



School District of
BELOIT



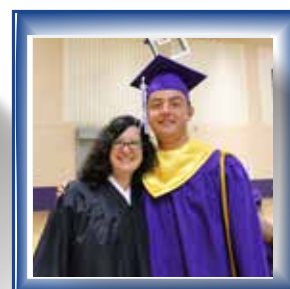
2017-2018 Points of Pride

School District of Beloit

Congratulations to our 2018 retirees



Pictured: Kelly Endl, Mary Stuedemann, Esther Humphrey, Gregg Schneider, and Candy Clough
Not pictured: JoAnn Buckley, Robert Schaver



School District of Beloit

The School District of Beloit educates and supports approximately 7,000 4K - 12th grade students and their families, and employs over 700 teachers, professional staff, support personnel and administrators.

The district is made up of 14 schools:

- 6 elementary (4K - 3)
- 1 high school (9 - 12)
- 1 virtual school
- 4 intermediate (4 - 8)
- 1 alternative school (6 - 12)
- 1 charter school (6 - 12)

2017-2018 District-Wide Highlights

School Recognition:

- 8 schools received bronze recognition and 2 schools received silver recognition for PBIS by the Wisconsin RtI Center/PBIS Network
- Converse, Hackett and Robinson earned the Title I Schools of Recognition designation from Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Increased State School Report Card rating by 3.5 points. In addition, several individual schools also improved their scores: Hackett, Robinson, Gaston, Todd, Aldrich and Beloit Memorial.

Staff Recognition:

- Spring convocation honored 68 employees for their longevity in the district whose total combined years of service is 1,256
- The annual retirement reception honored 7 employees with over 250 years in education.

Family, Student and Community Engagement:

- The district hosted the first Principal-for-a-Day to invite community members to experience a day in the life of a principal.
- Students, volunteers and staff were honored at the 2nd Knight of Distinction.
- The district presented the community-wide 3rd Annual MLK Commemorative Breakfast.
- In partnership with many community organizations, Literacy for Life was launched in Beloit to help improve early literacy
- Groundbreaking ceremony for the district welcome center celebrated our progress and future.
- Updated the district and school websites to improve aesthetics, accessibility, and ease of use



Converse Elementary

Student Recognition

- Student Dellah Hall was the grand prize winner in a nation-wide scholastic writing contest
- Student Council collected over 3000 items for Beloit Salvation Army
- Select 3rd graders performed at the Welcome Center Groundbreaking
- 4K Graduation recognized our littlest learners

School and Staff Recognition

- Wisconsin Title 1 School of Recognition 7th year running 2017-18
- 24 Staff members have been at Converse 5 or more years
- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at Converse

- Clubs like Art Club, MEO, Latino Club, Student Council, and Just Say No
- After school Program 2017-18
- Various sports clubs met after school
- 5K field trip to the farm
- 5K and 2nd graders enjoyed a field trip to Discovery Center
- 3rd graders went to BMHS for Opera for the Young
- 1st graders experienced a field trip to the Beloit Hospital

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- Winter and Spring Sing concerts
- Jump Rope For Heart
- Assembly with Hispanic Dancers
- Students participated in the district-wide Gifted and Talented Art Show
- Converse students were featured in a public art show at the Beloit Public Library
- Motown on Townline celebrated Black History Month
- Martin Luther King Assembly to honor students for their positive character traits.

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- Trunk or Treat brought students, staff, and community together
- Year-end Converse Family Picnic
- 4K block parties brought students, staff, and community together
- Community-wide Mother/Son Dance
- Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad
- Family Reading and Math Nights



Gaston Elementary

Academic Growth and Achievement

- 7 of Mrs. McGuire's Speech and Language students graduated from the program

Student Recognition

- 3rd graders entered the Music Express Video Contest

School and Staff Recognition

- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at Gaston

- 4K students performed a December Holiday Sing for a packed audience
- Our entire school went on a learning adventure to see The Lion King Jr
- 4K students studied trees and visited William's Tree Farm
- 4K students studied farms and went to visited Hildebrandt Dairy Farm to learn about milk production
- 4K & 5K students participated in ABC Club in partnership with Beloit Public Library
- 2nd graders attended a nature and science field trip funded by a Target Grant
- CLC Tech Ninjas program

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- In December we held a Gaston Read In where several district staff, administrators and community members read books to our students.
- School Carnival
- 4K students participated in a fun afternoon of building at our family Block Party

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- CLC community partnerships with Doodles, Stem for Kids, Welty Environmental Center, and 4H
- Math Camp
- STEM night
- Seuss on the Loose Night was a literacy night with fun for the whole family
- PTO sponsored Trunk or Treat in October and Pizza & Bingo in February.



Hackett Elementary

Student Recognition

- Students raised nearly \$2,000 for victims of Mexico/Puerto Rico natural disasters
- Nicholas Sprigler from Mrs. Huffman's class was the top Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser

School and Staff Recognition

- Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition 2017-2018
- Home of the West Side Dual Language Program
- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center
- Daily video announcements broadcast on YouTube
- Awarded multiple grants from companies like Ecolab and Meemic Foundation
- Meets Expectation on Wisconsin State School Report Card
- Staff member Phil Matthys and his wife, gifted one of our cafeteria servers (Cheyenne) a new bike to help him get to work. Cheyenne is an alumni of Gaston, McNeel and BMHS.

Special Opportunities at Hackett

- Year 2 of Home Visit Program for all ELL students (all 5K and 1st)
- With help from Beloit College, our students planted our gardens

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- Read Your Heart Out to celebrate African American and Latino heritage
- School-wide winter concert featured all students at Peoples Church
- Long-time district employee, Kent Weber, dressed up as the Cat in the Hat to read to students

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- Beloit College partnership: reading club, bilingual club, mentorship, lunch buddies
- Math Day gave families an opportunity to visit classrooms to do fun math activities
- A Holiday Bazaar was hosted to provide clothing, household items, home decor, blankets and more to families in need.
- Grandparents Day honored and celebrated families of our students



Merrill Elementary

Academic Growth and Achievement

- Academic results showed individual growth in foundational skills in reading and math

Student Recognition

- Over 3,500 pieces of Merrill student artwork were shared on Artsonia online art gallery
- Destination Imagination Team placed third at regional competition
- 3rd graders won the "On Our Way to Awesome" Music Express competition

School and Staff Recognition

- PBIS Silver Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center
- Implemented polo shirts school-wide for students; it increased school pride, improved attendance and reduced costs for families
- Implemented lunch in the classrooms to encourage a calmer atmosphere and positive peer social interaction

Special Opportunities at Merrill

- Installed a new playground for little learners
- MEO students participated in community outreach and visited Blackhawk Technical College to explore career opportunities

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- Scoopie Nights were always a favorite
- Author Lesa Cline-Ransome and illustrator James Ransome visited as part of 2018 AudioCon.

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- Staff did fall home visits to all families and delivered free books and bumper stickers
- Implemented Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) in 5K-3rd grade
- Used Class Dojo schoolwide to communicate and engage with families - We shared 2,982 posts with 283 adults and gave 105,329 positive points to students!
- Large family turnout for Merrill's first ever Expo Night
- End-of-year school picnic with great family attendance



Robinson Elementary

Academic Growth and Achievement

- Implemented new math curriculum that has been an excellent boost to student math achievement!
- Increased student achievement on MAP assessments

Student Recognition

- Met the Read 100,000 goal and did it several months early. Students read over 125,000 books!

School and Staff Recognition

- Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition 2017-2018 for the 4th time
- Exxon Mobile Science Math Grant Awardee for the 3rd time. Two teachers are piloting the new science program with the help of the grant.
- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at Robinson

- Dual Language Program (DLI) is in its 5th year of success!
- Piloted a new DLI curriculum to increase the language skills of DLI learners.

Many Special Events and Celebrations

Family and Student Engagement Activities

- Excellent community partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Blackhawk Technical College and Beloit College
- Increased parent involvement! Teachers had a goal of having a parent or representative of each child volunteer in their classrooms at least 30 minutes per semester!



Todd Elementary

Academic growth and achievement

- Dual Language Program celebrated 5 years at Todd

Student Recognition

- Student Council conducted a penny war to replace the tree that was lost in a storm
- 4K graduation ceremony celebrated our little learners



School and Staff Recognition

- PBIS Silver Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center
- Awarded multiple grants from companies like Ecolab and Meemic Foundation
- Meets Expectation on Wisconsin State School report card

Special Opportunities at Todd

- EXCCCEL after school Program 2017-18 is in its 16th year
- Multiple field trips throughout the school year - \$10 per student donated by PTO to help defray costs
- 3rd Grade went to BMHS for The Opera for the Young
- Todd had about 40 students participate in Drama Club
- Extra curricular activities like MEO Club, intramural sports, and Destination Imagination teams
- Just Say No Club conducted multiple activities throughout the school year including having a food drive and filling 25 baskets at Thanksgiving

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- Winter Sing featuring kindergarteners and 2nd graders
- Spring Sing featuring 1st and 3rd graders
- Student artists were featured in a public art show at Beloit Public Library
- Assembly featuring Stoughton Norwegian Dancers

Family and Student Engagement Activities

- Muffins with Mom - Second and Fourth Quarter - Over 1000 parents attended
- Donuts with Dad - First Quarter - Over 500 Dads attended
- Nine family night events including: Reading and Math Night, Cutlery nights
- PTO sponsored Trunk or Treat and our Todd Carnival
- Family Picnic - June 5, 2018.
- 4K family participation activities throughout the school year
- Beloit College partnerships: Book Buddies and Turtle Tunes
- Used Class Dojo schoolwide to communicate with families

Aldrich Intermediate

Student Recognition

- 4th and 5th grade Student of the Week
- 4th-7th grade award ceremonies and a special 8th grade promotion
- Undefeated Girls Basketball

School and Staff Recognition

- The only Intermediate School to Meet Expectations on State Report Card for 2016-2017
- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at Aldrich

- Active MEO club held a very successful food drive and visited an area nursing home
- PBIS field trips
- PBIS Quarterly Assemblies
- Clubs like Automation and Robotics, Just Say No and Student Leadership Council
- Thriving fine arts department with band, choir and theatre

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- Band / Orchestra Concert
- Ice Cream Social (choir concert)
- Multicultural Night
- Holiday Bazaar
- Quarterly Breakfast Celebrations (Go BLUE Expectations)
- Black History Program
- Read Your Heart Out featuring Beloit staff and community leaders can to read to our 4th and 5th graders students

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- Goodies for Grandparents and Donuts with Dad
- Family events centered around curriculum like Reading Night and Math/Expo Night
- Mentoring Program
- Destination Imagination Team
- Mulan the Musical
- Before School Program
- After School Program (included a weekly volleyball camp and a knitting class)
- Book Give-a-Way for 4th and 5th Graders

Cunningham Intermediate

Academic Growth and Achievement

- To encourage summer reading we launched the Summer Book Giveaway - every student received a book
- 4th and 5th graders participated in the annual BookQuest competition. They read books from a list of 30 titles and memorized the authors to prepare for the competition.

Student Recognition

- Quarterly Student recognition assemblies held to honor students
- Awards Night-over 200 students presented with an award
- 76th Annual Intermediate Track Meet was a success with 5th graders and Cunningham as a school defeating Aldrich
- Junior International Thespian Society (17 new members) and National Junior Honor Society inducted new members

School and Staff Recognition

- Staff/Student Basketball and Volleyball Games

Special Opportunities at Cunningham

- Many clubs offered: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girls Who Rock, Just Say No Club, Student Council, Flag Corps, MEO, NIKE, Men of Honor, Girls of Power
- 5th graders became movie critics and screened several short films during BIFF
- 8th Grade Student Trip to Washington D.C.
- Cunningham's Track, Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Softball, Swim, Golf, Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling teams competed against other schools
- Cunningham's Girls Basketball Team was undefeated beating the only other undefeated team for the district
- Cav Choir - approximately 25 regular and special ed. students - met weekly and presented a concert with BMHS Knight Choir

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- 1st Youth Service Day pairing up Cunningham students with Gaston students for a day
- Hosted Cunningham's Got Talent Show
- Drama performed "The Seussical" for the Spring Musical

Family and Student Engagement Activities

- Goodies with Grandparents, Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad
- EXPO Night-our largest one yet!
- Annual Spaghetti Dinner-raised funds for the Humane Society
- 5th Grade pen pals wrote to Premier Care Residents

Fruzen Intermediate

Academic Growth and Achievement

- Fruzen 5000 - 4th and 5th graders met the goal of reading for 1,000 hours or more!
- Wisconsin Math League and Bookquest Winners

Student Recognition

- Gabe Wick and Caroline Severson won the DAR essay contest
- Gabe Wick won 2nd place in Memorial Day essay contest
- MATH-24 Winner: Kya Wong
- Barbara Hickman Awards - Each teacher chose a student
- Dr. King Essay Winners: Kaylee Miranda, Zoe Anderson, Gavin Sembhi, Michael Nora
- Awards Night, over 300 students winning awards
- ELK's Free throw competition winner, Callen Espinoza
- Several Destination Imagination Teams went to state competition.
- 4th and 5th graders won the 76th Annual Intermediate Track meet

School and Staff Recognition

- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at Fruzen

- PBIS Incentive Trips
- Several undefeated sports teams including football girls' Soccer
- Before and after school clubs for students in the CLC program
- Wax Museum Family presentations by the 4th Grade
- National Junior Honor Society held a Penny Drive and a fundraiser for Humane Society
- 8th graders went to Washington D.C.
- 6th graders took a trip to House in the Woods
- Musical performance of Annie Jr.
- Band and orchestra concerts including performances at Music in the Park
- Summer Book Give-A-Way

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- First ever Jog-a-Thon - Students raised money for PBIS
- Black History Month Program
- Quarterly Student recognition assemblies were held to honor sports teams, activities, clubs, and individual students selected for recognition by their teachers

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- Reading Night - collected 999 books to give away to students
- Hosted Math and Expo Nights

McNeel Intermediate

Academic Growth and Achievement

- STEAM Festival for students to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math
- Math 24 participants and ribbon winners included:
 - District level:** 4th place - 4th grade Addie Hersey; 8th place - 4th grade Savannah Boussard-Griffin; 6th place - 5th grade Emma Hersey; 7th place - 5th grade Caitlyn Rochester; 8th place - 5th grade Kayden Moore; 2nd place - 6th grade Patrick Rochester; 5th place - 6th grade Jadyn Gibson; 1st place - 8th grade Diana Barrios-Sanchez; 2nd place - 8th grade Dalton Raykowski; and 3rd place - 8th grade Anna Olson
 - Regional level:** 5th place Regional - 5th grade Caitlyn Rochester; 5th place Regional & District High Score - 6th grade Patrick Rochester; 1st place Regional & District High Score - 8th grade Anna Olson

Student Recognition

- HOME quarterly Student Recognition Breakfast
- Memorial Day Essay Contest winners: Deztiny Martin (1st) and Luca Greenfield (3rd)
- Wisconsin State Fire Safety Poster Winner was Jinen Zhen
- District Dr. King Essay Speech winners:
Jaden Richardson - 4th grade, Madyson Miller - 7th grade, Kindalynn Lindley - 7th grade

School and Staff Recognition

- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at McNeel

- Junior Achievement - Career Day for 5th and 8th graders
- Forensics Club earned excellent honors at competitions (Kendra Rhodes, Antane Thomas, and Sheenere Thompson)
- Successful CLC program with great partner like Boys & Girls Club, Bike Elves, Aramark, STEM for Kids, Welty Center
- Lancer Talent Showcase
- 8th grade student group to Washington, DC

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- La Pachanga
- Youth Service Day in April - whole school participation in giving back to our community

Family and Student Engagement Activities

- PTO Lancers Love to Read Night in February
- Grandparents Day, Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad
- Lancer EXPO Night

Beloit Learning Academy

Academic Growth and Achievement

- ACT Composite scores increased in 2018 - especially in Math and Science

Student Recognition

- 125 of the 439 BMHS graduates in 2018 completed their requirements through BLA and/or other Alternative Pathways.
- All 22 GED Option 2 students graduated with the class of 2018
- 28 students completed requirements for early graduation through BLA

School and Staff Recognition

- BLA presentations to the BOE yielded additional staff for the 2018-2019 school year
- PBIS Bronze Medal 2017-18, recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center

Special Opportunities at BLA

- Circles of Support offered to BLA Male Students
- Girls Empowerment groups offered to BLA Female Students
- BLA students attended YMCA weekly
- BLA initiated successful Lunch and Learn Program
- Food delivered weekly from Caritas for BLA students in need
- BLA students earned multiple Field Trips through PBIS incentives

Family and Student Engagement Activities

- Parent Cafe's held at BLA to provide parents voice in their child's education
- Quarterly scheduled face to face parent/teacher conferences yielded 75-85% parent participation
- Multiple community partnerships supported BLA students; such as Career Tek, Y2Y, AmeriCorp, Community Action, YMCA and more



Special Programs

Roy Chapman Andrews Academy

- Implemented Summit Learning project-based curriculum
- Service Learning opportunity in partnership with the Welty Center at Big Hill Park
- Three students dual enrolled in BMHS courses, one in accelerated learning option
- Student participation in high school athletics, clubs, activities
- Increased student enrollment
- Increased daily attendance
- Participation in all intermediate and high school expo events



EvenStart

- Collaborated with University Wisconsin-Whitewater nursing students on a bicycle safety program
- Year-long collaboration with the Welty Environmental Center
- A father came in to teach our kids soccer skills during our ball study
- Students visited a restaurant during our building study
- Fabulous family involvement with parents reading to our students in their first language throughout our year



AVID

AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and careers. Established more than 35 years ago, there are nearly 6,000 other AVID schools across the country that are dedicated to providing real college opportunities for all students.

Outside the classroom, AVID students visited college campuses like University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Milwaukee School of Engineering. They also attended the Wisconsin College Fair to learn more about the college search process. Students enjoyed an outing to a Milwaukee Bucks Game and volunteered at elementary and intermediate schools for the 100th day of school.

In the classroom, students built skills with organizational binders, expanded reading and writing skills, developed inquiry application by presenting tutorials to classmates, and cultivated an environment of collaboration through teambuilding activities.



Beloit Memorial

Academic Growth and Achievement

- High School of Business students outperformed the national average by 14%
- 4 perfect scores, between 2 students, were earned on subtests on the ACT
- 18 students completed the Challenge Academy program for the 2017-18 school
- 200+ students took over 250 AP exams!



Student Recognition

- Eleanor Conover-Crockett is headed to Yale University
- Jack Cronin was accepted into the Air Force Academy
- Uyen Vo received a full ride scholarship to Mount Mary University
- Over 30 seniors were recognized as Rotary Students of the Week.
- Abby Garsow (2nd), Max Sage (3rd), and Eleanor Conover-Crockett (1st) took part in the Elk's U.S. Constitution Contest at state level. Eleanor competed at the state level and took 3rd in the state.
- 800 students earned the PBIS Picnic, recognizing excellent attendance (tardies/unexcused)
- Sophomore Matthew Wick was selected to perform an original rap on the CIBC Theatre Stage, better known as the home of "Hamilton: An American Musical"
- Catrina Askew received the Herb Kohl Scholarship
- Liliana Dominguez and Daphanie Ayaquica earned the Global Education Achievement Certificate



Beloit Memorial

School and Staff Recognition

- BMHS was awarded \$5,000 grant from AT&T for our Link Crew for 2018-19

Many Special Events and Celebrations

- John Wong, class of 1984, was inducted into the Beloit Memorial Hall of Fame

Family and Community Engagement Activities

- Over 800 dads and daughters attended the annual Father-Daughter Dance in February.



Career and Technical Education

- Began the implementation of Beloit Memorial Academies
- The student-built house is almost done and looks great!
- High School of Business Students scored well above the national average on their exams
- 101 BMHS students earned professional skills certifications this year
- 18 students worked as Youth Apprentices
- Manufacturing Awards night honored high achieving students and community partners. Through their support two scholarships were awarded.



Beloit Memorial

Athletics

- 27 student athletes going to post-secondary schools are playing sports at those schools
- 3 girl swimmers were named National Gold Award Academic All Americans for their GPA, 6 were named All State
- 4 boy swimmers were named National Silver Award Academic All Americans for their GPA, 5 were named All State
- Several swimmers and relays from the boys and girls' swim teams went to state
- 1 wrestler went to state
- 2 boys track team members went to state
- Student athletes toured elementary and intermediate schools in the fall and spring to read to younger students
- Awarded a special varsity letter to Doris Forbes, Most Athletic Girl, class of 1948



Fine Arts

- Kassumy M. Reyes who won first place in the Congressional Art competition. Her art will be on display in Washington DC
- Art made it to the semi-finals in the Vans Custom Culture shoe design and top 50 in the U.S.
- BMJO earned a spot at the Essentially Ellington Jazz clinic and competition in New York City for the 7th time where they placed 4th in the competition - highest ever for BMHS!
- Madeline Cawkins won the Distinguished Gold Key in the WI Scholastic Art and Writing Competition



School District of Beloit



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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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