



Viking Voice

Bronson Community Schools Newsletter
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Welcome Mr. Hilderley!

On July 1, Mr. Rick Hilderley started as Bronson Community School's Superintendent. Mr. Hilderley has spent his career at Tecumseh Schools, most recently serving as Principal of the Middle School. He and his wife, Amy, have three grown daughters. They are looking forward to settling into the Bronson Community.



While the formal background is good to have when being introduced, it's also nice to know the everyday person leading our district. In an effort to do so, we thought we'd let Mr. Hilderley introduce himself in a bit of a non-traditional way.

10 Things You Should Know About Me

- 1 My grandparents were a HUGE influence in my life. He taught me generosity and she always said, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all."
- 2 I grew up on John Wayne westerns and Sunday night Disney specials. I only like movies with happy endings where the good guys win.
- 3 I once worked as an usher for the Detroit Tigers. I loved being at the ballpark, I just didn't love driving to the city so I gave it up.
- 4 Anyone who thinks they have the greatest dog ever, doesn't know my 10 year old lab, Kaline. He is 90 pounds of sweetness and joy.
- 5 I am not a big country music fan, but I think that "Humble and Kind" by Tim McGraw is one of the best songs ever written.
- 6 I play golf and cards and I lose a lot, but I play again anyways because I really like the guys that I lose to; my best friends.
- 7 I read every one of the Harry Potter books and loved them all (my wife says I was obsessed). Rowling sets the story in a magical world and then points out that the magic in our world comes from having friends and family to love, support and count on.

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Numbers to Know:

Anderson Elementary
517.369.3234

Ryan Elementary
517.369.3254

Bronson Jr/Sr
High School
517.369.3230

Administration
517.369.3260

Do you know a **5** years old



on or before



If so, now's the time to register for Kindergarten!



Registration is now open for children who will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2017 for

Fall 2017 Kindergarten

- What to have with you when you register:
- Birth Certificate (certified copy)
 - Immunization Records
 - Proof of Residency (drivers license, utility bill, etc)
 - Any legal documents that pertain to your child or the care of your child
 - Emergency contact names and phone numbers

Questions? Contact: Bronson Community Schools • 517.369.3234

Dedication to Excellence • Preparation for Life

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8 We traveled a lot as kids and at one time I wanted to be a hotel manager. My mother wanted me to be a minister; my sisters thought she was crazy.

9 My wife and 3 daughters mean everything to me. They support me completely including dropping everything to lead a school in a place they had never been before. My excitement about earning this position has only been eclipsed by their excitement for me.

10 If I HAD to choose between a frosted chocolate brownie and a chocolate chip cookie I would grab them both, smash them together and run.

Planning for College

If you think that your child is going to go to college or attend some type of post secondary institution, a college 529 program or the Michigan MET program might be the option for your child. If you have questions, the best thing to do is to research the website above and/or talk to a financial advisor. Below is a passage from the www.mi529advisor.com



We all want the best for our children and grandchildren, to see them realize their life's ambitions. Education is integral to their success, and while paying for college could be one of the largest expenditures you will incur, it just might be the best investment you ever make. That is why it is important to start saving early, and a 529 plan is a great savings option to help you achieve your college savings goals.

Named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that created them, 529 plans are designed specifically to save for college, offering various tax benefits and other important features such as estate planning and gifting benefits.

Michigan has three 529 Plans that offer a Michigan Income Tax Deduction: Michigan Education Trust (MET prepaid plan), Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP Direct Program) and MI 529 Advisor Plan.

To compare the different types of college savings vehicles or refer to commonly asked questions about college savings, go to www.MISaves.com

“The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters. The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters every day.”

- Todd Whitaker

Suggested Supply Lists

We know many of you are anxious to get things in order for the upcoming school year. We've compiled a list of suggested school supplies for many of the grade levels and classes. Any missing lists will be provided either in the beginning of the year mailer or at open houses.

**Please note these are recommended supplies, not required.*

Anderson Elementary:

Kindergarten

- Crayons
- Glue (bottle and/or stick)
- Dry erase markers (low odor)
- Clorox wipes
- Kleenex
- Gym shoes
- Hand sanitizer

First Grade:

- 1 box of Crayola crayons
- Black, chisel point, dry-erase markers
- Elmer's "disappearing purple" glue sticks
- Ticonderoga pencils
- 2-3 boxes of Kleenex
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Sandwich size ziplock baggies
- Plastic pencil/crayon box, 4" X 8"
- One subject spiral-bound notebook (wide-ruled)

Second Grade:

- Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Ticonderoga No. 2 pencils
- Jumbo sized glue sticks
- Pink Pearl erasers
- Pencil top erasers
- 3M 2 inch clear packing tape
- Invisible Scotch Tape for tape dispensers (3/4 inches)
- 3X3 inch Post-It notes
- 1 1/2 X 2 inch Post-It notes
- 3 X 5 inch Post-It notes
- Pack of lined index cards
- Pack of blank index cards
- Pack of neon colored index cards

Ryan Elementary:

Lists will be included in mailing or available at open houses.

Bronson Jr/Sr High School:

English Classes

- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder
- 1 pocket folder
- Spiral notebook or loose-leaf paper
- 1 composition notebook (100 sheets)
- Pens and/or pencils

McCavit English Classes

- 2 folders with pockets
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets)
- Pens
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Sticky Notes

Blemaster Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 and Losinski Calculus

- Graphing Calculator (TI83+ or TI94)*
- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder and 5 tab dividers
- Colored pens
- Lined paper

Losinski Personal Finance

- Calculator (a scientific calculator is enough, but if they have a graphing calculator we will do some programming)
- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder and 5 tab dividers (or 2 pocket folder)
- Colored pens
- Lined paper

**On behalf of the math department, we really encourage students to purchase the graphing calculators by the time they begin Algebra 1. These calculators can often be found gently used or new on eBay or other sites for a fraction of the cost of a new one.*

Upcoming Events:

August

- 14 Board of Education 6:30pm
- 21 Open Houses:
Anderson 4 to 6 pm
Ryan 4:30 to 6:30 pm
Bronson Jr/Sr High 6 to 8 pm
- 22 First Day of School

September

- 1 No School for Students
- 4 No School - Labor Day
- 11 Board of Education 6:30 pm

Looking for athletic events?
Visit the Schedule Star link on our website under
www.BronsonSchools.org/Athletics



Skyward System

Skyward is an information software system utilized by Bronson Community Schools. Parents and guardians can access Skyward from any computer with an internet connection or through the mobile app. The program allows them to find out about a wide variety of areas including grades, daily assignments, discipline incidents, foodservice account balances and payments, and attendance records any time.


If you have a student in Bronson Schools and do not have a Skyward account, registration forms are available at www.BronsonSchools.org



The First Day of School is Tuesday, August 22!

Sinking Fund Progress

When the citizens of Bronson passed a five-year Sinking Fund in 2014, Bronson Community Schools promised to continually update the progress of the improvements made with the funds. The fund generates just under \$400,000 per year for the school district. By law, the funds must be maintained separately from all other school funds, must have an annual budget and an independent audit. The sinking fund may only be used for projects authorized by the state to construct or repair buildings. It may not be used for any purpose other than those authorized by law.

 Completed Projects	Projects Currently In Process	Projects Scheduled for Year 4 and Year 5
Anderson Elementary Boilers	Bronson Jr/Sr HS Doors & Frames	Anderson Elementary Windows
Ryan Elementary Fire Alarm System	Ryan Elementary Doors & Frames	Ryan Elementary Soffits
Bronson Jr/Sr HS Gym Lighting	Anderson Elementary Roof	Bronson Jr/Sr HS Boilers
Ryan Elementary Gym Lighting	Anderson Elementary Soffit/Fascia	Bronson Jr/Sr HS 6th Grade Egress
Bronson Jr/Sr HS Roof	Ryan Elementary Roof	Ryan Elementary Plumbing Fixtures
Ryan Elementary ADA Compliance	Chicago St Administration Roof	Anderson Elementary Plumbing Fixtures
Anderson Elementary ADA Compliance		
911 Compliant Phone System		
Bronson Jr/Sr HS ADA Compliance		
Anderson Elementary Gym Lighting		

A full schedule of the checklist along with details of projects can be found at www.BronsonSchools.org

Viking Connect TeleHealth Clinic Providing Sports Physicals

The Viking Connect Clinic is open this summer, and sports physicals is just one of the services they can provide! Call 517-279-5296 to schedule your appointment today!

- The MHSAA requires that all physicals for 2017-18 must be dated after April 15, 2017. This physical will be good for the entire 2017-18 school year
 - All athletes **MUST** have a physical on file prior to the first day of practice
 - Physical forms must be entirely completed & signed by athlete & parent
 - Cost is \$25 (Cash or check made payable to CHC of Branch County)
 - Sports physical forms are available in the athletic office, school health clinic, or can be downloaded from the MHSAA website www.MHSAA.com
 - Dental scholarships available to those who qualify*



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