lights installed in high traffic areas of the school - cafeteria, auditorium, gym - and on the outside of the building easily viewed at parent and bus drop-off/pick-up locations. In the event of an emergency, the lights are activated as a warning signal. Parents are advised to leave the area immediately when the amber lights are flashing. Information via telephone or email will be shared as soon as possible with further instructions. At times, the amber lights are activated for school emergency drills. In these instances, parents will not receive advance notice or communication normally associated with an emergency notification.

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POINTS OF PRIDE

- This year's Education Foundation of Bloomington Prodigy Award winners are Jefferson High School Algebra II team of **Jon Anderson**, **Ryan Meyering** and **Scott Cater**; and Hillcrest Community School's custodial team of **Jeff Tucker**, **Larry Lindholm** and **Maura Rosas**.
- Jefferson's "Thoroughly Modern Millie" received outstanding recognition in overall production, movement/dance performance by an ensemble, overall technical team and technical crew at this year's Hennepin Theatre Trust SpotLight Awards. The production received honorable mention in overall performance, vocal performance by an ensemble, student orchestra and A/V board. **Jillian Sjoquist**, **Julia Knight** and **Morgan Kempton** earned awards for outstanding performances in a leading role, and **Alexa Schirber** received honorable mention in a supporting role. **Emerson Stenbeck** received a technical leadership nomination.
- Kennedy's "Mary Poppins" earned honorable mention in overall production, ensemble performance, movement/dance performance by an ensemble, overall technical team and technical crew at the Hennepin Theatre Trust SpotLight Awards. **Audrey Cummings** earned outstanding performance in a leading role honors, and **Jennifer Tincher** and **Laura Gale** received honorable mention for performance in a supporting role. **Lily Osorio** received a technical leadership nomination, and **Douglas Cotton** and **Gabriel Jordan** received "Shout-Outs" for their standout work.
- Jefferson and Kennedy high school members of the Bloomington Police Explorers were recognized at the 41st annual Police Explorer State Competition. The team included Jefferson's **Zach Brodsky**, **Ashley Johnson**, **Ben Lacher**, **Shanna Orner**, **Cody Sablatura** and **D'Angelo Williams**, and Kennedy's **Ian Anderson**, **Hannah Currin** and **Keshawn Waldoch**. The team won first place in traffic stops and use of force, and fifth place in street decisions. Individuals earning awards were Lacher and Currin, who also received the 2016 Officer Shawn Silvera Scholarship.
- Bloomington students who won awards at the 2016 Minnesota ArcGIS map contest include Olson Middle School's **Lexi Hofer** and **Emma Nelson**, Oak Grove Middle School's **Grace Jarvis**, **Bella Marker**, **Brady Vogt**, and **Dariel Orantes** and Kennedy High School's **Ayla Volante**. Oak Grove Middle School's **Andrew Barton** received honorable mention.



Summer SLAM students learn to bake cookies. This summer program is held in collaboration with Artistry and Bloomington Parks and Recreation to offer a variety of activities for students during the summer, including arts and crafts, sports activities, computer-based games and projects and more.