

Groves Family Update 1/4/20



Didn't get a chance to leave Michigan during the Winter Recess? You should have visited Groves on Friday. During Groves' 1st Annual World Language Day, over 600 students had the opportunity to visit Macchu Picchu, Paris, Japan, and other places to learn about different cultures. Special thanks to the Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) for their financial support! Also, special thanks to the parents who volunteered to help. The students had a blast!

Lost and Found Items

Please check the Lost and Found area, located at the tables outside the attendance office, as it has many items. We will donate all items not claimed by January 17th. Smaller items such as phones, jewelry, glasses, and retainers can be found in the main office with Mrs. Roberts.

Counseling, College & Career Center News

Scholarships

Visit the [Scholarship Page](#) on the College and Career Center site for updates, happening daily. *Words of Wisdom: if a "scholarship" is asking for money to apply -- it's not a scholarship!*

Understand Student Life on College Campuses

January 6 at A lunch, B lunch, and 11:00 a.m. with Courtney Dolan, Groves Class of 2018, from Boston College
January 8 at 9:30 a.m. with Megan Doll, Groves Class of 2019, from The Ohio State University.

Understanding your Financial Aid Package- January 21st

On January 21st, we will have a financial aid officer available to explain information regarding financial aid awards. First, she will answer frequently asked questions. then individual questions. If you have general questions that you would like answered that evening, please submit here: [Financial Aid Night Questions](#).

College Week is Coming

Jan. 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.- Financial Aid Night (Little Theater).

Jan. 22, 10:15 - 12:30 p.m. -College Fair in the Groves Commons. Over 25 Colleges and Universities will be at Groves for our annual College Fair.

Jan. 22, during Parent-Teacher Conferences-Presentations from the Counseling Department during parent-teacher conferences.

Jan. 23, 10:15 - 12:30 p.m.- Career Choices Day. Various direct-to-job-training, internship programs, and career programs will be in the Commons. Students can learn more about high-demand, well-paying jobs in metro Detroit.

College Fair

Since its inception, the Second Ebenezer Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) College Fair on February 22, 2020, has impacted thousands of students and numerous representatives from colleges throughout the country. They will have informative workshops and recruiter sessions, which include onsite admissions, onsite scholarships, and various financial aid opportunities. ***Students must bring their Transcripts to qualify. Student Registration and Group Registration: <https://secondebenezer.org/college/>.

Community Events

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

On Monday, January 20th, 2020, BPS students of all ages and their families will come together for our 5th annual MLK Day of Service. Our DAY ON, DAY ONE will be a celebration of all that service-learning means and is - a chance for us to spend our Day ON serving others, and a chance for it to be our DAY ONE in a yearlong goal to be of service to others.

This year our Day of Service will be even bigger than before. We have a variety of projects from which to choose. Please bring a donation for a local food pantry! We are collecting pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut/nut butter, jelly, canned tuna or chicken, and granola bars. No glass jars, please.

Please use the link below to sign up to volunteer, thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4cfa62da4fa7-2020>

Baldwin Public Library Board Seeks Student Representative

The Board of the Baldwin Public Library invites interested high school juniors who reside in the City of Birmingham, Village of Beverly Hills, Village of Bingham Farms, or the City of Bloomfield Hills to apply for the position of Student Representative to the Baldwin Public Library Board. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and instill an ethic of community service, as well as encourage citizen participation in local government. In addition, the Board benefits greatly from having a new perspective on Library planning and services.

This one-year term lasts from February 17, 2020, to February 15, 2021. Representatives are expected to attend Library Board meetings held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Library, with Wednesday, January 20, 2021, as the only exception. Packets for each Board meeting are available on the Library's website the Friday prior to the meeting.

The commitment to this position requires that the BPL Student Representative review the monthly agenda, minutes, and

reports prior to the meeting, which can be found at <http://www.baldwinlib.org/staff-board>. In addition to participating in Board meetings, the Student Representative will also be required to work with Library staff and either assist with a service project or coordinate and implement a teen program during the year.

To find application details, visit www.baldwinlib.org/volunteer. The completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation are due by January 10, 2020, to Rebekah Craft at the Baldwin Library, 300 West Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009 or via email to rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org.

Athletics

For Schedules and Sports Information visit the Groves High School Website: www.grovesfalcons.com

Groves Baseball

Groves Baseball winter workouts begin in January. Registration information is on the Groves Baseball website as well as in the office. Waivers must be completed prior to participation and can also be found on the website or in the office. The workout session is 9 weeks.

Birmingham Unified (BU) Hockey

Saturday the 4th — BU Varsity plays Berkley at the John Lindell Ice Arena in Royal Oak at 7:45 PM & BU JV plays Plymouth at the Birmingham Sports Arena at 5:30 PM

Wednesday the 8th — BU JV plays OLSM at the OLSM Athletic Complex at 4:30 PM

Saturday the 11th — BU Varsity plays Stoney Creek at the Birmingham Sports Arena at 7 PM & BU JV plays Brother Rice at Oak Park at 5 PM

On December 20th, the BU Varsity team hosted the team from Forest Hills at home. It was a hard-fought battle and our BU squad came up short. Final score Forest Hills 5 to BU with no goals.

Also on December 20th, the BU JV team traveled to Wallace Ice Arena to take on the team from Cranbrook. The BU squad was dominant from start to finish and won with a final score of 5 to 1. BU goals scored by Mac Chalem # 18 (with 2 goals), Ian Pesta #76 also with 2 goals and one goal from Aidan Shannon #4.

On December 21st, the BU JV team traveled to the Detroit Skating Club to play Bloomfield. BU JV was on fire and opened the game with an early lead that they carried thru all three periods to a final score of 8 to 0. BU goals contributed by a hat trick from Collin McClain #3, one goal apiece to Conor Healey #35, Jacob Hesen #27, Ian Pesta #76, Sam Ruzkowski #25 and Aidan Shannon #4. The JV team ended 2019 on a very high note and look forward to continuing that in the new year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

GO BU!

Staff Highlight



Kelly Leland

Position or Subject Taught

Math

Education

B S. in Math Education from Louisiana Tech University

Brief Bio

I started teaching in Louisiana in 1997. I taught in a public school there until 2011. I then taught in a private school in Indiana for three years. I have been at Groves since 2016. I have been married to my husband since 1992. We have three children. Our oldest daughter is a high school social studies teacher in Louisiana. Our son is a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and our youngest daughter is in ninth grade. I love watching LSU football and follow the New Orleans Saints. In free time, I like to read, play games with family and friends, and put together puzzles.

Something you may not know about me

My favorite band is Cowboy Mouth.

Favorite Quote

"Everyone you will ever meet knows something that you don't." - Bill Nye

Important Dates

Monday, January 6

College Student Visitation-Boston College at A lunch, B lunch, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 7

X-block

Wednesday, January 8

College Student Visitation- The Ohio State University at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 9

X-Block

Friday, January 10

Another Great Day at Groves

Thank you,
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