

## School Directory

### District 101 Offices

Rosalie Jones Administration Center  
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### High School

Batavia High School  
1201 W. Wilson St., Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8600 • <http://bhs.bps101.net/>

### Middle School

Rotolo Middle School of Batavia  
1501 South Raddant Rd.  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8700 • <http://rms.bps101.net/>

### Elementary Schools

Alice Gustafson School  
905 Carlisle Rd. Batavia, IL 60510  
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Grace McWayne School  
3501 Hapner Way, Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8100 • <http://gms.bps101.net/>

Early Childhood Center  
905 Carlisle Rd., Batavia IL 60510  
630-937-8900

H. C. Storm School  
305 North Van Nortwick St.  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8200 • <http://hcs.bps101.net/>

Hoover-Wood School  
1640 Wagner Rd., Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8300 • <http://hws.bps101.net/>

J. B. Nelson School  
Laurel & William Wood Ln.  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8400 • <http://jbn.bps101.net/>

Louise White School  
800 North Prairie St.  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-937-8500 • <http://lws.bps101.net/>



Above: The diamond before construction.

## Batavia Youth Baseball and BPS partner up

Batavia Youth Baseball (BYB) and Batavia Public School (BPS) partner up to create a new baseball diamond for both the School district to use and BYB to use. The new field comprises of a Major/Minor field that BYB has access to utilize and maintain during the Batavia baseball season beginning in 2010 for the next 20 years. BYB has graciously paid to construct the field. They will be in charge of general maintenance on the field while BPS will be in charge of the mowing.

Below: The new diamond is completed. The fencing and the outline of the field is visible through the snow.



AGS staff members ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Batavia Jewel

The first six months of the 2009-10 school year at Alice Gustafson School have had a focus on community and caring. The AGS Community has expanded this year as they officially welcome the Early Childhood Center of Batavia as a part of our Pre-K-5th grade learning community. The Early Childhood Center serves approximately 120 preschool aged children from across District 101.

The school year began with a pep rally style introduction of the school staff...the cheers from students rocked the school! AGS students made a fabulous first impression on their new principal. Also during the assembly, students learned how to be "Bucket Fillers" when Principal Ralston shared the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*.

As parents kicked off the school year purchasing cart-loads of school supplies, the staff kicked-off the annual year-long school supply drive for Reach for the Moon. Staff members donate backpacks and individual classrooms donate the supplies to fill those backpacks each month of the school year.

You may have also caught a glimpse of AGS staff members

ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Batavia Jewel. The group grew in numbers and donations this year raising their voices in song and raising over \$300 in the red bucket in two hours.

In December each grade level sponsored a community service project to highlight the character pillar of "Caring". Fifth grader Elly Girmscheid also sponsored a project to collect loose coins to donate to Heifer International. The buckets came out and AGS students and staff responded! The \$480.60 that was donated will be used to purchase a goat, pig, sheep and four flocks of chicks for families in third world countries.

In January, fifth grader Connor Craney initiated a "Penny War" to benefit disaster victims in Haiti. Once again the AGS community began filling buckets! More than \$3,000 in donations was collected in one week. A representative from the Red Cross visited AGS so that we could make an official presentation of our check and share with students just how their acts of kindness would impact those in Haiti. The winning class was to receive a brownie party, but the overwhelming positive response led

our PTO room moms to coordinate a brownie party for the whole school!

Speaking of the PTO, the AGS group has made fundraising this year more family focused. Their major fall fundraiser saw the return of the Gator Gallup. Two movie nights have also been held and a third is scheduled for spring.

Alice Gustafson students have a history of high academic achievement in Reading and Mathematics. The School Improvement Team has chosen writing as a focus for continuous improvement. The AGS staff believes that enhancing instruction in writing will boost critical thinking across disciplines and will serve the students well into their future academic careers. To keep the family and community focus going, the PTO and staff collaboratively presented a "Family Reading Night" in February with local author Tom Lichtenheld. Their hope was to connect reading and writing in meaningful ways for the students. Assemblies were also held within the school day and lucky GUS winners got to participate in writing workshops with the author!

If it sounds like they have been busy, remember these are just the highlights! Thank you to the students, staff, families and community members of Alice Gustafson School for your support in making all of these activities possible. The AGS family is proud to be a neighborhood school!

**Alice Gustafson School**  
[ags.bps101.net](http://ags.bps101.net)  
**Bucket Fillers, Inc.**  
[bucketfillers101.com](http://bucketfillers101.com)  
**Reach for the Moon**  
[reachforthemoonfoundation.com](http://reachforthemoonfoundation.com)  
**Heifer International**  
[heifer.org](http://heifer.org)  
**The American Red Cross**  
[redcross.org](http://redcross.org)  
**Tom Lichtenheld**  
[tomlichtenheld.com](http://tomlichtenheld.com)

## “Reach for the Moon” and give

During the 2009 Holiday season, the families of the Early Childhood Center found a way to send the spirit of the season out to the surrounding communities. Hats, mittens, scarves and gloves were collected for the foundation. “Reach for the Moon” is a non-profit organization that supports families in need within the Fox Valley area.

Families and staff contributed to the “Mitten” tree that was placed in the atrium of the center. The ECC children enjoyed finding the right place to put the donated items on the tree! There were approximately 200 items collected, 85 hats, 77 pairs of gloves, 26 pairs of mittens, 9 scarves and some other gently used winter items. Along with these items, the book titled *The Mitten Tree* was donated to the foundation.

All items were delivered to the foundation on



*The mitten tree before the gifts were delivered.*

Saturday, December 19. The foundation expressed their gratitude, as the delivery came at just the right time. Their supply was depleted at the time of delivery! Timing really is everything!

Thanks to all the families and staff members that donated to this special cause. It was truly appreciated!



*Early Childhood Center students giving to the mitten tree!*



## BPS implements PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive, systems approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. PBIS applies a system of support and a problem solving process to enhance the capacity of schools to effectively educate all students. Batavia School District began studying this approach over four years ago. Two elementary schools went to a PBIS training and the journey began.

J.B. Nelson and Louise White Schools have been implementing PBIS for the past 3 years. They assembled their team in the summer of 2006 to create their matrices (definitions of appropriate behaviors), develop their acknowledgement systems (reinforcements of the taught behaviors), and look at their discipline data to see what behaviors needed to be taught. Both schools chose to develop their matrix around responsibility, respect and safety. These are universal character traits that transcend across the buildings.

J.B. Nelson calls their system the “3 B’s”: Be respectful, Be responsible, and Be safe. Their data lead them to train their students in hallway, locker, and lunchroom behaviors. The sec-



*Students enjoy ice cream while they celebrate PBIS*

ond year they added arrival/dismissal plus buses and playground behaviors. This year they are teaching classroom behaviors.

Louise White calls their system “Paws for Applause.” The team gathered data and trained their students in hallway, lunchroom, and arrival/dismissal. The second year they added the learning center and buses. This year they are teaching behaviors in the classroom, bathroom and locker area.

Alice Gustafson received training in the spring of 2008 and began in February, 2009. “Got GUS?” was created: Give respect, Use safety, and Share responsibility is the AGS PBIS language. The data led them to train the students in the hallway, playground and lunchroom.

H.C. Storm entered the PBIS world in February 2009. Their team worked this entire summer putting together Bolt’s 3 B’s. They trained their students in hallway, bathroom,

cubby, and lunchroom behaviors.

This summer the High School Freshman Academy Team went to a special PBIS training for high schools. The teachers created a matrix, acknowledgement system, and office discipline referral system for the Academy students. They are focusing on academic behaviors and teaching the students respect and responsibility as it relates to academics.

Hoover Wood, Grace McWayne, and Rotolo Middle School assembled their teams, and hosted their own PBIS training in August 2009. These teams are looking at the data and developing their matrices, acknowledgement systems, and teacher managed/office managed referral systems. All three schools are planning a behavioral teaching kick off second semester or at the beginning of next school year. Hoover Wood is implementing “Be a Hawk.” Grace McWayne is implementing the “3 R’s:” Respect, Responsibility and Really safe. Rotolo Middle School will kick off on February 16, 2010 with “BARK,” Bulldogs Are responsible, Respect others and Keep the environment safe.

PBIS takes a lot of work in the beginning, but research indicates that once the systems are in place and 80% of the staff is implementing with integrity, teachers experience improved classroom behavior which results in improved academic performance.



*PBIS assembly and award ceremony*

## Building yet another house...



The current Bulldog Building Trades house is being built at 707 E. Lathem. It is one block away from the very first Building Trades house that Batavia High School students built almost twenty years ago.

Over the last fifteen years the Building Trades program built and sold fifteen profitable homes in Batavia. However, the recent decline in the housing market caused the last two homes to be sold at a loss. This led to some changes in the program. Bringing the program back to where it was started allows for the construction of smaller homes because the lots

are not as big and less expensive. Along with smaller homes come opportunities for the students to do more of the construction including drywall hanging, hardwood flooring, painting, and siding. This reduces use of subcontractors but more importantly it gives the Bulldog Building Trades students more opportunities for learning. With more of the construction being completed by the students, the time frame has been expanded to three semesters from the previous model of one house per school year. This fits nicely with our motto: "we do it right because we do it twice."

The house being constructed at 707 Lathem is a two story custom home with 3 bedrooms and 2½ baths. There is a full basement and a detached two car garage. A wrap-around porch gives this

*A student runs electrical wire for the house*



home a welcoming curb appeal. This house also features Pella windows and doors that have once again been donated at cost by the Pella Corporation. These windows along with a high efficiency furnace

and blown-in cellulose insulation add to energy conservation. Please watch for open houses in May so the Bulldog Building Trades students can proudly show you their accomplishment.

## BHS construction update



*Left: Facing south, close up of the auditorium*

*Left: Looking north towards the auditorium*



*Right: The field house looking towards the water tower*