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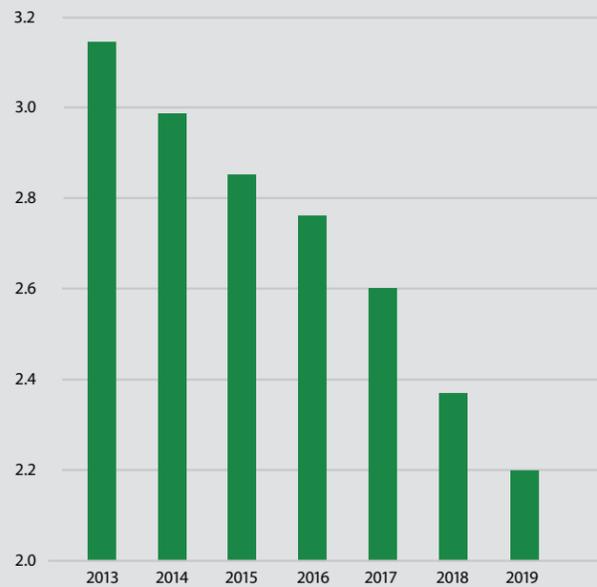
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Bannockburn School District 106 Tax Rate



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Remote Learning at Bannockburn School

Although the school building is closed, the resilient Bannockburn School Community remains connected to ensure students receive engaging and meaningful educational experiences. The Covid-19 crisis has forced schools across the country to reimagine the traditional education system. Here in Bannockburn, the teachers, administration, and staff have hit the ground running and implemented a remote learning platform that continues to provide students the opportunity to learn and grow, just in a new environment.

“Although we wish to be back in the classroom with our students, we know that they are being well taken care of by the team of dedicated teachers and staff at Bannockburn School,” says Principal Adam Mihelbergel.

Since mid-March, Bannockburn students have been engaging with their teachers and peers through a variety of different virtual learning experiences. From daily virtual meetings to online support, to innovative assignments, students have had the opportunity to continue their education in a seamless and engaging way.

“There is no doubt that we miss seeing our students every day,” says Liz Loughnane, Director of Teaching and Learning. *“However, we are proud of the smooth transition, out of box thinking, and dedication from our teachers, students, and families.”*

In addition to all of the core educational experiences, it has been a top priority at Bannockburn School to continue to provide enrichment opportunities

to students through this virtual platform. To that end, students engage in experiences like weekly dance classes, mindful minute zoom sessions, bedtime stories with Bannockburn Librarian, Kathy Garneau, and much more.

“Keeping a sense of connectedness is vital to keeping our students engaged,” says Superintendent, Dr. Scott Herrmann. *“Our staff have truly gone above and beyond to care for our students and their individual needs.”*

Most recently, every Bannockburn student has been surprised at their homes by Bannockburn staff members with messages written in chalk on their family’s driveway or sidewalk. Additionally, the Bannockburn team has worked hard to ensure the 8th graders have a meaningful graduation ceremony.

Looking toward the Fall, it is unknown if the school building will be able to reopen due to the COVID-19 crisis. However, Bannockburn Administrators and Staff have begun preparing for a number of scenarios to ensure the students of Bannockburn will continue to receive the highest-quality education.

LEGO Challenge: build glasses for your face



Bannockburn student participating in remote learning from home.

Kathy Gareneu Named Teacher of Distinction

Bannockburn Teacher, Librarian, and Coach Kathy Gareneu has officially been named a Teacher of Distinction with the Golden Apple Foundation! Ms. Gareneu wears many hats at Bannockburn and serves as a leader among her peers. *"We could not be more proud and honored to have an educator as talented and dedicated at Bannockburn,"* says Principal Adam Mihelbergel. "Ms. Gareneu is incredibly deserving of this honor and we are excited to be able to celebrate with accomplishment with her.

Kathy's motto is *"there's always room to learn and grow,"* and she demonstrates that in her daily practices. Ms. Gareneu goes far above and beyond for her students and colleagues. She spends her time working with kindergarten through eighth-grade students on literacy and



digital citizenship and is constantly switching gears based on student interests and needs. She works with K-8th grade STEM and develops hands-on, innovative projects for the students and she always makes sure that the students are creating for a purpose and using the empathetic approach within the STEM Lab.

"Bannockburn School is lucky to have an educator like Kathy," says superintendent Dr. Scott Herrmann. *"We are all so happy for her to be recognized by the Golden Apple Foundation as she is incredibly deserving of this honor!"*

Kathy Gareneu, officially named a Teacher of Distinction, is proudly recognized by Bannockburn School.

Congratulations to the Bannockburn School Class of 2020!



- Amanda Elise Adley
- Sebastian Aninmis
- Ruben Andriamanampisoa
- Jake S. Barhoumeh
- Tatum Ella Danielewicz
- Carter Harris Figura
- John James C. Foufas
- Haniel Jehnom Gaiya
- Pleroma Erum Han
- John Thomas Healy
- John Gabriel Hetz

- Mila Zivkovich Johnson
- Christopher Sebastian Shiao-Hou Mauer
- Samuel Reznik
- Weil Richmond
- Ian John Schmidt
- Micah Gabriel Shapiro
- Julia Shvartsman



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Bannockburn School Prepares for the 2020-21 School Year

As Bannockburn School District 106 continues to plan for the reopening of our school in this ever-changing situation, there are many additions and enhancements that the administration is implementing to ensure the health and safety of the entire community. Below is a list of just a few changes coming to Bannockburn for the 2020-21 school year:

- Bannockburn School will have a full time nurse.
- We have replaced our retiring half time counselor with a full time psychologist to assist with our Social-Emotional Learning efforts and to support students during this unprecedented time.
- All sink faucets in the building are being converted to touchless.
- Touchless hand sanitizers are being installed throughout the building and in every classroom.

- An additional custodian will be hired to support cleaning efforts throughout the school day.
- The night cleaners will deep clean and use an electrostatic disinfecting machine that the school district is purchasing.
- All social distancing guidelines will be followed, with some classes moving to larger areas. Every class will have their own entrance/exit to and from the building.

While these are just the highlights of the Bannockburn back-to-school plan, the district's staff and administration is working diligently to ensure a successful and safe return to school. In addition, the District has solicited all parents and families for feedback to help plan for the 2020-21 school year.

Bannockburn Student Supports Local Heros

Bannockburn 7th grader, Jason Lubeck, has partnered with the Highland Park Robotics Team to support our local essential workers. Jason, using what he's learned in Bannockburn STEM Class, has been utilizing 3D printers to print face shields for hospital workers. Recently, Jason completed 30 face masks that have been delivered to Mt. Sinai hospital in Chicago.

7th grader, Jason Lubeck, holding 30 face masks he printed using 3D technology to help support local essential workers.



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