



School District of Beloit

POINTS OF PRIDE

2015-2016

DISTRICT LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

As our successes are a tribute to the collaboration of our entire community, we invite all to share in some of those highlights from the 2015-2016 school year.

We are pleased to report that graduation rates have risen once again to 89.2%, higher than the state's average (88.4%) and national average (82.3%).

The State Superintendent again honored several of our schools as Schools of Recognition for their work during the 2014-15 school year: Morgan, Roy Chapman Andrews Academy (3 years in a row) and Converse Elementary School (5 years in a row). Converse was also a State Department of Public Instruction Spotlight School, promoted to other state districts from which to learn.



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Four of our teachers earned National Board Certification this year - the highest level a teacher can reach: Terri Ross and Jan Albert (pictured below). We are now up to eight NBC teachers in the district, on par with the national average of 1-2% of teachers.



A ribbon cutting was held for the new Fruzen Intermediate Schools, with additional dedications held for the Barbara Hickman Fine Arts Center and Jim Caldwell Gymnasium.



Several more of our teachers were selected by the Beloit Rotary Club as Teachers of the Month, including: Jen Murry (McNeel), Andre DeKok (BMHS), Jean Simmons (Merrill), Joylyn Weibel (Converse), and Audrey Vaughn (McNeel).

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

CONVERSE

We are pleased to be named a WI DPI School of Recognition for the fifth year in a row, as well as a Spotlight School for the second consecutive year, with visits this year from Milwaukee, Sheboygan and Janesville observing our practices. Some of our achievement highlights this year include exceeding state and national averages on the Badger Exam for third grade.

Even Start

Our Even Start program is still going strong, including the following highlights from this past year:

- 75 adult students registered with BTC ESL program
- Adult Even Start students consistently exceed state gains in functional levels.
- 71 children attend Beloit Even Start birth-4K
- Even Start Dancers have performed 17 times in the stateline area.
- This year 3 students who started Even Start as babies and continued through the program have received scholarships to attend college:
 - 1 received a full ride scholarship to UW-Madison.
 - 1 received a full ride to Coe College in Iowa
 - 1 received a sports scholarship for soccer to Viterbo University.



Other Converse Highlights:

- 300 participants at Math Night
- 200 participants at Reading Night
- Buddy reading day with McNeel 4th Gr.
- 3rd Grade Jump Rope for Heart raised \$1300+ for the AHA
- 25 students in the District Visual and Performing Arts Show
- 30 students in the Beloit Public Library Arts Show
- Mrs. Dominguez's class took part in "King-Chavez Jr.'s Project" with scholars from UW-Whitewater promoting equity and diversity



GASTON

The home of the Gaston Bandits had a strong Fact Fluency Focus in grades 1-3, 3rd Grade Reading Workshop and the other following highlights:

- Science/Technology/Engineering/ and Math night
- Gaston School Read-In
- Gaston CLC events
- 8 Speech Language students graduated from Speech Language Services
- Visual and performing arts showcase--25 students
- Public library art show---40 students
- 2016 Farm to School Calendar art contest--5 Gaston winners
- Gaston Carnival
- Student Recognition through awards and special days

HACKETT

Hackett had a great school year! We've added new programs and partnerships with community members to help enhance the services and resources we offer our students and families. We are so proud of the way Hackett staff and community members have come together to truly invest in the teaching of the WHOLE student, including partnerships with Caritas Food Pantry and UW-Extension.

The following teachers brought in these valuable grants for our school:

- **Sarah Cary:** \$800 Fuel Up to Play 60, "Cornerstone of Hope" donated and installed three raised garden beds, \$2154 Ecolab for school garden
- **Devin Post:** \$100 Scholastic Back to School Grant, Donor's Choose Project for \$245 (student whiteboards/markers, privacy shields for student tables), ECOLab Grant for \$480 (Word work activities and games for entire 2nd grade)
- **Cindy Weber:** \$900 Ecolab for Spanish leveled readers
- **Janay Banks-Wilson:** \$900 Stateline Community Foundation (Empowerment Monday Group) Uniforms, Books, Read Your Heart Out, Trip to Beloit College
- **Marquea McClenathan:** \$825 Donors Choose (bilingual area rug)
- **Elise Grunder:** \$100 Meemic Back to School Grant (Clorox wipes, Kleenex), \$680 Donors Choose (area rug)
- **Megan Brost:** \$635 Donors Choose (classroom carpet)
- **Leanne Rebout:** \$1000.00 Meemic Foundation Grant (pouch laminator- up to 10mm, hand held scanner and docking station, laminating pouches)
- **Lori Hall:** \$300 Donors Choose (classroom supplies for sensory needs)



HACKETT continued

Meeting Family Needs

Hackett hosted an English class for Spanish speaking parents for 10 weeks during the school year. Childcare was provided and all materials were paid for through a Stateline Community Foundation grant.

A new partnership was developed with Caritas food pantry and 35 families received backpacks full of food twice a month throughout the school year.

Hackett staff organized a Holiday Bazaar that was free to students and their families. We had 181 adults attend. The Bazaar offered free bedding, decorations, books, toys, games and clothing. Our student services staff has worked diligently to



ensure that students and families are getting the counseling services needed to be successful both inside and outside of school.

In an effort to build bridges between staff and Latino families, we hosted ESL Parent Teacher Connection Night. Our families and staff feasted on food prepared by all; pinatas were broken; talented student singers and dancers entertained; and students' hands created a wonderful message to all. ESL PT night was held in hopes that despite language barriers ALL families would feel welcome and supported within the walls of Hackett School.

Community Connections

Hackett strengthened its partnership with Beloit College this year and had 21 college students volunteer weekly in our lunch buddy and reading buddy program. We have 11 additional volunteers from the community that spend time with students

regularly. Additionally, Beloit Professor, Kylie Quave, reached out to our ESL Department to host/create a Pop Up Museum. Quave and her anthropology class provided fun activities and an avenue for students to celebrate and share their heritage.

The members of Student Council organized a Penny War and raised \$558.20, given to Holly's Kids and Caritas.

Gym teacher Sarah Cary and a group of students have teamed up with UW Extension and formed a garden club, learning about healthy eating. They built three raised garden beds on the school grounds.

Hackett's MEO Advisor (Minority Excellence Organization), Janay Banks-Wilson asked teachers to pick students in second and third grade to participate in an Empowerment Monday group. Wilson invites members of the Beloit community to talk to students about the importance of education and overcoming adversity to become successful and productive members of our community. Due to the partnership established with the anthropology class, the Empowerment club students were able to attend a tour of Beloit College and the Logan Museum.



Wilson also organized Hackett's first Read Your Heart Out event to celebrate African American Parent Involvement Day. The event invites family and community into the school to read to students and celebrate African American culture folklore. Students participated in different activities throughout the day including, creating a kente cloth, taste testing soul food, watching the Knightingales perform and listening to a solo performance of a spiritual folklore.

MERRILL



- Terri Ross, Kindergarten Teacher, earned National Board Certification
- Kickoff of D.O.G.S. program in September (Dads Of Great Students)
- 2nd year of B.R.A.V.E. neighborhood walk group (Beloit Residents Against Violence Everywhere)
- 84 students completed the October "Books Build Brilliant Brains" reading challenge, and 99 in December.
- November food drive for Caritas brought in 1,273 donations
- Held Kindergarten and 1st grade winter performance of "A Bugz Christmas"
- First and Third Grade Book Buddies program provided a great opportunity for inter-grade learning and mentorship
- Outstanding family participation in events and program such as the healthy cooking classes, Cultural night, and Conferences, just to name a few!

ROBINSON

We are proud to have our own custodian, Mr. Saeed Amin, earn 2nd place in the National Cintas Janitor of the Year Contest with an outstanding 87,000 votes! Some other highlights from Robinson include:

- Dual Language Program
- Increased Family Involvement
- New School Secretary and Social Worker
- Increased student achievement on PALS/MAP assessments
- Partnerships with:
 - Boys N Girls Club
 - YMCA
 - Americorp
 - Blackhawk Tech
 - Beloit College
- Pam Story - Barb Hickman award nominee
- Hosted a principal from Germany
- Visits from schools and districts around the state.
- Reduction in school suspensions
- Application for PBIS recognition
- Implementation of restorative practices
- Cultural Diversity speaker Dakotu Irby
- After school grant renewal



TODD

Todd staff continues to grow and develop their understanding of RtI. We were very excited to receive from DPI a School of Merit award for the implementation of RtI and PBIS in our building.

We were excited to include an Early Childhood Phono Group this year, as well as 4K and 3rd Grade Dual Language Immersion this year.

We celebrated many different family activities throughout the school year including Cultural Night and Grandparents Day!

A building goal for Todd is to actively seek students to participate in at least 2 extracurricular activities each year. We have Student Council, Just Say No Club, Spirit Squad, Drama Club, Destination Imagination, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, after school sports, second grade after school reading club in collaboration with Beloit College, and EXCCEL after school programming.



Todd School was fortunate to receive the 21st century grant for a third cycle. We are in our 12th year of the EXCCEL after school program at Todd. The program was developed to enhance the learning for students needing extra assistance. We provide a snack, recreation, homework time, and designated reading and math extensions. The students at Todd attend the after school program M-F from 2:55–5:00. We have approximately 36 students attending daily from Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Todd School continues TRIBES and we began a study with Love and Logic and Trauma Informed Care.

Todd School experienced a baby boom this year. Seven staff were expecting! Two babies have been born with five more expected this summer!

Todd staff are on a journey of cultural awareness. As part of our study, we visited Sandberg and Hawthorne Elementary Schools in Madison. What a wonderful experience!

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

ALDRICH

We are finishing up the 2015-16 school year with our Warriors going strong in academics and activities. More than 55% of our students in grades 6-8 were on the Honor Roll! Here are some of this year's events we enjoyed:

- Girls Who Rock
- Grandparents Day
- Doughnuts with Dad
- Muffins with Mom
- Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser
- Math Night
- Hispanic Heritage Night
- Reading Night
- School Play: Lion King
- PBIS School Store
- 4th & 5th Grade Intramurals
- 4th-8th Student Art Contest
- Ecolab Winner Monarch Butterfly Garden
- Fresh Start Mentor Program



CUNNINGHAM

Our Cavaliers earned several recognitions including:

- 18 students qualified to compete at the Regional Math 24 Tournament
- 8 students earned trophies at the Regional Math 24 Tournament
- Quarterly Student recognition breakfasts were well attended by students and families.
- Numerous 4th and 6th grade students have become Cav card holders, showing them off with pride!
- Entries from Celia Bruno and Sage Williams chosen for the Southern Lakes Anthology
- National Junior Honor Society: 24 Inductees
- Beloit Math Meet grades 5 & 6 - Sage Williams, Hayleigh Terrell, Jaymion Copper, David Peck

CAV activities included:

- Destination Imagination, 2 teams
- Football team won championship and finished undefeated



- Rock River Choral Festival - six participants
- 4th and 5th Choir - 35 students presented two choral performances this year.
- One-Act Plays - 25 students performed "They Eat Sunshine, Not Zebras" and "The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair" to rave reviews!

CUNNINGHAM Continued

- Jazz Ensemble performed to a full house
- Annual District Visual and Performing Arts Showcase
- Just Say No monthly meetings and activities
21st Century CLC supports 135 students
- Cunningham Vocal Music Showcase
Great American Music Festival
Adjudication resulted in Gold Medals for Band, Choir, and Orchestra performances
5th grade movie critics--BIFF
- Silver Sharpies - Staff to staff recognitions
- CAV Choir - approximately 25 regular and special ed. students meet together weekly for rehearsals.
- Clubs offered at Cunningham - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girls Who Rock, National Junior Honor Society, Just Say No Club, Student Council, Flag Corps, Math 24, MEO (Minority Excellence Organization), Book Quest, Destination Imagination, NIKE (Nicotine is Kids Enemy)
- 2nd Annual "Cunningham's Got Talent" Show - June 3
- CAV and CAV Jr. recreation nights held for students

Community Building

- Student Council collected hygiene items for Robin House
- Lots of staff members have participated/donated to the "Coach Pettit is not a blocking dummy" fund by purchasing the rib/pork lunches.
- 5th grade Premier Care Pen Pals
- 27 Martin Luther King Student Awards and All School Black History Month Assembly
- McTeacher Night April 28, \$470 was raised towards playground equipment
- Mrs. Palmer's advisory class sent Christmas cards to residents at a local nursing home.
- Spaghetti Dinner May 3 raised \$2,700 for playground equipment

- Jazz Ensemble performed to a full house
- NJHS collected 45 coats for kids
- RSVP Folk Fair
- Alice in Dairyland - Wisconsin Agriculture Education Agriculture Ambassador
- 142 cases of water donated towards Fresh water for Flint
- Mrs. Palmer's Advisory Class did "Random Acts of Kindness" - placed Positive Post-Its on student lockers
- Reading Incentives - Magic Waters, Snappers
- Pennies for Playground raised \$800 for playground equipment
- Diabetes Support Group
School-wide support in creating and sending hundreds of Christmas Cards to Whitney in order to fulfill a student's final wish

Events

- Donuts for Dads filled the cafeteria
- Hispanic Heritage Festival was held in October. It was an inaugural event for Cunningham Intermediate
- Granola for Grandparents
- NED Show
- Teju - storyteller and drum talk
- Muffins for Moms - over 120 Moms filled the cafeteria and received a photo from the photo booth!





FRUZEN

Fruzen Intermediate School, named for long-time educator Fran Fruzen, opened the Fall of 2015 with a joyful ribbon cutting and kept going strong all year! Please see below for some of our Falcon highlights.

- Hosted two additional opening ceremonies: Barbara Hickman Fine Arts Center and the Jim Caldwell Gymnasium
- Destination Imagination advanced all the way to Global competition!
- Math League earned several honors:
 - 6th grade Team Score placed them #30 in the State!
 - 7th grade Team Score placed them #23 in the State!
 - 8th grade Team Score placed them #14 in the State and #2 in the Region!
 - 8th grader Michael Wales tied for #12 in the State and #2 in the Region!
- Fruzen Educator, Jan Albert, earned her National Board Certification – the highest certification a teacher can receive!
- Held several recreation nights for students
- Worked with PTO to host monthly activities such as Family Fitness Night, Arts Night, and Games Night.

MCNEEL

Academics

- McNeel students placed in the district Math 24 Competition.
- For the first time ever, we had 2 Destination Imagination Teams in the regional competition.
- A team of five 7th and 8th students participated in our First Science Quiz Bowl in Madison. They demonstrated Lancer Pride as they made it through several rounds of questions. Looking forward to even higher standings next year.
- Over 300 students will be recognized at our Annual Lancer Academic Awards Night.
- Over 200 McNeel Math Students participated in mathematics competitions throughout the school year including Math Olympiads, Math 24, Math League and Math Meet.

Activities

- 236 students participated in band, choir and orchestra programs. Over 400 4th-6th graders also performed winter and spring grade level performances.
- Our Lancer Band, Choir and Orchestra all earned gold ratings at the Six Flags Great America Music Festival!
- 292 male and female student athletes participating in 12 different athletic seasons throughout the school year.
- Inaugural year for the McNeel Lancer Chess Club. We hosted our first ever chess tournament and participated in several others across the state.
- Our popular Center Stage program provided 300 Lancer students from all grade levels enriching before and after school programs focused on improving reading, writing and mathematics skills, as well as providing families a safe environment for students to receive after school programming.
- As part of our school-wide, PBIS system, Student Recognition breakfasts honored over 220 students and their families throughout the year for demonstrating Honor, Ownership, Mindfulness and Engagement.

Academics

- College Competition Week provided every student an opportunity to adopt a college or university, learn about that university and its programs and experience a week of “Homecoming” style games and competitions. Congratulations to Mr. Warden’s fourth grade class for being this year’s College Competition Week Champions!
- One hundred McNeel Intermediate School 4th through 8th graders attended the University of Wisconsin Madison Engineering Expo where students had an opportunity to tour the engineering portion of the UW campus as well as participate in many fun, interesting and hands on engineering activities.

Community

- Approximately 120 McNeel Intermediate School eighth grade students visited the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where they received a presentation from an admissions officer on what the UW is looking for in applicants, toured campus and heard from student athletes about what it takes to balance academics with the other parts of college life.
- Our Student Services Department worked with community sponsors to start and stock the “McNeel Closet” which provides clothes, hats, jackets and other clothing items for students in need.
- Our McNeel “MaddieStrong” drive generated over \$1,500 for the Schieve family.
- The McNeel Lancer Expo featured over 25 community agencies, multiple extracurricular clubs and activity groups as well as displays and presentations by each of our grade level and exploratory content teams with over 400 students and families attending.
- Hosted the first annual McNeel Lancer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Festival that included presentations and hands-on activities by ...

- ...local companies and organizations such as Rock County Geology Club, Kids Fun and Drama (KFAD), BMHS Cyber Robotics Team, REACH, the Welty Environmental Center, Madison Herpetological Society, Badgerland Lapidary Society and many, many more.
- During our 6th Annual McNeel Lancer Youth Service Day our students and staff completed approximately 2000 hours of service to stateline non-profits including local schools, parks, Toys for Tots, the Dutter House, City of Beloit Parks and Recreation, Salvation Army, the Beloit Boy’s and Girl’s Club, Sun Valley Retirement Center and others.
- As a part of McNeel Intermediate School’s tribute to Dr. King’s “Legacy of Service” our students participated in numerous service projects including the Lancer Book Drive, numerous clothing and food drives as well as raising funds for various local charities.
- Family engagement activities including grade level picnics, “Muffins for Moms”, “Donuts for Dads” and “Goodies for Grandparents”.

Staff



- Brittany Miller, our Art Teacher, won the 2016 Public Broadcasting Service Learning Media Digital Innovator Award. This award recognized Ms. Miller as a tech-savvy K-12 educator with a passion for using digital technology and media with a desire to empower her peers and share strategies around digital media integration.
- Sixth Grade Professional Educator Audrey Vaughn, was honored as the Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators, Teacher of the Year, on May 7, in Milwaukee.
- All Lancer Staff were trained in Restorative Practices which help staff develop better relationships among students, staff and the school community and includes the use of informal and formal processes that precede wrongdoing, so that students may take responsibility for their actions and repair the harm that they may have caused.

CHARTER SCHOOL

ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS ACADEMY

RCAA is a School District of Beloit Charter School, governed by a board of parents and community members. Students in grades 6-12 learn standards through self-selected projects. Some of the RCAA points of pride include:

- Recognized by DPI as a School of Recognition for Beating the Odds for the third year in a row
- Worked with Beloit College students to provide enhanced learning opportunities
- All school trip to Romeo and Juliet
- All school trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum
- All school trip to physics event at UW Madison
- Enhanced focus upon career and college readiness which has included job shadowing, project work, college visits, and interviews
- Students organized Peace Rally in response to violence in the community
- Students created and led learning opportunities for other students in dance, PE, and literacy
- Continued to have representatives in the Minority Scholars program
- Improved PBIS systems
- Added CNC machines to enhance student projects
- Students have taken a key role in shaping a culture of mutual respect and learning
- Students volunteered in elementary classrooms
- Students have published creative writing pieces online and have received a great deal of positive feedback



ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

BELOIT LEARNING ACADEMY

BLA serves students in grades 6-12, offering a small environment for students needing more guidance and nurturing.

- **108/115 students from BLA scheduled to graduate with the class of 2016 (94%)**
 - HeadStart - 100% graduation
 - FreshStart - 80% graduation rate (85% homeless students)
- 80% of HS BLA staff are Challenge Academy student mentors
- ALL BLA staff attended Children Come First Conference in November
- Gang awareness PD for all staff by both Beloit and Janesville Police Department
- School visits by Wright Staff - to learn about other Alternative Schools in WI
- Wright staff part of DPI Trauma-Sensitive Schools Professional Development initiative
- Wright building involved in Focus Group for Mobile Crisis w/ Rock County Juvenile to improve diversion policies and programs for justice-involved youth with behavioral health disorders
- Wright staff on Core Management Team for the Safe Schools/Healthy Schools Grant
- Second year of Restorative Practice implementation
- BLA Pilot Community Circle that included Beloit Community members
- Incorporating Trauma Sensitive and Restorative Practices in our PBIS Framework
- Wright staff instrumental in removal of Truancy Fines for Beloit Students
- Wright staff advocate for students for removal of past fines to remove barriers
- BLA Transition students prepared lunch for Wright staff each Friday throughout the year

B.L.A. Continued



- Several students involved in Job Shadowing Opportunities
- Wright students provided following workshops:
 - ACT Prep
 - Paying for College Workshop
 - Filling out the FAFSA
 - Scholarship Lab
- Participated in All Access Day at Blackhawk Technical College
- Mindfulness group offered to our students from Beloit College students
- Zentangles partnership with Beloit College, and Field Trips to Beloit Hospital, Fairbanks, Big Hills Park, Arts4All, First Class Cosmetology and several colleges
- We offered a Grief Group and a Cognitive Behavioral Group
- New Life Church partnership for after school and expelled students
- Through the Dream Act, Wright Staff was able to help 3 students achieve DACA status (temporary citizenship)
- BLA students participated in Sources of Strength Training

BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Student Awards and Recognitions

- Approx. 55 students receiving approx. \$5 million in scholarships
- Held 1st Annual Graduates' Victory Tour!
<https://youtu.be/jiLoGa7Ia7k>
- 3 students accepted to Business Emerging Leaders UW-Madison program
- 14 BMHS students were guests of the Roy Chapman Andrews Distinguished Explorer evening and met privately with Dr. Rabinowitz prior to the supper
- Business students competed in Finance Bowl at Edgewood College
- Business students competed in Jr. Achievement Titan challenge at Beloit Memorial Hospital
- BMHS Jazz Orchestra was invited to Essentially Ellington in New York City!
 - Arianna Alfaro - Outstanding Rhythm Guitar
 - Breanna DeNure - Outstanding Soloist Alto Sax
 - Frank McKearn - Outstanding Soloist Trumpet
 - Maddie Patch - Outstanding Soloist Clarinet
 - Niall Gillen - Honorable Mention, Tenor Sax



Staff Awards and Recognitions

- Liz Carpenter was recognized as the Rock County Art Educator, and featured in "School Arts" magazine
- Jon Dupuis was given the Citizen's Award by the Beloit Police Department

Hospitality Program

- The Hospitality Program's celebrated its first ProStart Competition
- BMHS Purple Knight Catering was awarded First Place at the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce *Taste of the Chamber*
- Partnership with Public Library/City/Kerry/Starbucks to lay groundwork for The Blender Cafe at the library. This unique (and very cool!) project is scheduled to open in the fall and will employ approximately ten of our students year round.



Youth Apprenticeship

Is slated to grow at an astounding rate in 2016-17 thanks in part to our local employers, success of our students in the workplace and the role our Career Advocate has played in linking employers and our programs.

Business Department

- Field trip to UW-Whitewater for Accounting Day - December 2015 and April 2016
- Field trip to speak with Green Bay Packers Accounting Dept. - WICPA grant
- Field trip to Federal Reserve Chicago
- High School of Business program approved by Board - staff trained in June.

Events

- Hall of Fame - Mr. Joe B. Lomax
- Hospitality students catered and participated in many events including McNeel's STEAM event, ribbon cuttings and more.
- BMHS Environmental Club participated in the McNeel STEAM event and the Beloit Community Earth Celebration at Big Hill Park.

World Languages Program

Jamie Gurholt went to Belgium on an AATF scholarship and is presenting her experience to other French teachers in Austin, TX this summer. She will be presenting to Wisconsin teachers at WAFLT this coming November.

Becky Paulsen is almost finished with her Masters in Literacy and shares applications with our department during PLC time.

Kara Barr is working on implementing greater use of the French language in lower level classes by using technology and structural input models of instruction. She uses popular music in the classroom to teach the language.

Pat Hill is almost finished with his masters in Technology Coaching and shares innovative ways to incorporate technology in the classroom. He enjoys lesson planning with PBIS topics.

Danielle Lavariega and Julie Horvath attended the WIABE dual language teacher convention and are implementing current best practices into the Spanish for Spanish Speakers curricula and coursework including studies about human rights. They both chaperoned the LULAC trips to Madison and Milwaukee so students could participate in protests for social justice issues.

Julie Horvath and Pat Hill took 9 students to Costa Rica during Spring Break. Kids practiced their Spanish while staying with host families and the group learned about ecology, conservation, and biology in the rainforest habitats.

There were 12 students who took the Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Cultures Exam.

AP Spanish students will practice their Spanish and help out in Spanish dual language classes at Robinson, Todd and Hackett.

Julie Horvath was invited to work with Dawn Poepping and Julie Watson to read *Into The Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. Their classes hope to meet the author and discuss the book next fall.



REACH: Advanced Career Education

- Program featured in Wisconsin's Manufacturing Today trade magazine
- Students completed second house build
- Over 220 students participated in regional Skills USA competition; Trevor Carr (automotive) & Geovani Castellanos (carpentry), each won 1st place in their divisions and advance to statewide competition.
- Senior Cory Davie placed 2nd in state competition for Residential Wiring
- BMHS Engineering Curriculum certified
- With the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Project Lead the Way
- BMHS recently selected as a school site for the High School of Business program, students will be able to obtain college credits when they take a series of business classes offered next fall
- The REACH engineering robotics team, cyBER recently participated in a regional FLL (First Lego League) competition, winning the Core Values award
- Held third annual Career and Technical Education Fair
- Literacy Program received First National Bank and Trust grant award
- Monthly career panels offered to students to learn more about various industries

Theatre

- Worked with music departments to hold fourth annual Miracle on 4th Street winter performance.
- Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre; Music Man Fundraiser for this fall's Scotland trip; Fall Play, *All in the Timing*; and Spring Musical, *Legally Blonde*, which won the following statewide Tommy Awards for Outstanding: Ensemble, Leading Performance, Supporting Performances, Direction, Choreography, Stage Management, Lighting Design and Scenic Design.



Art

- Nine BMHS students had artwork that was shown at the southwest regional Youth Art Month show in Madison. Six pieces qualified to move onto the Wisconsin Art Education Association exhibit and contest at the State Capitol Building in March
- 13 students inducted into new chapter of National Arts Honor Society

Sports

- Girls Hockey Co-op Team competed at State, winning the WIAA Sportsmanship Award
- Swim teams earned National Honor Roll for academics: Gold for girls' team and Silver for the boys' team
- Beloit Knitro Girls Soccer Coop team hosted Suicide Awareness Night
- Girls Softball team worked with Parker to host a Strikeout for Cancer fundraiser

BEST WISHES TO OUR 2016 RETIREES!



Left to Right: Karen Affeldt, Lynella Holmes, Mary Lynn Cunningham, LaVonn Reed, Sergeant James Bell, Scott Kolb, Andrew Trice, Timothy Hancock, Julie Watson, Nancy Baines, Tod Clarey, Twlya LaGrange, Diane Meier, Kathleen Prins, Julie Barganz, Roxanne Griffin, Karla Junig, and Veronica Adams.

Not pictured: Craig Braunschweig, Carmen Fluker, Effie Garrett, Rene Hemmy, Jackie Jackson, Wendy Johnson, Debra Jones, William Lutgen, Christine Oldenburger, and Marcia Woelfel.

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The mission of the School District of Beloit, committed to excellence and strengthened and enriched by diversity, is to prepare each student to compete, contribute and thrive as an admirable citizen in a rapidly changing world by engaging students in a wide variety of high quality, relevant programs in partnership with families, schools and the stateline community.

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