



September 2014 Bobcat News

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Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year!
We are excited to have your children as
part of the Bobcat family!



An awesome collage of our students at their best!

We are a proud Bobcat family!



Stop by and check out our new graphics! They look amazing!

Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to the parents and guardians of our students for keeping up with the drop off/pick up traffic pattern! We hope you are also just as excited as we are about having a Crossing Guard!

A Message from Mr. Baumgart

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to the school year! I can't help but smile as we see all of the students return to the business of learning and take pride in the excitement of everyone to be together. Besides having our academic emphasis this year, I also felt like we needed to rekindle the Bullen pride. As you can see in the pictures in the newsletter, we have made some additions to our building to create that sense of pride in being a Bobcat. We also gave every child a T-shirt in Bullen colors for them to wear anytime to show their excitement to be part of our school family. Lastly, we used the opening of school to begin the discussion of respect by watching a production called "The Quest for Respect". In it, the children were able to hear stories of other students their age talk about the true way to earn respect; respect others first. My favorite line of the movie was from a BMX champion who said, "Stop trying to prove others wrong and just work to prove yourself right. That is how you will earn respect." We will continue to work together with you to give your child every opportunity to be successful on this leg of their educational journey. Thanks again for helping get the year off to a great beginning.

Andy Baumgart

Principal John Bullen Middle School



Bullen 6th Grade Year-end Field Trip

Parent's of 6th grade students please join us on **Tuesday, September 30th 6:00pm** in the Bullen Auditorium to find out more about our year-end trip to Cave of the Mounds and Wisconsin Dells. We will also have samples of our fundraiser available. **Questions please contact Pam Luellen (pluellen@kUSD.edu) (262)359-4024 or Betsy Wagner (bwagner@kUSD.edu)**

Yearbook Club

Yearbook club will begin meeting on September 23 at 7:45 in room 215. If you are interested in creating this year's yearbook, please meet us at the main entrance on that day!

English Festival Announcement

The English Festival is a collaborative effort between public, private, and parochial schools in Kenosha, Racine, and its public libraries. The Festival is open to 7th and 8th grade students who attend workshops built upon themes from the following six works. They must read and complete quizzes for all the books before attending the March Festival. At Bullen, English teachers and the Library Media Teacher are planning activities at school for any 6th grade students who would like to read these titles. Books may be checked out in Bullen's library or the Kenosha Public Library. A list of titles are located at the circulation desk in the library, as well as on the library webpage: [English Festival Book List](#). This year's festival will be held at UW-Parkside on March 30 & 31. The guest author will be Ruta Sepetys, author of *Between Shades of Gray*.

Staff contacts for English Festival are: Robin Anderson, Library Media Teacher; Jennifer Jankiewicz, 6th grade Language Arts; and Jessica Worcester, 7th grade Language Arts.

Battle of the Books Announcement

The statewide Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It is sponsored by WEMTA (Wisconsin Educational Technology and Media Association):

[Battle of the Books](#) It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of them. The list incorporates awards such as: Golden Archer, Newbery, Printz, Siebert and others. There are three divisions: elementary, middle/intermediate, and high school. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of: Name the book in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island. Schools, both public and private from around the state, compete online in a State Battle in February. A District Battle will take place in the Spring. A date and location will be announced. We took 9th in the state last year out of over 100 schools and 3rd in the District. We hope to take 1st this year!

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Battle of the Books will begin meeting after school in the library from on Thursday, October 2, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation home at 5:00 p.m. from Bullen Middle School. A schedule of future meeting dates is included and will be posted on the Bullen Library Homepage Calendar by the first meeting, as well as other documents pertaining to Battle of the Books. Students will have information shared with them as well through the District Gmail account, or provided in the library when permission forms are returned. Permission forms are located in the library and a book list may be found on Bullen's library webpage: [Battle of the Books Book List](#)

Staff contact for Battle of the Books is: Robin Anderson, Library Media Teacher

Dates for Middle Level Battle of the Books

*All dates are on Thursday:

October 2, 2014

World Language On-Line

Parents/Guardians--If your son/daughter has an **Activity** listed as an **On-Line course** for Spanish, French, Italian, German, or Chinese, he/she will have access to the Rosetta Stone/Tell Me More (TMM) world language on the computer throughout the 2014-15 school year until July 31st. Read on...

Grade 6 Music students may have selected this as an **optional** opportunity to study a world language at home outside of the school day.

Grade 6 Non-music students who have the quarter **classroom Spanish course** with Ms. Wittler also have the on-line Spanish complementing class work on the computer. Students do not need a computer at home because they will do the work in school. They, however, may do extra at home if they want to do so.

Grade 6 Non-music students who have the **Blended Study quarter course** have chosen a specific world language and are scheduled into Elective 1 or Elective 2 with Ms. Jolicoeur in the library. Again, they do not need a computer at home to do this.

7th and 8th grade students may select a **semester of classroom Spanish**. They will also have the on-line Spanish to complement the in-school course work.

7th and 8th grade students may select **World Language Blended Study** in school.

The on-line course indicates the world language course they have chosen.

We at Bullen are in the process of data entering the students taking the on-line courses. When that process is completed, the students will receive their User Name & Password for the course. The Kenosha Unified School District spends over \$300,000 for 3000 licenses for these courses. Students begin with a self-assessment and then choose the activities in the course. A headset with a speaker is required to do the oral activities. They may take a mid-year assessment to determine their progress. At the end of the licensing time period, they can take a final assessment--which will end their access to the course for this school year. If you have questions, you may call Mrs. Roberta Akalin, counselor, at 359-4468. Thank you and enjoy the learning!

Support the Bobcat!

Don't feel like cooking dinner? Maybe you're just looking for dessert!

Please join us for
Bullen Night at Culver's
Monday, September 29th
5:00 to 8:00pm
5220 Greenbay Road

Flavor of the Day - Caramel Turtle

Culver's will donate a percentage of the evening's profits to help with facility improvements at Bullen.

The success of the evening depends on our participation, so pack up the family and head over to Culver's!

Yearbook: Bullen's Full Color Yearbook is available for purchase for \$30. Order forms are available in the office or outside of Room 215. Get your copy now, the price increases to \$35 in January!

Bullen Football

Please join us for our games, wear your Bullen gear, bring out the stadium blanket, and be ready to cheer on your 2014-2015 Bullen Bobcats Football Team!!

Upcoming Games



Game Time is 4:30PM unless otherwise noted.

9/17/2014 8th Grade vs. Washington @ Bullen

9/18/2014 7th Grade vs. Washington @ Kennedy Park

9/24/2014 8th Grade vs. Lincoln @ Ameche

9/25/2014 7th Grade vs. Lincoln @ Bullen

10/1/2014 8th Grade vs. Mahone @ Bullen

10/2/2014 7th Grade vs. Mahone @ Jaskwhich Stadium

10/8/2014 8th Grade vs. Lance @ Bullen

10/9/2014 7th Grade vs. Lance @ Lance

10/15/2014 (Time: TBD) 8th Grade Tournament @ Ameche



