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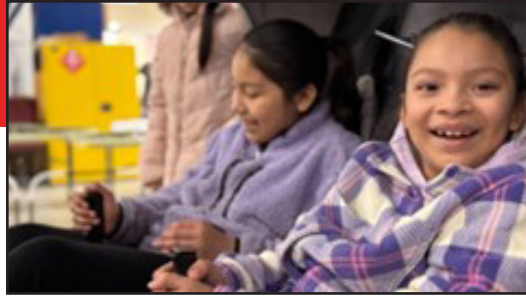
## RISE ☺ SHINE ☺ DINE

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BREAKFAST PROGRAM

START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY! DID YOU KNOW?  
BREAKFAST IS COMPLETELY  
**FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS!**

### BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY: 3RD GRADERS VISIT AIR ZOO!

On March 6, Bloomingdale Elementary's third-grade classes visited the Air Zoo. Students learned about air and space history. They also had a great time enjoying all the exhibits and rides!



### BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY: UPDATES FOR OUR 2ND GRADE:



Second graders have been working on writing personal narratives to express their own experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Mrs. Dykstra's class wrote a St. Patrick's Day themed narrative paragraph about why they are lucky. In math, second graders are working on counting coins and word problems with money. This is especially tricky in an online shopping world! Mrs. Sager's class incorporated some real world examples. They practiced ordering food from fast food menus, totaling the price of their lunch, and making change from their \$10 budget.

### PULLMAN ELEMENTARY: MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our March Students of the Month: Analisa Cleto, Laydin Forker, Bentley Johnson, Matthew Rawson, Thiago Garcia, Adrina Serrano, Leah Morales-Perez, Jazelle Washington, Hailey Mears, Zachariah Wadley, and Ulises Estrada. These students show their Cardinal PRIDE every single day! Keep up the great work!

### KIMBERLY MENDEZ GOMEZ

Bloomingdale High School is proud to share that Kimberly Mendez Gomez has been selected as our school's representative to attend Girls State 2026 at Michigan State University in East Lansing from June 14-20, 2026.

This is a tremendous honor and a reflection of Kimberly's leadership, character, and potential. We are excited for her to represent Bloomingdale in this outstanding civic leadership experience. Congratulations, Kimberly!



### BIZTOWN FIELD TRIP

On Tuesday, March 17, our 6th grade students visited BizTown to participate in an engaging learning experience focused on workforce readiness, financial literacy, and economics. During the program, students operated businesses, managed bank accounts, voted, and worked within a simulated economy, allowing them to apply classroom learning in a meaningful, real-world setting. This



hands-on experience strengthened their understanding of financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Our students were highly

engaged throughout the day and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to take part in a full-day simulation of a functioning economy.

### FINANCE PARK FIELD TRIP

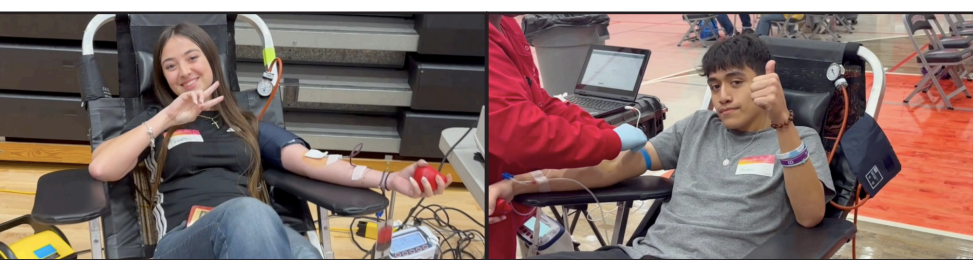
On Tuesday, March 10, our juniors and a few seniors visited Finance Park to participate in an immersive financial literacy experience focused on personal

finance and budgeting through a hands-on, real-world simulation. During the program, students were assigned a "life persona" and used tablets

to manage realistic budgets that included expenses such as housing, food, transportation, and utilities, while being supported by volunteers throughout the experience. Our students were highly engaged in this valuable learning opportunity and expressed appreciation for the chance to participate in such an innovative and practical experience that connected classroom concepts to real-life financial decision-making.



### BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE



The Bloomingdale High School chapter of the National Honor Society hosted a blood drive in the high school gym on Thursday, March 12th. Student members of NHS served as volunteers, preparing snacks and drinks, as

well as coordinating the donor sign-up and schedule. A Bloomingdale record 54 pints of blood were collected throughout the day on Thursday helping save as many as 162 lives. "The BHS student body has such an incredible

service oriented and charitable mindset" said NHS sponsor Alan Bobalik "they are excited to donate every time we host a new blood drive and new students are eager to participate as soon as they turn 16."



# MARCH MONTH OF READING HIGHLIGHTS

### READING MONTH CELEBRATION:

Throughout the month of March, we have been celebrating Reading Month. Our theme was focused on the Winter Olympics in which each class was assigned a country to represent and learn about.

4th Grade represented Great Britain and Japan in our March Reading Olympics!



### Pullman Elementary:

### GUEST READERS HELP CELEBRATE READING MONTH

We had lots of wonderful guest readers join us this March for Reading Month. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy day to read with our students. We truly appreciate it!



### BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS

We loved having so many families join us to spend time reading with our students. Everyone enjoyed the snacks and stories. It was a special way to start the school day!



### READING MONTH ENDS WITH A FUN-FILLED CELEBRATION

We wrapped up March is Reading Month with a special celebration. Thank you to Mrs. Vorndran for organizing the event and to all of our volunteers for helping make it a success. Students had a blast taking part in the activities, enjoying treats, and experiencing the always popular "reading jail"!



### HOLOCAUST PRESENTER

On the evening of Thursday, March 13, Bloomingdale Middle and High School hosted a community Holocaust presentation featuring Holocaust survivor Irene Miller, which was organized by Ms. Mete. The event was well attended, with 48 community members present. In addition, student presentations were held on Wednesday, March 11 and Friday, March 13. The presentations were impactful and well received, with positive feedback from students, staff, and parents



regarding the educational value and significance of hearing Ms. Miller's

firsthand account of history, resilience, and hope.

### MANY THANKS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS

Many thanks to Mr. Serdel and Mr. Remington for talking to the environmental science classes about how the water drains off the parking lots, where it goes afterwards, and all sorts

of neat details. The big blueprints are soooo cool! Did you know the high school roof drains into pipes that go under the parking lot? Did you know that our roof is made with the same stuff as pool

liners? Did you know there's an abandoned oil well out in the woods? We greatly appreciate the time they gave to us and how they connected our in-class learning to real life.

# SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

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