There wasn’t a shortage of fun for homecoming week, as students participated in daily activities and dress-up themes leading up to the big game last Friday. Weeklong activities included trivia contests, float building and a food drive.

On Monday, students rolled out of bed ready for school for pajama day. Tuesday was “Stay-a-Float” day where students dressed for a day at the pool with water wings, flippers and swimsuits over their clothes. Tuesday night, the boys soccer team took on Kettle Moraine Lutheran, and the Cross Country team ran in the Pardeeville invite.

While homecoming may feel like a holiday for students, Wednesday’s dress up theme brought the holiday spirit to school. The freshman dressed for St. Patrick’s Day, the sophomores wore red for Valentine’s Day, the juniors wore their Easter best, and the seniors choose to “Express Yourself.” Thursday was flip flop day, challenging students wear what they usually don’t wear, such as opposite gender or casual vs. formal attire. Thursday night the volleyball team matched up with Campbellsport and the boys soccer team played Waupon.

On Friday, staff and students dressed in red and green, ready to cheer on the football team at the pep rally, parade and game vs. Campbellsport. The football team had an outstanding victory, winning 48-0. It all wrapped up with the Homecoming dance following the game.

Photos courtesy of Catrina Burgess
“Sparks Club”, an afterschool program in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area, is now open. Open to all students from age 6 through 5th grade, Sparks Club is an interactive learning opportunity giving students additional hands-on learning, outside of the classroom. It was made possible by a 21st Century Learning Centers grant from the U.S. Department of Education; administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

“In addition to the skills they develop every day in school, students attending Sparks Club will learn additional academic material delivered in a fun and interactive way, such as testing Newton’s laws of motion with balloon-powered race cars,” says Carrie McCarthy, BASD Family and Community Partnership Coordinator. “The content is directly aligned with state and BASD standards. And, we have a terrific group of teachers for Sparks Club as well.”

Sparks Club is open Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of the Tri-County Area. The program is also open to parochial school students who live in the school district. After school, students will receive transportation to the Club, a snack and recreation time before taking part in the academic enrichment activities. Students will also receive transportation home from Sparks Club.

If your child is already a member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area, there is only one waiver for parents to sign before their child may participate. There are no additional fees. If your child is not a member of the Club and would like to participate in Sparks Club, please apply to the Club either online or by visiting the Club. There is a fee of $50 per semester to participate in Sparks Club only if your child is not a member of the Club. No member will be turned away from Sparks Club for their inability to pay. For questions or additional information about Sparks Club, please contact Carrie McCarthy, School Social Worker & Family and Community Partnership Coordinator, at (920) 361-2441 ext. 2153 or cmccarthy@berlin.k12.wi.us

Energy Exemption Projects Finish Ahead of Schedule

The work on the district’s Energy Exemption projects wrapped up ahead of schedule. The largest part of the project was adding insulation and replacing the roof at the high school. Originally it was thought the project would last into October, but dry weather allowed it to be completed in September.

The two other parts of the project included replacing the cooling tower on the roof and the replacement of the water softener system. Both finished on schedule and will provide energy savings to the district. If funds are left over from the project, the money will be used to replace lighting at the High School with LED solutions to reduce energy costs. We thank everyone for their patience with this project.

Fall into Reading

Your family is invited to a night of fun fall activities at Clay’s “Fall into Literacy” night, on Thursday, October 26, from 5:15 – 7:00 p.m. Learn how to make slime and origami bats or decorate cookies and pumpkins. Flashlight reading activities will also be available and every child who attends will go home with a free book. Please return the flyer your child received for the event to your child’s teacher by Thursday, October 19.
At the end of last school year, students applied to be apart of the 2018 Student Council and each class voted for who would represent them in the coming school year. Student Council plans homecoming, winterfest, staff appreciation week and other activities at school and in the community. Thank you for your hard work!

### Class of 2018
- **President:** Sam Rucks
- **V. President:** Owen Reich
- **Secretary:** Alex McClelland
- **Treasurer:** Alivia Murkley

### Class of 2019
- **President:** Emma Erb
- **V. President:** Bryn Hermanson
- **Secretary:** Mari Beltran
- **Treasurer:** Calob Congdon

### Class of 2020
- **President:** Josie Reich
- **V. President:** Myah Jodarski
- **Secretary:** Steven Laverenz
- **Treasurer:** Brady Wagner

### Class of 2021
- **President:** Cassie Coats
- **V. President:** Jennifer Schroeder
- **Secretary:** Mariah Wagner
- **Treasurer:** Ashley Ryckman

### Meet Our New Teachers!

#### Each month we will introduce two new staff members.

**Katelyn Evraets**
- **Kindergarten**

Katie Evraets graduated from UW-Stevens Point in December, 2016 with a degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and a minor in history. Originally from Cleveland, Wisconsin, Evraets is a graduate of Sheboygan North High School. Before coming to Berlin, Evraets was a substitute teacher in Stevens Point and ran “Camp Y-Koda” a program for 4 and 5-year-olds in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

In her free time, Evraets loves to be outdoors; camping, kayaking, fishing and traveling. As for her first school year in Berlin, Evraets said, “I’ve always wanted to teach Kindergarten and I am very excited to have joined Clay this year! I'm excited to see my class grow both socially and academically and to be working with such a great team of people.”

**Ben Burling**
- **Middle School Special Education**

Teaching is in Ben Burling’s blood. Originally from Burlington, Wisconsin, Burling comes from a family of educators and knew he would be a teacher at a young age. “I am extremely excited to finally get to work with kids in classrooms, and hope to build many lasting relationships with the students and staff at BMS,” says Burling, who graduated from UW-Oshkosh in January.

In his free time, Burling enjoys listening to live music, cheering on the Green Bay Packers, and binge-watching Netflix. He also enjoys spending time with his parents and two younger siblings at their cabin in Presque Isle, Wisconsin.
BHS Enshrines First Class into Athletic HOF

Berlin High School welcomed its inaugural class into the Berlin Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the September 8th football game. The honorees are all graduates of Berlin High School, prior to 1960. Individuals inducted into the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame include:

- James Crawford – Class of 1931. Ran track in high school and was a member of the 1931 state team.
- Tom Klein – Class of 1954. Klein played football for Berlin, and went on to be a sports reporter for the Oshkosh Northwestern. He covered Berlin athletics for many years.
- Richard Malson – Class of 1953. Malson was a three-sport letterman at UW-Platteville, in baseball, football and basketball.
- Frank Turner – Class of 1932. Turner ran track for Berlin and was a member of the 1931 team that won state track and field.
- Kermit “Doc” Weiske – Class of 1946. Weiske was “Mr. Basketball” for Ripon College as both a player and a coach.
- Earl Zamzow – Class of 1946. Zamzow earned 350 career points in track for Ripon, as well as being an All-Midwest Conference lineman on the football team. He later took ninth place in the 1950 AAU National Decathlon Championships.
- Fred Zamzow – Class of 1957. Zamzow played football, basketball, and ran track for Berlin.

Teams inducted into the hall of fame were the 1931 track team, which was the state champion that year, and the 1945, 1953 and 1954 football teams. All three football teams had undefeated seasons. Congratulations to all of the inductees!

Parent Teacher Conference Q&A

Berlin Area School District's Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, October 19, from 1:00-9:00 p.m. The middle and high school will NOT have a late start that day. To help make your child's conferences a success, we recommend preparing a list of questions to help you have a productive conversation with your child's teacher. Prioritize the questions in case you run out of time.

The following questions are examples that will help you learn more about your child's progress in school:

1. What is my child expected to learn this year?
2. How will this be evaluated?
3. What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects? What are some examples?
4. Does my child hand homework in on time?
5. What types of tests and evaluations will my child have to take this year?
6. How are my child's test-taking skills?
7. Is my child participating in class discussions and activities?
8. How are my child's social skills?
9. Does my child seem happy at school?
10. What can I do at home to help support his/her academic progress?
11. Have you noticed any unusual behaviors?
12. Has my child missed any classes other than his/her excused absences?
13. Do you think my child is reaching his/her potential?

If your child receives special services (gifted programs, special education, English classes, speech or occupational therapy, or support for a learning disability), ask about the frequency of these services and about your child's progress with them.
Trunk or Treat
October 30th  4:00-5:30pm
Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area
344 Broadway St - Berlin

Everyone is Welcome!
Costumes are encouraged!

Please Join Us!
Sparks Club Community Learning Center Open House
Monday, October 30th  4:00-5:30pm

See the Club in action throughout a Club tour.
Tours for families interested in learning more about Sparks Club will be at 4:00pm, 4:30pm, and 5:00pm. After the tours, parents are able to register children to partake in Sparks Club at the Club’s front desk.
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Favor Unasé con Nosotros

Casa Abierta en Sparks Club Community Learning Center Open House
Lunes 30 de octubre, 4 -5:30 pm

Mire el Club en acción atra vez de una gíra turística de Club

Gíras turísticas para las familias interesadas para aprender mas sobre el Club Sparks sera de 4 - 4:30 pm. Después de las giras, los padres podrán registrar sus hijos en el demostrador para todas las cosas maravillosas que el Club Sparks ofrece.
Learning from Mother Nature

The 7th grade class took their annual trip to Isle Royale National Park in September to experience the great outdoors and learn firsthand in nature’s classroom. The program educates students about the national park’s wildlife and geology through every day learning. For example, students connected patterns in nature to math, and studied English by reading Ralph Waldo Emerson’s nature poetry. The students also slept in tents, went hiking and experienced the wildlife of the park, such as seeing many large moose and a fox that stole one student’s shoe! The 7th grade class would like to thank Farmers and Merchants Bank for funding their bus to Isle Royale.

Walk at School Day

Celebrate Walk to School Day with Clay Lamberton Elementary on Wednesday, October 4th. The international day promotes awareness for physical activity for children, safe walking routes in communities, and pedestrian safety. Pedestrians, please remember to always look both ways before crossing the street. Motorists, please watch out of pedestrians of all ages as well as crossing guards.

Middle School Tailgate Fun

Berlin Middle School held a tailgate party before the homecoming football game. Families enjoyed brats, hamburgers and hotdogs, a bake sale and performances by the high school band and the cheer and stunt team. The football team even made a special appearance before the big game! The event was sponsored by Thrivent Financial and proceeds from the 50/50 raffle went to the Berlin Booster Club. Thanks to all who made it successful!