

# Bauerwood Beacon

News from Bauerwood Elementary

How can we already be turning the corner into March? February is a short month, but with mid-winter break and unexpected snow days it seemed even shorter. We are looking forward to getting into a routine this week. We have a lot of time until Spring Break and a lot to accomplish during that time. Thank you for your continued support this school year.



## Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars for a few fun events.

Wednesday, March 8 Bauerwood Family Network Meeting 7:00 pm at Bauerwood

Thursday, March 9 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 8:30

Friday, March 10 Teacher Professional Development, No School for Students

Tuesday, March 14 Parent Teacher Conference 4:00 - 8:30

Friday, March 17 **New** Bauerwood Carnival Date

March 31 - April 7 Spring Break



## Parent Teacher Conferences

We are excited to be able to meet in person to discuss student progress during our parent teacher conferences. Information about registration was sent home in the Friday folder as well as via email on Friday. If you have any questions about registering for conferences or need technology support please reach out to Jill VanElst in the office at (616)457-1408. We are happy to help you get signed up to celebrate your child.



## Bauerwood Family Network

BFN is working hard to plan a few fun events for our students including a school wide carnival! Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer and participate in the fun. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 in the library at Bauerwood.

## Girls In STEM

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Science • Technology • Engineering • Mathematics

Are you a girl interested in any of the subjects above? Do you enjoy problem solving and learning? The high school Girls in STEM club is hosting an assembly that will include a demonstration, math puzzles, a take home project, and more fun activities for girls 4th through 6th grade.

The meeting, run by high school girls (assisted by at least one staff member) will help explore the world of STEM with our young and intelligent students. This is a great opportunity to help girls continue interest in STEM fields throughout school, and the rest of life. This semester meetings will be held at Jenison High School in the Media Center. Girls in 4th -6th grade can attend one meeting on any of the dates listed below.

**Where:**

Jenison High School: Saturday March 11, 2023

Media center

Jenison High School: Saturday March 18, 2023

Media center

**Time:** 10:00 am-12 noon

**Students must be registered to attend the meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. To reserve a spot fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/zU2kWc5PNZUwdw45A>. Close to the meeting date, I will send additional information on the meeting location.**

If you have any questions please contact Alice Putti: [aputti@jpsonline.org](mailto:aputti@jpsonline.org)  
(Chemistry teacher, Jenison High School)

## March is Reading Month

We will be celebrating reading this month with a variety of activities that students can participate in at home as well as at school.

JPS	MARCH IS READING MONTH					2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Complete 10 squares and X them out. Turn in your completed calendar to the media center to receive prizes and a \$3 Gift Certificate to use at the Book Fair. Two lucky winners from each elementary will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card! (reading activities may be completed on any day)						
	<b>Free Space</b> Turn in an overdue library book!		<b>1 Nonfiction</b> Read your favorite informational book!	<b>2 Dr. Seuss' B-Day</b> Read any book by Dr. Seuss.	<b>3 Friday Spirit Day!</b> Wear a t-shirt with WORDS today.	<b>4 Nonfiction</b> Read an informational book about an animal.
<b>5 Word Puzzle</b> Do a word search or crossword puzzle.	<b>6 Read</b> Read some jokes and riddles today!	<b>7 Graphic Novels</b> Read your favorite graphic novel or cartoon book!	<b>8 Wednesday Without Screens</b> Read for 20-30 minutes.	<b>9 Spirit Day!</b> Dress like one of your favorite book characters!	<b>10 No School</b> Find as many words as you can using these words: <b>READING MONTH</b>	<b>11 Biographies</b> Read about a famous person!
<b>12 Read</b> Read instead of watching tv or playing video games.	<b>13 Favorite Character</b> Read a book about your favorite character!	<b>14 Read</b> Read the road signs on the way to and from school.	<b>15 Bookmark</b> Make a bookmark of your favorite book.	<b>16 Read</b> St. Patrick's Day Read Green Eggs and Ham	<b>17 Friday Spirit Day!</b> Wear vacation clothing for your favorite BEACH read!	<b>18 Library</b> Visit a public library and read a book there!
<b>19 Favorite Author</b> Read a book by your favorite author.	<b>20 Graphic Novels</b> Read your favorite graphic novel or cartoon book!	<b>21 Write</b> Write a letter to someone about a book you have read.	<b>22 Wednesday Without Screens</b> Read for 20-30 minutes.	<b>23 Word Game</b> Play a word game like Hangman or Scrabble.	<b>24 Friday Spirit Day!</b> Wear JPS Gear -- Jenison READERS are LEADERS!	<b>25 Board Game</b> Play a board game with your family!
<b>26 Recipe</b> Read a recipe and make something yummy to eat!	<b>27 Draw</b> Make a small poster to "advertise" reading.	<b>28 Read</b> Read a book to a family member.	<b>29 Poems</b> Read a book of poems.	<b>30 Last day to turn in your Reading Calendar!</b>	<b>31 Enjoy Spring Break...READ!</b>	



## Spring Break

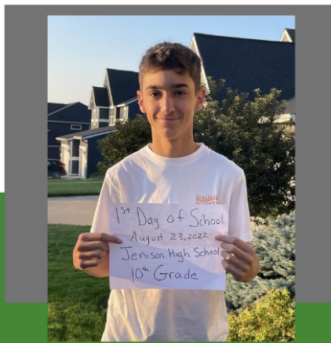
We still have snow flying, but I know that people are planning and preparing for Spring Break. We will not have school starting on Friday, March 31. We will return to school on Monday, April 10.



## Host a Foreign Exchange Student



**OPEN YOUR HEART - GROW YOUR WORLD**



### Why become a host family?

- Grow your family's understanding of the world
- Students are excited to experience American life
- Trusted agency in partnership with JPS
- Local coordinator support 24/7
- JPS summer travel opportunities with group / agency
- Students proficient in English
- Monthly stipend to host family

### HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT 2023-24

#### Requirements:

- Must be 25 years old
- Be willing to help a student adjust & experience American life
- Provide a bed, some transportation, meal at home, & place to study
- Pass background check & home visit
- Welcome student as one of your own



**New experiences & amazing memories**

For more info, contact Crystal Morse, [cmorse@jpsonline.org](mailto:cmorse@jpsonline.org)

# What's Happening

Pictures of our kids, doing great things!



**6th Grade students conducting scientific observations of an accelerometer with the movement of a cork in a bottle of water.**



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**Valentine fun all over the school before break!**

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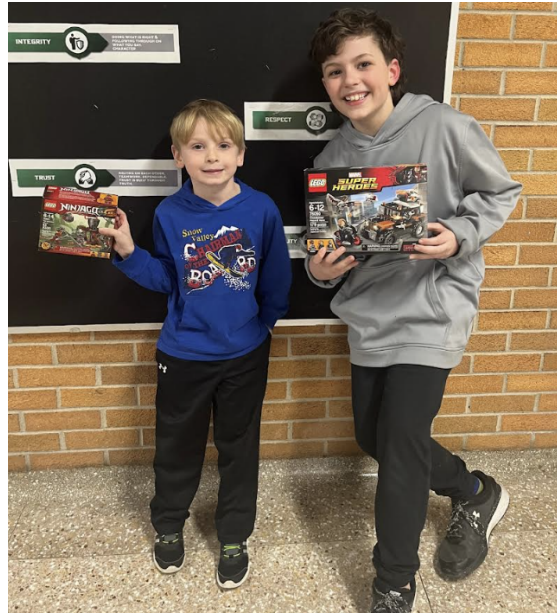


**PE classes spent the month of February learning how to bowl!**



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**Raffle winners from our Senior Survivors!**