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**Spirit Week 2019**
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**Character Ed with a Disney twist**

On September 27, the Elementary School held their first Character Ed assembly of the year and the students received a presentation on assembly expectations from some very familiar faces—theirs! Students had used Flip Grid to record selfie videos explaining assembly behavior. Three videos were chosen to play for the school. Students clapped and gave thumbs up as their classmates videos played on the big screen.

After the Flipgrid presentation, Mrs. Brown welcomed all new students and introduced the safety patrol and student counsel. Then, she joined members of the safety patrol and the Character Ed team in a B-B version of “You Ain’t Never Had a Friend Like Me” from Disney’s 1992 movie, Aladdin.

As the assembly drew to a close, members of the Elementary School band joined the legendary Byron-Bergen house band, The Hives, in their own version of “You Ain’t Never Had a Friend Like Me”. Great work, everyone!

Click [HERE](#) for a short video featuring the assembly musical production.
Football and Soccer players raise over $900 for the Alzheimer’s Association

On September 21, student athletes from Byron-Bergen and Caledonia-Mumford joined over 400 other participants on the Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Batavia. Byron-Bergen’s participation in this annual event began three years ago when the combined Caledonia-Mumford/Byron-Bergen varsity football team decided to take part.

“In the past, the team used to do a cancer walk, but our soccer teams do a cancer fundraiser, so we thought it would be good to give to a different organization,” said senior and varsity football co-captain Bryce Yockel. The team raised money, but they also raised awareness. “We made posters in honor of different community members affected by the disease that we posted around the area,” said Byron-Bergen senior and varsity football player Alex Dean.

“I’m proud to walk with members of our football and soccer teams,” said Principal Pat McGee. “They’re great kids supporting a great cause.”

“It’s really about the feel good part,” said Yockel. “It’s helping people who are struggling and can’t do anything about it. A lot of the people who are in the walk are older, a lot of them are walking for themselves, so it feels good to support them.”

This year, the football team was joined by members of the girls varsity soccer team. The football and soccer players’ combined efforts raised more than $900. The day’s event raised a total of more than $40,000 for the Alzheimer’s Association.

Elementary School Open House

The Elementary School was the place to be on the evening of September 26. Families and community members came together for the annual Open House. Guests enjoyed meeting faculty and staff while touring classrooms and learning about school programs and activities.
A is for anthropologist, B is for Babylonia...

Mr. Gropp’s 7th grade classes used an alphabet activity to brainstorm ideas associated with Social Studies. This total participation technique ensured all students had a chance to participate by working collaboratively in small groups. Students generated ideas/concepts/events/people/etc. associated with Social Studies for each letter of the alphabet. They then shared their lists with the class and discussed the results.

Practicing Kindness

Mrs. Saeli’s 2nd graders are learning about empathy. School Counselor Mrs. Voos joined the class to practice recognizing feelings like excitement or frustration in others.

The class then broke into groups to discuss how to help friends who are feeling certain ways.

This lesson is part of the District’s new Social Emotional Learning initiative.

A new point of view

Mr. Alnouri’s students are discovering the concept of 1 and 2 point perspective. They are using Plexiglas to trace the cube as they move it into different positions along the wood without moving their head or the glass.

This demonstrates to the students how to recognize perspective views with everyday objects.
**The Rainbow Connection**

The annual Elementary School group picture took a little turn this year, and turned into a rainbow. Thank you to all the families who helped us coordinate colors by grade level, our Buildings and Grounds crew who worked in the rain to paint our guidelines, and, of course, the Byron-Bergen Bee who volunteered to join in the fun.

**Congratulations, Mr. Kaercher**

On September 28, College and Career Counselor Rob Kaercher accepted the Rising Star Award from the National Association for College Admissions Counselors at their annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This national award “honors individuals and programs that exemplify excellence and dedication to serving the needs of students in the transition from high school to college.”