

**Bendle Public Schools  
District Points of Pride (2009/2010)**

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**Bendle High School (BHS)**

- ☆ 88 seniors graduated in the Class of 2010.
- ☆ Approximately \$296,000 was awarded in scholarships this year with a first time Genesee County School Board scholarship given to a Bendle student. A graduate attending CMU will be receiving \$7,000 from the Moon-Gemple scholarship.
- ☆ BHS was the recipient of the Picturing America Award Grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. A free collection of 40 high-quality reproductions of American Art was received, along with a Teachers Resource Book for every teacher.
- ☆ 13 seniors earned the MME Merit Award of \$4,000 each.
- ☆ 8 students earned the Michigan Competitive Scholar Award.
- ☆ 2 students are entering the Armed Forces.
- ☆ 3 students earned the High Schools That Work Award of Educational Achievement.
- ☆ A \$1,000 laptop computer was awarded to a senior from Caretek Total Business Concepts.
- ☆ A senior was honored by the Career Technical Education “Best of the Best” award.
- ☆ Service Learning had 10 seniors earn service cords.
- ☆ Football - 3 students 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League, 4 students 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League, 4 students Honorable Mention All League.
- ☆ Girls' Basketball – 1 student 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League, 1 student 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League, 2 students Honorable Mention All League.
- ☆ Boys' Basketball – 1 student 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League, 1 student 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League, 1 student Honorable Mention All League.
- ☆ Volleyball - 1 student 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League, 3 students Honorable Mention All League.
- ☆ Track - Boys' Track – 1 student Honorable Mention All League in the High Jump. Girls' Track - 1 student 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League in the Shot Put.
- ☆ Bowling – 1 student 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League, 1 student 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League. 1 student State Qualifier, 1 student Honorable Mention All League.
- ☆ Wrestling - 5 students State Qualifiers, 2 student GAC League Champion, 3 Students District Champions, 1 Student Regional Champion, and 3 students placed at the State Finals.
- ☆ Softball – 4 Students 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League, 1 student Honorable Mention All League.
- ☆ Baseball – 2 students 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League, 3 students 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League, 2 students Honorable Mention All League, 4 students selected to the All District Baseball Team.
- ☆ GAC district games for Volleyball, Wrestling, Girls and Boys Basketball were held in the BHS gym.
- ☆ National Honor Society hosted three very successful Blood Drives for the American Red Cross.
- ☆ Over 143 academic achievers were recognized for improving their GPA by .05 from one trimester to the next during two school assemblies.
- ☆ Eight students were recognized as Student of the Month.
- ☆ A year end student assembly recognized 85 outstanding students in various academic disciplines.
- ☆ 15 Bendle employees and over 40 community members participated on a panel observing the 2010 Senior Exit Interviews in May.

- ☆ Elli Toskey was awarded the ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Grant in the amount of \$1500 for the second year in a row.
- ☆ A five year grant from 21<sup>st</sup> Century was awarded to the High School for the first time this year. Ten teachers worked with over 163 students in programs before and after school designed to enhance students socially and academically.

### **Bendle Middle School (BMS)**

- ☆ BMS achieved Annual Yearly Progress for the sixth year in a row.
- ☆ FINAO, “Failure Is Not An Option” continued for a sixth year.
- ☆ Total number of building-wide incomplete assignments showed a marked decrease.
- ☆ Problem Solving Olympics were held in May.
- ☆ A variety of programs and academic supports were offered before and after school through *Bridges to the 21st Century*, a program funded by the Mott Foundation.
- ☆ ALL students enhanced their learning through the use of Freedom to Learn laptop computers.
- ☆ The BMS Parent Club and staff held successful fundraisers to support student activities.
- ☆ Many schools throughout Michigan sent teams to BMS to discuss FINAO, ABCI (grading program), and RTP (Responsible Thinking Process).
- ☆ RTP showed a marked decrease in student discipline.
- ☆ Completed 4th year of “Positive Action” Character Education Program.
- ☆ The Sons of Thunder presented a bullying prevention presentation.
- ☆ The 8th grade visited the Holocaust Museum and Saginaw Valley State University.
- ☆ The staff and students raised \$477 for Leukemia and Lymphoma by participating in the Pennies for Patients program.
- ☆ Several students from the 8th grade volunteered at a soup kitchen.
- ☆ The 8th grade class had a bake sale for UNICEF to aid the hurricane victims of Haiti.
- ☆ The 8th grade collected food, clothing and personal items for The Carriage Town Ministries.

### **West Bendle Elementary**

- ☆ Accelerated Reader (AR) Program: Approximately 45% of students earned accumulated points to receive wrist bands and AR buttons at different reading levels.
- ☆ Assemblies: Troubadors was a unique musical performance for the students.
- ☆ Bridges to the Future After-School Program: Over 75% of West students participated in at least one (1) after-school activity.
- ☆ Building Attendance: The average yearly building attendance was 92.97%!
- ☆ Book Fairs: West held a fall and a spring book fair. Both were highly successful thanks to our great West parents and the wonderful guidance of Jacki Malin.
- ☆ Certificates Awarded for Attendance: Marking Periods Certificates--126 Perfect and 168 Outstanding; All-Year Certificates--3 All-Perfect, 4 Exceptional and 12 Outstanding.

- ☆ Certificates Awarded for Honor Roll: Marking Period Certificates--73 students with All A's - 284 students on A-B, All-Year Certificates--10 students with All-A's - 54 students with A-B for all year.
- ☆ Christmas Craft and Bake Sale: Mrs. Craighead's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders raised just over \$600.00 for local charities.
- ☆ Family Fun Nights: Great fun was had as families gathered at Rollhaven for a fun night of skating with their students.
- ☆ Health Initiatives Conducted: Free hearing, vision, dental and scoliosis screenings, Reproductive Health Lessons, March is Nutrition Month, and the Coordinated Community Student Survey (C<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup>).
- ☆ I-DENT-A-KID: During our Open House in the fall, parents had the opportunity to have their students fingerprinted and a photo ID taken for a fee.
- ☆ March is Reading Month: Several activities were planned for students. The students had lots of fun.
- ☆ Music Concerts Conducted: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Halloween Concert & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Concert and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Concert at H.S. cafetorium
- ☆ Open House Attendance: 77% of parents/guardians attended the September *Open House*. Bridges to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, SKIP, Cub Scouts, Bendle Family Health, GISD Dental Program and Ident-a-Kid were in attendance to inform parents of programs available to their students during the school year.
- ☆ Parent/Teacher Conference Attendance: 88% of parents/guardians attended the November conferences.
- ☆ Peer Mediation Leadership Training: Twenty-seven 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended training and served as playground mediators during the school year.
- ☆ School Fundraiser: Students sold \$5,125.00 worth of product through the fall fund-raiser with West profiting \$2,364.24. Top sellers earned a lunch and were chauffeured in a limousine to McDonald's.
- ☆ School Improvement Team Planned Activities: March Reading Activities and the Spring Family Carnival.
- ☆ Science Fair: All 5<sup>th</sup> graders worked on science projects with 15 students receiving the "top twenty" awards and over 52 receiving science games and toys from raffle drawings.
- ☆ Tiger Day: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in track and field activities at the BHS track and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers/parents sponsored a field/activity day at the playground at West.
- ☆ West Parents Club Sponsorships: *Friday* Popcorn Days, Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education.
- ☆ Year-End Skate Celebration: All three grades celebrated the end of the year with skate time at Rollhaven.
- ☆ Year-End Awards Assembly: All students were recognized with year-end certificates for honor roll, citizenship, attendance, accelerated reader, fine arts (music, art, gym) & peer mediators and completion certificates. Fifth grade student's Brianna Fuller and Parth Patel earned the coveted Nancy Pyonk Award. This award is voted on by the staff at West Bendle recognizing a boy and a girl who exemplifies the qualities of great citizenship and service to others.

- ☆ Youth Advisory Council (YAC): Student members sponsored the organization and collection of 1,300 food items donated from classrooms for the holiday food drives.

### **South Bendle Elementary**

- ☆ South Bendle Elementary achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) through student scores on state MEAP tests. As a result, South Bendle is expected to receive an “A” or “B” on the Michigan School Report Card.
- ☆ Once again, South Bendle was host to several future educators through student teaching and student-contact hours. The University of Michigan-Flint and Baker College continue to work closely with South Bendle Elementary.
- ☆ Overall student attendance for the 2009-2010 school year was at 89%.
- ☆ Over 300 awards were given for Perfect or Outstanding Attendance throughout the year.
- ☆ All South Bendle students received three free reading books of their choice through the Reading Is Fundamental Program.
- ☆ Approximately 95% of our parents attended a “Parent-Teacher” Conference during the 2009-2010 school year.
- ☆ Students and staff celebrated “March Is Reading Month” through a variety of events. Parents joined in the fun through the “Muffins for Moms” and “Donuts for Dads” sessions that took place before school.
- ☆ Over 50% of our South students participated in the KEY’s (Kids Empowered = Youth Success) After School Programs.
- ☆ Over 80 students participated in the South Bendle Running Club. Children got in shape to run a couple of road races this year, the Jingle Bell Run and Spring Sprint.
- ☆ Over 40 parents, grandparents, and South Bendle friends that volunteered throughout the year were invited to the annual South Volunteer Luncheon.
- ☆ Over 190 children were selected as “Star Citizen’s” throughout the year. Each month, those selected were invited to attend a recognition ceremony with a parent or relative.
- ☆ South Bendle staff members continue their connection with former South Bendle students through the annual South Bendle Scholarship Awards. This year staff members donated over \$1,000 in order to award two scholarships. Hayley Taylor and Dylan Jarvis were the recipients of \$500 each.

### **Bendle Family Health Services**

- ☆ Health-O-Ramas were held in all buildings including heights, weights, blood pressures and body mass indexes.
- ☆ Mango Taste Testing was provided by the PeNut program at Bendle Middle School and Bendle High School.
- ☆ H1N1 Vaccine was available for the Bendle Community.
- ☆ Hand-washing education was given to all students and staff during the flu season.
- ☆ University of Michigan students provided hands on hand-washing program for Early 4’s classrooms.

- ☆ Scoliosis screenings and calcium education was held for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ☆ WIC provided services for families in the 48529 zip code.

### **Community Education**

- ☆ 62,300 Adult Enrichment Catalogs mailed.
- ☆ 133 Adult Enrichment classes were offered to the community.
- ☆ Coordinated the annual GACEA staff appreciation dinner in Frankenmuth.
- ☆ Initiated a program in the Michigan Works! System for retraining unemployed workers.
- ☆ Adult Yoga class is offered year round.
- ☆ 39 students in grades K-5 were serviced in our latch key's "The Tiger Kid's Club" (TKC) before and after school program.
- ☆ Throughout the school year, TKC remained open for school half days and some of the no school full days. TKC was open throughout the summer, before and after the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program, and for the weeks that 21<sup>st</sup> Century was not operating, thus offering unbroken service to our families at a reasonable rate.
- ☆ TKC offered homework help and other tutoring.
- ☆ Computers are offered at TKC for both academic and recreation purposes.
- ☆ Students in TKC participated throughout the year in activities that encouraged their social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs and, beginning this year, a vegetable garden.
- ☆ Daily healthy snacks were provided for all TKC students.
- ☆ 62 school events were scheduled at the buildings throughout the district.
- ☆ 32 non-school groups were scheduled at the buildings throughout the district.

### **Atlantis Alternative High School**

- ☆ 21 students graduated with a diploma.
- ☆ Two students earned certificates from the Skill Center.
- ☆ Three students obtained jobs from their internship placements.
- ☆ Staff developed 'character' awards for students.
- ☆ Successful career fair developed and implemented by staff.

### **Adult Education**

- ☆ 57 students graduated with a diploma.
- ☆ 169 students earned a GED.
- ☆ Students conducted a Holiday Food Drive.
- ☆ Students prepared Holiday Food Baskets for five student families.
- ☆ Students volunteered at the Learning Center for a toy exchange.
- ☆ College Fair was held for students.

### **Carman-Park/Baker Career Academy**

- ☆ Senior internships placed students in supervised internships within their chosen career pathways
- ☆ Career Academy is a three year member of the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity Youth Initiative.

- ☆ Two teams competed in the Habitat for Humanity Youth Initiative Olympics with the proceeds donated to Habitat for Humanity.
- ☆ Community service sites include local churches, the C/A Learning Community, North End Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Honor Flight Society, Old Newsboys and Habitat for Humanity
- ☆ Varied career speakers in different career pathways continuously throughout the school year
- ☆ Official year-round Teen Quest training site
- ☆ Introductory and advanced career preparation classes
- ☆ GRCC employment preparation presentations
- ☆ Opportunity to take college courses at Baker College for dual enrollment credit and the pursuit of a degree/certification
- ☆ Recipient of a “Keep Genesee County Beautiful” Grant, 2009.
- ☆ Achieved status of “Michigan Green School” as recognized by Governor Granholm.
- ☆ Awarded, Fox 66 Green School, June 2010
- ☆ Annual participants in National Mix-It-Up Day. A campaign designed to teach tolerance.
- ☆ Senior Club designed to assist students in preparation for senior year and post graduation plans.
- ☆ Spring Prom was held for all students
- ☆ Access to Baker facilities including tutoring, career services, library and athletic facilities.