



# BGMS PAW PRINTS

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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- 12 *Classes in session*  
*Snow Make-up Day*
- 17 Moodle Day
- 21 Father/Daughter Dance 2-5 pm

### MAY

- 3 Walk-a-thon 8:45a.m  
Rain date May 10
- 17-18 Relay for Life-Builders Club
- 18 Choir Six Flags Contest (7am Depart H.S.)
- 21 Honors Breakfast
- 22 Honor Society Induction
- 23 Medieval Times 6th grade trip  
MS & HS Choir  
Concert & Awards
- 24 8th grade dance 2:15-4:00
- 27 Memorial Day—No School

**SEE ATTACHED**

**PTO FLYER FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 8TH GRADE PARTY**

## BGMS CHEER COMPETITION SQUAD SCORES 1ST

**On Sunday, April 7 the AmeriCheer Great lakes Nationals were held at Navy Pier. Our BGMS Cheerleaders earned a 1st Place for all performances: Squad, Stunt Group, and Duo.**

**They were also, High Point Champions receiving a paid bid to the US AmeriCheer Finals!**

**Cheer Perfection was also there filming and they may get a chance to be on TV.**



### BGMS PTO NEWS

**Please get any pictures, or group Pictures you may have of our 8th graders for the 8th Grade slide show. Send them to Missy Buehrer at missy4776@yahoo.com**

**The Walk-a-thon is scheduled for May 3 , 8:45 a.m. (rain date May 10). We are in need of volunteers, so if you are able to volunteer your time please contact Karen Massom 219-465-6144 or bgmspto@gmail.com**

### BUILDERS CLUB HAPPENINGS

Builder's Club and Student Council are gearing up for Relay for Life. We are in need of used t-shirts of all colors which we will use to make rag rugs to sell at the event. If you have any used t-shirts that are just taking up space, please send them our way. We would love to have a variety of colors to choose from. Adult sizes work best, but we are glad to use child sizes too. We are also making duct tape wallets and flowers, so if you have any rolls of duct tape lying around (who doesn't?) and wouldn't mind making a donation, it would be appreciated! Items can be dropped off at the office, or taken to Mrs. Atwood's

**PTO elections are coming up soon. If you are interested please send a letter And reasons for interest to bgmspto@gmail.com by May 7.**

**The 8th grade send off party will be May 24th 2:15—4:00 p.m. This event will need volunteers so if you can help in any way please contact Karen Massom 219-465-6144 or bgmspto@gmail.com and remember Without volunteers we CAN NOT have this event.**

# From the Superintendent's Desk

Dr. Stacey Schmidt

## 1:1 Computing at BGHS—Transforming Teaching and Learning

This week on Thursday there will be a meeting for parents of 2013-2014 BGHS students to discuss the possibility of each BGHS student being provided an iPad for use in the school setting. I know that may raise many questions—which is why we are having a parent meeting this Thursday to talk about this exciting possibility.

I want to focus on the educational reasons why we have been working toward this for the past few years. Research shows (<http://www.projectred.org/>) that schools in which students have access to a computing device perform at higher levels, have fewer disciplinary actions, have fewer students dropping out, and have higher graduation rates than schools without a computing device for each student. This increase in student achievement and engagement is crucial as we continue to forge ahead at BGHS.

PTSC began years ago working on the infrastructure of the district to prepare for an environment at BGHS where every student would have an electronic device. For the past couple of years, the online instruction day has provided teachers with an opportunity to create a digital learning environment that explores teaching and learning in non-traditional formats. This year, PTSC wrote and just received a grant through the eLearning department at the Indiana Department of Education to provide teachers with further professional development in the creation of digital content for students. All of these events help us to move toward a more learner-centric environment in which teachers are better able to focus on the needs of individual students and students are better able to take control of their own learning.

Is the iPad the answer to everything we need to do to move BGHS forward educationally? Absolutely not! It is another tool in the hands of our talented teachers and students to help us achieve our goal of reaching every student, every day, moving them toward reaching their full potential. We will still use materials we already own to help us accomplish this goal. It will be a transition to move toward digital curriculum and digital content creation by students. As we look at how to prepare students for a future we ourselves cannot envision (see October 8<sup>th</sup> newsletter), it is imperative that we are working to provide them with the technological tools they will need to be successful beyond our walls. This is an exciting future, an exciting possibility, and a place where I know I'd want to go to school. Join us Thursday night to learn even more (and the specifics) about this possibility.

## Important Dates:

- \*April 11, 2013: BGHS parent meeting to discuss 1:1 computing
- \*April 12, 2013: All schools in session
- \*April 17, 2013: Online instruction day BGHS/BGMS
- \*April 22-June 5: End of Course Assessments (ECA help sessions are available—contact BGHS for details)
- \*April 29-May 10: ISTEP+ Multiple Choice Testing
- \*May 14—Blood Drive at PLE from 3:30 PM -7:30 PM. You may sign up by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule your donation appointment.
- \*May 15, 2013: Online instruction day BGHS/BGMS
- \*May 27, 2013: Memorial Day, No School
- \*June 3, 2013: All schools in session, student last day

Every Wednesday is a 30-minute early dismissal. If we have a 2-hour delay, there will be no early dismissal and students will leave at their regular dismissal time.

## PTSC Standouts:

\*Congratulations to the Varsity baseball team on their victory at the 2013 Kankakee Valley Klassic Tournament.

Do you have a standout to share? Email Dr. Schmidt at: [Stacey.Schmidt@ptsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Stacey.Schmidt@ptsc.k12.in.us)

# 8th Grade End of the Year PARTY!!!

The end of the year is fast approaching and our 8th graders will be moving on to the High School!! This is a huge milestone and the PTO is planning a send-off party on May 24th from 2:15-4:00. This is an informal party where they can eat, dance and hang out with their friends. There is no cost to attend. The only requirements are:

- ~ You have no fines or overdue books in the Library.
- ~ You must return the permission slip attached by May 1, 2013.

In order to make this party a success, we need your help! We will be needing chaperones, monetary donations (to offset the cost of the party and DJ) and cookies or brownies. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please mark the appropriate spaces below.

Any questions please feel free to contact Karen Massom at 465-6144, 242-1369 or e-mail at [skmassom@frontier.com](mailto:skmassom@frontier.com)

Also please send any pictures, group picture work well, to Missy Buehrer at [missy4776@yahoo.com](mailto:missy4776@yahoo.com)

**Please return form no later than May 1, 2013**

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Students name \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the 8th grade Party on Friday May 24, 2013 from 2:15-4:00. I understand that I must pick my child up by 4:00.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number that you may be reached during party \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to chaperone (must have a background check)

\_\_\_ I will donate desserts (Have to school by 1:00 on that day)

\_\_\_ Monetary donation

\_\_\_ Call me... I can help!! name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt size (all 8th graders get a t-shirt)**

Adult small \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Large \_\_\_\_\_

Adult X-large \_\_\_\_\_ Size not shown here \_\_\_\_\_



# SCIENCE FAIR

# PARTICIPANTS

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## **Congratulations to all of the Science Fair Participants.**

Charlie Hoskins  
Matt Fuscoe  
Kate Pfister  
Abby Bender  
Dillion Richmond  
Kevin Burke  
Brittany Cardenas  
Shawna Greenway  
Connor Crowe  
Ethan Anderson  
Jack Pfister  
Truman Maxwell  
Riley Hendrix  
Matt Lawton  
Aaron Torres  
Randy Sneed  
Savanna Cain  
Kelsie Edwards  
Kennedy Hilton  
Luke Crisman  
Lauren Casbon  
Sam Kilburg  
Emily Walker  
Maggie Brooks  
Hannah Cristy  
Warren Glisk  
Erik Blank  
Hunter McCoy  
Tanner Barron