

BEYOND THE BASICS

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2025 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF BMS

**BCEF'S FUNDRAISER AIMS TO BRING OUTDOOR LEARNING
BACK TO THE SCHOOL AS A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GIFT**

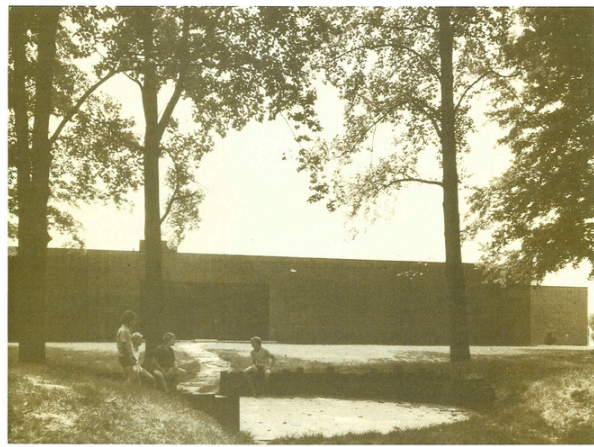


Photo from 1975 BMS brochure depicts students enjoying the outdoor learning area, which was subsequently removed to make room for the building addition.

Fifty years ago this fall, Batesville Middle School opened its doors, providing students with a brand new space, including a dedicated outdoor learning area on the north end of the building. A space for learning about nature; a place to get outdoors. As Batesville grew, BMS had to expand, and, sadly, the outdoor learning space had to be eliminated to make room for a building addition. Over the past 10 years, BCEF has built a reputation for bringing innovative spaces to BCSC through our annual campaigns. From flexible learning classrooms to a BPS outdoor learning complex to a new student-focused success (wellness) center at BHS, we are always willing to consider big ideas that will benefit our students.

To celebrate this milestone birthday, BCEF is bringing outdoor learning back to BMS. Our annual campaign's community goal of \$50,000 will provide funding to add an outdoor EcoClassroom near the back drive. The teachers' wish list includes tiered seating, a gazebo, solar ovens, raised garden beds, and even some indoor items to support the STEAM curriculum.

They say history doesn't repeat itself. We beg to differ. Help us bring outdoor learning back to BMS. It would be the best 50th birthday present ever.

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BCEF ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (CONT.)



An area behind BMS, near the back drive, has been identified by the school as a possible site for the outdoor classroom.

"The Eco Lab will create an alternative space for students who thrive outside a traditional classroom setting," explained BMS Principal Dave Strouse. "The outdoor learning classroom would offer hands-on, engaging, and critical thinking experiences that connect academic learning with real-world application. Our goal is to create lifelong learners who are thoughtful, engaged citizens in their community who are connected to their environment."

\$50,000 GOAL

Besides BCSC parents and our other donors, BCEF would like to challenge any former BMS student who attended the school in 1975 when it opened to donate at least \$50 in memory of their time at the school. BMS classes of 1980, 1981, and 1982, we're looking at you!

Our annual campaign projects are always "wish list" items that the schools cannot afford to build or purchase without our help.

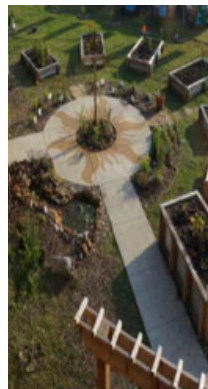
Let's turn back the clock to the time of cassette tapes, bell bottom jeans, and banana seat bikes and give these students the outdoor space they deserve!

Happy 50th birthday to BMS!

TEACHERS' WISH LIST:



A gazebo and/or tiered seating would provide a place for class.



Raised garden beds, solar ovens, an outdoor whiteboard, and hydroponic garden kits are some of the items requested

BMS Classes of 1980, 1981, & 1982:
If you attended BMS in 1975, please donate \$50+ in memory of 50 years of the school.

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BHS STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER UPDATE

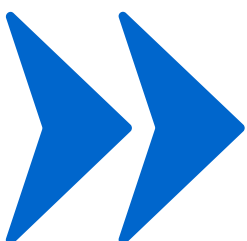
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT OUR 2024 PROJECT TO ADDRESS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH IS ALMOST READY!



Top row, L to R: The wall between the two rooms is removed, framing of counselors' offices begins, drywall and door frames are installed. Bottom row, L to R: new carpeting and cabinetry/countertops are installed throughout the space, lighting work continues, outdoor stamped patio is poured for students who need some fresh air during particularly stressful times.

The old athletic department office and an additional classroom at Batesville High School have really gotten a makeover since July! The new BCEF Student Success Center will feature the counselors' office for academic guidance as well as emotional well-being features such as a biofeedback lab and privacy pods for students who need to regroup before returning to class. This new area at BHS is intended to provide students with the emotional tools they need to be able to deal with stress. It is not intended to be an escape from class. Our goal? That every BHS student has the resources needed to be able to work their way through everyday challenges and have a mind ready to learn. Like or not, in today's world, that has become a major hurdle for many students. We're here to help!

We will announce a date of a formal Open House for the community once the center is up and running, with all of its features functional. Thank you, all, for believing in our dream to build what we believe to be the first-of-its-kind mental health hub in a high school in our state.



OUR WHY

ANXIETY NEGATIVELY AFFECTS LEARNING BY IMPAIRING CONCENTRATION, MEMORY, AND DECISION-MAKING, LEADING TO DIFFICULTIES IN ABSORBING AND RETAINING INFORMATION, POOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, AND EVEN SCHOOL AVOIDANCE.

BCEF'S BULLDOG PUP RALLY RETURNS

FREE, FUN, FAMILY-ORIENTED EVENT AT BPS TO CELEBRATE THE BULLDOG COMMUNITY

BULLDOG PUP RALLY

BEFORE THE HOMECOMING GAME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
BPS WEST PARKING LOT | 5-7 PM

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FOOD TRUCKS

GAMES

AND MORE!

JOIN BCEF FOR SOME FUN BEFORE THE BHS HOMECOMING GAME!

This is a community spirit event for all ages, designed to bring Bulldogs together before the football game for fellowship, food, and fun. Join us any time after 5 PM until the game starts. Going to the parade? No problem...come on over right after.

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on, as seating will be limited!

Activities/Groups (some may charge a fee)

- Kids Discovery Factory
- Boy Scouts
- BMS Student Council (Temporary Tattoos)
- Lori Voegle (Face Painting)
- Youth Cheer
- Interact Club
- BHS Band
- Girl Scouts

Food Trucks:

- Michael Eddy's Pizza & Specialty Sandwiches
- Steel & Steam Coffee
- St. Paul Tavern Food Truck
- Third Place Brookville
- Blanco's
- Kona Ice
- Carbonation Station



THANK YOU TO OUR 2025-26 SPONSORS

AMAZING COMMUNITY SUPPORT CONTINUES, YEAR AFTER YEAR!

Our sponsors make everything BCEF does possible! In addition to our other programming, we will also be adding three additional grade levels of support to Bulldog Ready, BCSC's community-connected educational model. Visit our website's sponsorship page to learn more about how to join the BCEF family of sponsors.



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BHS STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS REPORT IN

TEN STUDENTS STUDIED IN SPAIN, THANKS, IN PART, TO SPONSORSHIP FROM BCEF THROUGH THE ANDY KOORS LEGACY FUND

Group letter from the students who studied in Spain, via the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Language:

We want to express our gratitude to all of those involved in BCEF and their donation to our experience in foreign culture and language this summer. It was nothing short of life-changing for many of us, and we cannot thank you enough. Between our time spent with families, friends, and our shared cultural opportunities, the collective experience was extraordinary. Not only have our linguistic abilities improved, but we've grown as people as well.

One of the most beneficial parts of the trip was the experience of living with local families throughout the duration of our program. They taught us many things that we would not have learned inside the classroom. We learned a great deal about the culture and their way of life. This would not have been possible without them. To this day, some of us consider the "familia" we had during our trip as part of our own family state-side. The memories we now carry with us are invaluable and could not have been attained without the people we met while abroad. We will be ever grateful for the memories and lessons we learned from them.

Although the classes were intense and time-consuming (especially with homework), they were very helpful when it came to learning about the history and culture of Spain. Also, it gave us more time to interact with fellow classmates of the program, and practice our Spanish with those of a similar age and level of speaking. We also visited various establishments in the communities of our cities in order to learn and interact with residents of Spain, and this was extremely beneficial to our experience.

With regards to the language, the first week was very difficult. With a little time, however, we were able to adjust. While we all struggled with the homework and immersion, we learned so much in very little time. The experience of being thrown into a foreign country without much knowing of what we were getting ourselves into. However, we are thankful that all of us can definitively say it was one of the best decisions we have made in our lives. After the program and during the final weeks, we actually surprised ourselves with our Spanish abilities. We were able to make jokes, talk with the locals, and have intense conversations in the language. It was genuinely the experience of a lifetime. Once again, thank you to everyone at BCEF.



Near the end of their time abroad, most of the students who studied in Spain met up with their BHS Spanish teacher, Judd Klingerman, who was also on a separate immersive program in the country during the summer. Not pictured: Sam Richardson.

TO SEE A SLIDE SHOW OF PHOTOS FROM THE STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

BCEF SUPPORTS BULLDOG FAMILIES!

SCHOOL CALENDAR MAGNETS STILL AVAILABLE

BCEF isn't just about students...we care about our families, as well!

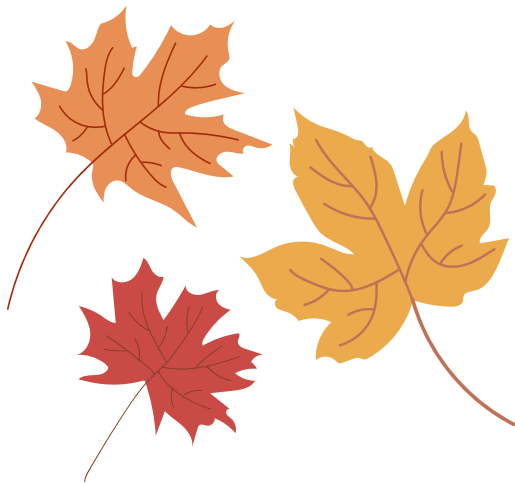
The free school calendar magnet is one way we provide service to Bulldog families.

We have a limited quantity of magnets left after providing them to the schools for open house nights. Stop by our table at the Pup Rally on Sept. 12 to pick one up!



FALL MEANS HONOR STAFF IS COMING SOON!

BE ON THE LOOK-OUT IN LATE OCTOBER



If the leaves start to fall, you can bet that it's going to be time for signs honoring staff to start popping up in the school lawns. Watch social media and email for notifications of when our Fall "Give Thanks" Honor a BCSC Staff Member sign campaign is open for donations. Start a list now of who you'd like to honor!

BCEF raises almost all of its money through donations and does NOT have an endowment. Since we were founded in 2007, we have provided funding for over **\$900,000** worth of programs, grants, and scholarships to BCSC and its students. Thank you, Batesville, for believing in education!!!

