We hope that you have been enjoying everything that beautiful Northern Michigan has to offer during these summer months. It is great to see our small communities open for business and busy with activities. Here at Boyne Falls, we have been busy working with our summer enrichment students. Kudos to these students, the teachers and paraprofessionals facilitating their learning, and the parents who made the commitment to take advantage of this great opportunity. The students are making great progress in strengthening their academic skills and they are enjoying the innovative field trips, hands-on activities, and guests that come in once per week. At the same time, we have been busy cleaning, repairing, and preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to focus our efforts solely on face-to-face learning. Without a doubt, the pandemic year taught us that placing our students in front of their teachers with their friends at their side is the most effective way to teach them and address their physical, social, and emotional well-being. With only a few weeks left to prepare, we are focused on setting the stage for a safe, healthy, and productive 2021-2022 school year. Last school year, we achieved the goal of zero COVID-19 transmission for students and staff while in the school building. We are definitely interested in replicating this great result. To that end, we will do our best to protect our youngest learners since they will not have an opportunity to protect themselves with a vaccine. For our 12 year olds and older, we hope that school families are discussing the pros and cons of protecting their students with a vaccine. Our school mitigation plans correspond directly to the opportunities that different age students have at this time. In this newsletter, you will find our plans for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. You will discover that we have loosened up on some restrictions from last school year but we are continuing to put forth our best efforts to safeguard our preschool students to 11 year olds. Together, I hope that we achieve another school year with zero COVID-19 transmissions. We hope that you can take advantage of the last few weeks of summer and spend as much time as possible with your families and friends.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back for the 2021-2022 school year. Until then, we hope that everyone stays safe.

GO LOGGERS!

Cindy Pineda
Parent—Teacher Conferences

The 2021-2022 conferences are scheduled for the following dates and times:

K-12: Oct 14 and Jan 26:
   11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
   3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Messages from School

The Class of 2021 would like to thank the Administration, Board of Education, community and the Polish Festival committee for their support throughout high school. The Senior trip to Hawaii was fabulous and enjoyed by all. This trip was made possible by the generosity of our community and friends.

Important Dates

Schedule Pickup
High school class schedules will be available on Power School. They can be picked up the first day of school. Students with questions regarding their schedule may contact Mrs. McGuiness the first week of school.

Kindergarten Open House
Incoming Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to an Open House on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Boyne Falls Public School.

Golf Outing
The Athletic Boosters are hosting a Golf Invitational October 3, 2021 at Boyne Mountain’s Alpine Course.

Shot gun start at 9:30 a.m.
4 person teams
Lunch included
$240 per team by Sept.24
$280 per team after early registration.
$100 per hole sponsorship

Boyne Falls Preschool

5 Star Quality Rated!
Boyne Falls Preschool has once again achieved a 5 star quality rating from Great Start to Quality. Our preschool is among the top 2% of the preschools in the state of Michigan. Please call 231-549-2211 ext. 30058 to inquire about our preschool.
Important Reminders

Circle Drive
We are pleased to announce that we will continue to follow a new procedure established last school year. The Circle Drive will be used for student drop-off and pick-up.

Important reminder: Slow down and watch for other cars and pedestrians.

School Day Schedule
Full Day  8:15 a.m. to 3:04 p.m.
Half Day  8:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
3-5 Lunch  11:25 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
K-2 Lunch  11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
MS/HS Lunch  12:13 p.m. to 12:43 p.m.

Note that students begin entering their classrooms at 8:05 a.m. with a final tardy bell at 8:15 a.m.

Student Meals

*Breakfast and Lunch will be provided free of charge to all students, however, you will want to complete the free and reduced lunch application to be considered for other important benefits.*

Free and reduced lunch forms will be sent home with your child the first day of school or can be filled out online at lunchapp.com. Chef Nathan prepares homemade, wholesome meals with fresh ingredients from local farms!

Student Handbooks

Please take some time to become familiar with the policies contained within the Student/Parent handbook. The 2021-2022 handbook will be available on the school website at www.boynefalls.org or a copy can be picked up in the school office. All new policies and changes to policies will be included.

Busing

Bus times will be similar to last school year. Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:45 a.m. We ask that parents and students make arrangements not to arrive prior to 7:45 a.m. If you are new to our district or have moved, please contact the office for an approximate pick up time and location.

Please remind your children of the importance of staying seated & quiet throughout the bus route. *Masks must be worn at all times on the bus!*

Logger Wear Fridays

An important tradition at Boyne Falls School is carried out each Friday throughout the school year. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Logger Wear or Green clothing. Every student’s name is entered in a drawing for a free Logger T-shirt and names are drawn each Friday, if the chosen named individual is wearing green or Logger Wear, they win a t-shirt. If the name is chosen and they are not wearing the required green, their name is returned to the bucket for another chance to win at a later date.

Go Loggers!
Before & After School Care

GREAT NEWS!
All Star Loggers will be offering a before school program! They will open at 7:00 a.m. each school day. The cost of the morning session is $4.

The after-school program will begin on August 31, 2021. Every child must have new paperwork on file to attend. The registration fee is $30, which will be waived if paperwork is completed the first week of school.

The cost per student is $10 a day and is available until 6:00 p.m. We will be open for half days and in-service days as needed. We provide daily snacks, homework time, and various activities throughout the afternoon. All Star Loggers now accepts DHS! Registration forms are available in the office. For more information call Cola Hill 231-330-8710.

Introductions

We are pleased to introduce and welcome our new staff members. Nicole Little has been hired to work with our special education preschool and early elementary students, while Marcia McQuillan will join us as MS/HS Special Education teacher. Sheryl Main is a great addition to our preschool staff and will work part-time as a teacher’s assistant. Mindy Simon has been hired to work alongside Chef Nathan in the kitchen as an assistant cook.

Cell Phone Use

Cell phones seem to be “the norm,” however, by policy, students are NOT to use them during class time. Student cell phones are not to be heard nor seen in any classroom. We expect that students will have phones turned off during class time. Cell phones may be used before school, lunchtime, and after school.

We understand that families rely on cell phones as a source of communication, however, we ask that you respect the school day as a work place and that personal business with a cell phone be reserved for after the school day. In emergencies, parents may reach the school office at 549-2211 to get a message to their son/daughter.
## Get Involved at School

### LEO: Logger Enrichment Organization

The Logger Enrichment Organization is always looking for parent and community support to enhance the educational experiences at Boyne Falls School. LEO will meet Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 3:45 p.m. outside at the school. LEO hosts a variety of events throughout the school year and assists with funding field trips and most recently raised funds to purchase picnic tables for the playground.

### Athletic Boosters

The Boyne Falls Athletic Boosters fundraise and support the athletic programs at Boyne Falls School. The Boosters purchase team uniforms, athletic equipment, and much more for the sports programs. The group meets nine times per year and can always use more help. The next meeting is August 23, 2021, at 3:20 p.m. A meeting schedule will be set at that time. If you would like more information about our mission, please contact Ted Beyer, Mary Matelski, or Kelly Matelski at the school.

## 2021-2022 School Calendar

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Money, Money, Money

Help us earn money for extras for our students. Below are some easy ways for you to contribute to our school. Be sure to save your Spartan store cash register receipts, such as Family Fare and Olesons. You can sign up for the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipts.

If you shop Amazon, simply sign up at https://smile.amazon.com/ and choose Logger Enrichment Organization or Boyne Falls Athletic Boosters Club as your charitable organization. All purchases on AmazonSmile are eligible for 0.5% of the purchase price to be donated to LEO or the Boosters which will then be used to support Boyne Falls Public School Programs.

Preserve A Memory

A personalized brick is perfect for any occasion. By purchasing a brick in our courtyard, you give a lasting gift and honor a special memory in a unique and personal way! Our students and staff use this courtyard daily to enter the building and during lunch, when the weather allows. Each day the bricks memorialize someone special in their lives. A 4x8 brick is $50 and an 8x8 brick is $100. Please contact the office at 231-549-2211 for an order form.
### Fall Athletics (Dates are subject to change)

**Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball Schedules Available in the office after October 1st.**

### Varsity Volleyball
All games 5:30 p.m. unless noted

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### Middle School Basketball
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**Girls play first on Monday/Tuesday**

**Boys play first on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday**

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### Athletic Prices & Passes

Admission to home athletic events are:

- Adult: $5.00
- Student: $3.00
- Family: $12.00
- Senior Citizen: $3.00
- Pre-School: Free

Family Athletic Pass: $100.00
Senior Citizen Pass: $15.00

Family athletic pass applications are available on our website at www.boynefalls.org or in the school office.
Covid-19 Mitigation Plan

Boyne Falls Public School

Respect, Skills and Knowledge, Throughout Life

Cynthia Pinedo, Superintendent/K-12 Administrator

2021-2022 COVID-19 Mitigation Plans
July 19, 2021

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, we remain mindful of our primary mission which is to educate our students to the best of our abilities and prepare them for whatever lies ahead. Just as it was for the 2020-2021 school year, our primary concern centers around COVID-19 and our main goal remains the same which is to keep every student, teacher, and support staff member safe and keep our transmission rates at zero.

We continue to be in close contact with the Northwest Health Department and we participate in the biweekly Zoom meetings to stay abreast of the current trends and developments related to COVID-19. During last week’s health department call, Dr. Meyerson and Lisa Peacock stated that our students age 11 years old and younger will not have an opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine before the 2021-2022 school year begins. On the other hand, everyone 12 years old and older have had ample opportunities to complete the COVID-19 vaccination. Our Preparedness and Response Plan is based on this recent information.

Listed below is our committee’s recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year:

Instructional Guidelines:
- We will offer face-to-face learning.

Facial Coverings:
- Students 12 years old and older will have the option to wear a face covering.
- Students 11 years old and under will be required to wear a face covering while indoors.
- Teachers and staff working with 11 year olds and under will be required to wear a face covering while indoors.
- While outdoors, masks are optional.

Hygiene, Cleaning, & Spacing:
- Social distancing of 3 feet apart will be observed at all times by students and staff.
- Regular hand-washing and sanitizing will take place regularly.
- Regular classroom cleaning will continue as established last school year (after every class for middle/high school, and at least twice per day in the elementary)
- Highly touched surfaces will continue to be sanitized twice per day.
- Students in grades pre-k to 6th grade will remain in their cohorts.
  - However, within each classroom, the teacher may group students and work with students while observing the 3 feet social distancing rule.

Food Service:
- Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students in the cafeteria, annex, library, outdoor spaces, etc. Safe distancing will be observed.

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The Boyne Falls School mission is for all students to be confident, life-long learners, who are academically prepared, socially skilled, responsible citizens.
Transportation:
- Facial coverings will be required on the bus at all times. This applies to all students and adults. This is currently a federal mandate.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been installed and must be used as students board the bus.

Athletics:
- The district will follow all MHSAA guidelines for athletics.

Testing/Quarantining:
- Quarantine times suggested by the Northwest Health Department will be followed. Currently, for a person who tests positive, he/she will quarantine for 10 days.
- Close contact – if vaccinated and symptom-free, no quarantine necessary.
- Close contact – if unvaccinated, quarantine for 10 days (could be reduced to 7 days if student presents negative test and symptom-free).

Without question, last school year proved that face-to-face education is the most effective method of delivery. We would like to keep our students in attendance for the entire 2021-2022 school year. We, as a school, reserve the right to make changes to this plan to correspond to the ever-changing COVID-19 conditions. As conditions and guidance from health experts change, we will keep the board, parents, staff members, and the community informed.

Due to the diligence of our students and staff members, along with the cooperation and support of our parents, we experienced zero COVID-19 transmissions here at Boyne Falls Public School last school year. Let us replicate these results during the 2021-2022 school year.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Pineda
Superintendent/K-12 Administrator
The Boyne Falls Public School Mission is for all students to be confident, life long learners who are academically prepared, socially skilled citizens.

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“Building Excellence”

School Board’s Message

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community, administration, staff and teachers for your continued support of the Boyne Falls School District.

As we head into the new school year, the district’s focus will be on the health and safety of our children and staff. The custodial staff have spent the summer months preparing our buildings.

As always, we strive to provide the very best possible learning environment to ensure that our young minds are continuing to be challenged. We encourage our families to become active participants in your child’s education. Getting involved in the Logger Enrichment Organization and/or the Athletic Boosters will keep you informed of the happenings in your school and you will find it can be one of the most rewarding experiences. It is a strong home-school partnership that will make a difference for the better in your child’s education.

We are proud of our district and look forward to a happy, healthy, and successful school year.

Bill Cousineau

Postal Customer

Boyd Falls Public School Board of Education

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Meetings

Boyne Falls Public School Board of Education meetings are usually held the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school media center. Board meeting dates for the 2021-2022 school year are:

- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20
- January 17
- February 28
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 20*
- July 19

*following Truth in Budget meeting.