



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

We're pleased to bring you another monthly update from Northside Elementary. This newsletter highlights the ongoing efforts and achievements of our students and staff, helping keep our school community connected. Although there is always more happening than space allows, we're excited to feature some of the key moments from the past month.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 2/1 - Snow Week Coronation
6:00pm - PAC
- 2/5 - Special Board Meeting
5:00pm - WiFi Cafe
- 2/11 + 2/12 - Special Board Meeting - Supt. Interviews
4:00pm - WiFi Cafe
- 2/13 - Scheduled Early Release for Students
- 2/16 - No School
- 2/17 - Special Board Meeting
Second Supt. Interviews
4:00pm - WiFi Cafe

Snow Week 2026



- 2/2 PAJAMA DAY
- 2/3 JERSEY/OLYMPIC SPORT DAY
- 2/4 COLOR DAY
- 2/5 CAMO/BLAZE ORANGE DAY
- 2/6 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

PRE-K - ORANGE K - YELLOW/GOLD
1ST - BLUE 2ND - RED 3RD - GREEN
4TH - PURPLE 5TH - NEON/PINK STAFF - BLACK

Superintendent Search Update



Benson Public Schools continues to move forward with the superintendent search process throughout the month of February. The School Board will hold several special meetings to identify and interview candidates as part of this important process. All February meetings will be held at Benson High School in the Wi-Fi Café.

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, the School Board will meet to review applicants and determine the finalist(s) who will advance in the search. This special meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The first round of interviews will take place during a Special School Board Meeting on February 11 and 12, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. each day.

The School Board will then conduct a second round of interviews during a Special School Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Community members are encouraged to stay informed as the district works toward selecting its next superintendent. Additional updates will be shared as the process continues.

Stay up to date on the superintendent search by visiting:
<https://www.benson.k12.mn.us/superintendent-search>



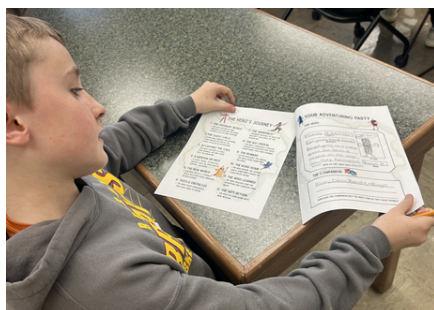


CLIMB Theater Visits Northside

This month, Northside welcomed CLIMB Theatre into its K-5 classrooms for a week of engaging and interactive learning experiences. CLIMB Theatre specializes in creating customized plays, classes, and workshops designed to support students' social-emotional growth in fun and meaningful ways.

Through age-appropriate performances, students explored important skills such as empathy, manners, perseverance, ownership, well-being, equity, and regulation. These skills are woven into each performance, encouraging positive behavior while helping students develop strategies they can use both in and out of the classroom.

The presentations allowed students to actively participate, making the lessons memorable and impactful. This experience provided our students with valuable tools to strengthen their social-emotional learning and reinforced the importance of kindness, responsibility, and self-awareness within our school community.



Young Writers Conference

Benson students recently had the opportunity to attend the Young Writers Conference in Marshall, where they spent the day immersed in creativity, storytelling, and the art of writing. Among the attendees were 18 students in grades 3-5 from Northside Elementary, who proudly represented Benson Public Schools.

The conference featured an engaging opening keynote followed by three one-hour, hands-on learning sessions designed specifically for students. Throughout the day, participants learned from published authors, explored a variety of creative writing styles, and received valuable feedback on their own work.

This enriching experience allowed students to grow as writers while building confidence and discovering new ways to express their ideas and voices. The Young Writers Conference was an inspiring day that encouraged creativity, imagination, and a lifelong appreciation for writing. Benson Public Schools is proud of our young writers and grateful for opportunities that empower students to learn, create, and share their stories.

January Braves Way Winners



School Nurse Updates + Reminders

Give Kids a Smile

FREE Dental Care for Kids in Need



WHEN TO STAY HOME

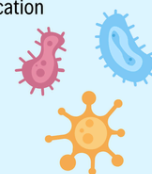
FEVER

Temperature of 100 degrees or higher. The child should not return to school until fever free without use of fever-reducing medication (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) for 24 hours.



VOMITING AND DIARRHEA

Vomiting and Diarrhea: The child should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.



INFLUENZA, COVID, OR ANY RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Stay at home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) and child is well enough to participate in normal activities.



STREP THROAT

The child may return to school 12 hours after starting medication and 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

