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# intercom

## Bismarck Public Schools



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### Our school staff are super heroes

By Tamara Uselman, Superintendent

Today's *intercom* article is a video shout out of thanks and celebration to all staff as we end the 2016-17 school year. Angela Myerchin's home base students at HMS created this video and shared it with us. We are paying forward the celebration by sharing it with you. We hope it makes you smile!

At BPS, we get to teach some of the best kids on the planet; great staff teaching great kids. Thank you on another successful year! ([video link](#))

### Governor's Summit on Innovative Education

This event will be Thurs., June 8, at Legacy. If you are interested in shaping our education system to help student be better prepared for the ongoing demands of a rapidly changing world, [register here](#). For the event flier, [click here](#).

### Congratulations!

Wendy Graff has earned the Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) certification by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America, (RESNA). To become certified, one has to establish eligibility (through work and education), and then successfully pass a rigorous exam that tests competency in the field of assistive technology.

### Take a sneak peek at our new website!

It's not done yet, but we want ALL STAFF to become familiar with our new site before school starts in the fall! (Secretaries will thank you.)

1. There is NO Employees tab. Everything you need is under the icon BPS apps on the right, or under Departments in the middle, then Human Resources, or Business Office if you need a form from Accounting.
2. Teachers will also see things for them on the top left like LearnBPS, PowerSchool, etc.
3. Some things like the staff directory aren't finished or working, and we don't have the calendar feature up yet. But they will be great!

So, look at the homepage, and some of these schools that are mostly done: Sunrise, Simle, and Legacy. To find the new Schoolwires/Blackboard website, to be launched July 1, [click here](#). Also, check your email this summer for tips on how to use features of the new website, like the calendar!

### Calendar of Events

- 5/28 CHS graduation, Event Center, 1 pm
- 5/28 BHS graduation, Event Center, 4 pm
- 5/28 LHS graduation, Event Center, 7 pm
- 5/30 Memorial Day, no school

[Click here to view full schedule.](#)

### Job Opening

[Library Media Specialist—80% position \(5/28\)](#)

[Science Teacher—BHS \(5/31\)](#)

[Carpentry Instructional Aide—CA \(5/31\)](#)

[Camp Adventure—Instructional Aides \(6/1\)](#)

[Art Teacher—Horizon \(6/4\)](#)

[Head Custodian—BHS \(6/5\)](#)

[K-5 Performance Strategist \(6/5\)](#)

[Substitute Custodian—Full Time \(7/1\)](#)

[AVID Tutors \(9/15\)](#)

[Sub Bus Driver](#)

[Click here to view full list.](#)

### YMCA seeks part time bus driver

Contact Raquel Nachatilo at 751-9704 or more info. and apply online, [click here](#).

### EL TIDBIT

**Recommended Summer Read:** *Teaching Tolerance* magazine's new guide entitled "Best Practices for Serving English Language Learners and Their Families" is available at <http://www.tolerance.org/publication/best-practices-english-language-learners>.

**In the Works:** An Aug./Sept. series of three workshops for classroom teachers of English learners, offered by MREC. The workshops will focus on student identification, effective teaching strategies, and appropriate resources for serving EL students.

## Community Corner

**Wanted:** A girl's bicycle for a middle-school student needing transportation to and from summer school. If you have one to donate, please call the EL office at 323-4143.

**Anytime Fitness special to celebrate the end of school:** Anytime Fitness in Bismarck & Mandan is offering all BPS staff discounts: free 14-day pass for you and a friend & free fitness consultation (valued at \$150) and a free enrollment and free 1<sup>st</sup> month plus a \$75 training gift card, etc. (valued at \$300). Enjoy staying or getting fit this summer! For discounts, [click here](#).

**BPS Foundation Larks Night:** is Friday, June 2 starting at 7:35 pm at Dakota Community Bank & Trust Field, 303 W. Front Ave. Tickets are \$15 and include reserved seats, Larks cap, and \$4 of every ticket will be donated to the BPS Foundation. Purchase tickets at [larkstickets.com](http://larkstickets.com) and enter promo code **BPSF**. For information, contact Paul Adelman, 595-7525, [paul@larksbaseball.com](mailto:paul@larksbaseball.com).

**Williquors event for BPS staff:** June 4, 6-9 pm, there will be a "corporate event" at Williquors exclusively for BPS employees. It will include 10% off everything except beer and sale items. Wear your name badge and mark your calendar if you are interested in attending; no need to RSVP.

**Volunteers needed for iCan Bike Camp:** July 31-Aug. 4. Designer Genes, along with other community partners, will be bringing the iCan Bike camp to Bismarck this summer. This camp offers participants 75 minutes each day for 5 days of specialized training to become independent two wheel bike riders. Each camper needs at least 2 volunteers for their training. Volunteers must be at least 16, be able to jog or run intermittently for the session and be excited about seeing progress in the riders. They are looking to recruit 50 volunteers. For more information, call Heather at 471-5615 or sign up directly at <http://designergenesnd.com/ican-bike-2/ican-bike-volunteer-registration/>.

**BPS Foundation:** has partnered with First International Bank & Trust (FIB&T) in its Bismarck Community Give Back Program! **Now through August 31**, when you open a new personal checking account at FIB&T with eStatements and a monthly direct or mobile deposit, you'll get \$75 – plus, FIB&T will donate \$25 to the Bismarck Public Schools Foundation! Stop into their branch in Bismarck at the corner of State St. & Divide to open your new account and support the BPS Foundation! For more information, [firstintlbank.com/GiveBack](http://firstintlbank.com/GiveBack).

**In-home evaluations:** Did you know that the BECEP Early Intervention program provides FREE in-home developmental evaluations? Children that qualify will be eligible for home visits to help parents help their children during every day routines. If you have a concern or wish to refer a child, contact 323-4402.

## Important Aesop announcement For teachers, counselors, LMSs



SmartFind will replace Aesop, so please do NOT

enter any absences and request substitutes in Aesop for dates that fall AFTER May 30, 2017.

The new system will be ready for use by staff in August. SmartFind is part of a suite of programs by People Admin that BPS already uses, such as TalentEd Recruit & Hire, TalentEd Records, etc. In the future, these programs will be integrated for more seamless processes between programs. Please watch your BPS email account in August for training guides & login info! If you have any questions or concerns, contact Tracey Reinbold, 323-4098 or Lisa Kudelka, 323-4071.

## 403b Tax-sheltered Annuity (TSA)

All BPS employees working 20 or more hours per week are eligible to participate in a 403b supplemental retirement savings plan. Contributions are deducted from your paycheck and are tax deferred. For the forms and more info., go to the BPS website under Employees, employee forms.

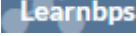
[403b Guide](#) (pdf document)  
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[403b Information](#) (pdf document)  
File Size: 507.27 kb

Additional information is available at <http://www.tsacg.com/individual/plan-sponsor/north-dakota/bismarck-public-schools/>.

## Attention Moodle Users!

Our Learning Management system is getting an upgrade! But don't worry...all your existing Moodle courses and activities will still work. Actually, they'll benefit from added functionality, and updated, more intuitive

navigation. Look for  coming soon on the new website. Contact Tech Dept., 323-4040, for more info.

Send submissions for the intercom to [reanae\\_walker@bismarckschools.org](mailto:reanae_walker@bismarckschools.org), 323-4091.