



May 17, 2021

Groves Families,

The following students will receive recognition next fall as either a Semifinalist or a Commended Student in the **2022 National Merit Scholarship Program!** These students are among the highest-scoring of the 50,000 students who took the qualifying test, and we are proud to recognize each of them.

Neely Allen

Benjamin Glick

Jacob Handler

Jack Handzel

Clarice Kim

Ainsley Nelson

Bennet Roman

Alexander Warren

Reminder for those families whose students who are attending the vaccine clinic tomorrow

For those who signed up for vaccine clinics with Bloom Pediatrics at Groves, this email is to confirm that second dose COVID-19 vaccine appointments will be scheduled on site after receiving the first dose. When the individuals check in for their first vaccine appointment, they will have a second dose appointment scheduled. Bloom Pediatrics will provide an appointment reminder card, and they will get text message reminders as well.

Second dose vaccine appointments will be scheduled for:

- Seaholm High School on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, from 3 - 5 pm
- Berkshire Middle School on Saturday, June 12, 2021, from 8 am - 1 pm

Just a reminder that individuals ages 12 years and older who have not received any other vaccination within the two-week period before the 1st vaccine clinic are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals may attend either location to receive 2nd dose. Parents/guardians do not need to present at the vaccine clinic so long as the consent form and pre-vaccination checklist are complete and turned in at the time of the appointment. Bloom Pediatrics will not be able to administer a vaccine to the student without a signed consent form.

Individuals will receive their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card after receiving their 2nd dose.

Parents may scan or email the consent form to Bloom Pediatrics in advance of the clinic at bpsvaccine@bloompediatricsmi.com with the name of the school in the email. Any questions can also be directed to the same email.

News from the PTA

Groves PTA congratulates Meredith Carrel and Dana Marcus as our PTA Volunteer(s) of the Year!

- Dana Marcus and Meredith Carrel have gone above and beyond to help and support the Groves community and PTA in many ways. 3 years ago they were recruited to co-chair a newly created "Teacher/Staff Appreciation" committee and they have made a huge impact with their efforts. Their most meaningful project has been spearheading the Groves Teachers' Lounge renovation. The long overdue transformation of the Teachers' Lounge could not have come at a better time; after its completion in early 2020, the teachers were able to use the beautiful and well-deserved space from the beginning of this challenging school year. Dana and Meredith have also rallied support for the Groves teachers and staff in other ways including organizing a "Stock The Teacher's Lounge" event during Staff Appreciation Week and a "Groves Teacher Lottery Love" program, which involves awarding gift cards to teachers and staff during monthly drawings throughout the school year. In addition to teacher appreciation efforts, Meredith Carrel organized and ran the Groves digital

family directory during the 2020-2021 school year. Meredith was also a head booster parent for the Groves Varsity tennis team this past season and is continuing the role for the upcoming season. They both show up and help with enthusiasm whenever asked, whether it be at Open House or Registration. Our Falcon family is lucky that Meredith and Dana will be continuing to support Groves High School next year! If you are interested in more information about the Groves PTA, please contact Dr. Acey at draacey@yahoo.com.

Dr. Alicia Acey is the Volunteer of the Year for the District PTA Council!

Alicia has served the Birmingham School District community in endless ways over the years that her three children have been part of BPS.

Alicia first became involved with PTA because of her friend Georgene Moran. Alicia was asked to be PTA co-chair at BCS and so the journey began. Her co-chair years at BCS were both 2015-16 and 2016-17. Alicia's biggest "labor of love" for BCS PTA was being in charge of Spirit wear for 6 years. In addition to the ability to order items, Alicia created a 'Buy on the Fly/ \$5 T-SHIRT' program in partnership with Bloomfield Sports Shop. They would take extra/left over items from their inventory and put different BCS logos on the items. Alicia would show up at every event to set up a table and boutique style display to sell items on the spot. All different styles, sizes, & colors. Alicia wanted to make sure everyone had access, and could pick something that showed school spirit and also be unique. Plus, it was a GREAT way to talk to everyone about PTA and recruit! During that time Alicia got to know all of the custodial staff, office staff, and all of the teachers. While at BCS, Alicia was an office volunteer for 10 years, a 3/4 Room Parent Coordinator, PTA Legislative Chair, and the BCS BLAST Volunteer Coordinator. In 2015 Alicia ran the 3/4 Coney Bingo event and created a 'Meet the Principals' game that has now become a BCS tradition! Alicia was PTA Co-Chair with during the 20 year anniversary of when Covington Middle School switched to BCS (3-8 districtwide). They organized the "BCS Turns 20" event and invited back alumni, parents, previous faculty, and the founding principal Dr. Dale Truding -and of course Alicia took care of the t-shirt sales! It was no surprise when Alicia was chosen for the 2015 BCS Volunteer of Year award.

Alicia is passionate about Character Education. She has also done a lot of work to support Character Ed. initiatives. With the guidance of Learning Specialist Pauline Roberts and then BCS Counselor Tamra Nast a group of students created "Project Cope" a service learning project that endeavored to eradicate poverty in rural Zambia. The students partnered with a village called Chilipula in order to help restore their economy. They raised funds to purchase 2-wheeled tractors and special lights so that the girls could learn to read at night, because that's the only time they could study (one ended up going to medical school)! The students were invited to travel to Washington DC and present their work at the Character.org conference. Alicia's son Jacob was part of that group and he ended up doing presentations for BPS for YEARS about service learning and the difference between project-based learning vs. service learning. Alicia spoke in front of the BOE about both topics. And, as Alicia wears many hats she also planned a retirement party at the beach on Walnut Lake for Tamra Nast (the counselor who "founded" BCS with Dr. Dale Truding). She invited the entire BPS community (past and present)!! In the early months of the COVID-19 Pandemic Alicia and Jacob were honored to record an interview conducted by Tamra Nast (Director, Training & Coaching) and previous BPS BOE President/Trustee Lori Soifer (Director, Schools of Character) as part of a commercial about the wonderful work being done through Character.org

When Alicia's twins Amanda & Justin graduated from BCS in 2019 she was a BCS Graduation Ceremony Committee Co-Chair. Alicia was the Friends of Different Learners building representative at Bingham Farms Elementary and at BCS. She thinks she is the current FRIENDS building rep for Groves. If she isn't she is willing to be!

Alicia has also served on about 15 hiring committees between all of the schools over the years!

Moving on to Groves... Alicia has dove into many fronts there as well. She has set up conference dinners, shook a million hands at open houses (every year at BCS and Groves) and is actively working on anti-racism training and Character Ed. programs. Alicia recruited her husband Adam to run the Groves Garage sale (& BEF Garage sale) and Adam won VOY for Groves in 2019! Both Alicia and Adam have volunteered at the BEF BASH for years.

Alicia hosted a Facebook Live interview with Dr. Smith (new Groves' principal) in lieu of hosting a "meet the principal" event earlier this year when in-person events were not possible. She appreciated the help of her friend/BCS teacher/MTOY 2015 Rick Joseph (aka Mr. Joe) for hosting the Zoom webinar (and patiently teaching her how to execute it!). Alicia has been the Groves PTA President for 3 years and will also be staying on for next year, 2021-2022!

Because of her professional background, Alicia has also served on numerous mental health initiatives and committees in the district. Earlier this year Dr. Acey was a panelist on a free district wide webinar focused on mental health and emotional wellness. She recognizes the hard work of the BCS Diversity Committee lead by Mr. Joe, and wonderful teacher Joseph Leibson (who she considers the BEST panel discussion moderator around)!

This year Alicia became the VP of the new district wide charity organization SOS (previously Seaholm Offers Support). SOS stands for Schools Offer Support and has had an incredible impact on so many of our fellow BPS families!

Alicia has also served tirelessly on our BPS PTA Council Executive Board as Legislative Chair, Northern VP, PTA Council President for 2019-2020, and Past-President 2020-2021. She will also be stepping back in as BPS PTA Council President for the 2021-2022 school year.

We honor Alicia and thank her for ALL her efforts within our community!

Groves Athletic Updates

Congratulations to the Boys Water Polo team on winning the district title on Friday!

Track Results from the League Meet

League Champion - Orion Kendra Long Jump

All League Honors:

Stavros Panos - 100 M

Johnny Rex - 400 M

Elyan Gregory - 300 H

Khristian Piner - Discus

Jaden Mangham - Long Jump

The following girls are considered All League:

League Champion - Lailah Palmer - 100 - 200

Lailah Palmer - 4x100

Destiny McCurdy - 100 - 200 - 4x100

Erika Dubose - 4x100

Kendall Gaines - 4x100

Chalondra Jewell - 400

Nevaeh Cochran-McKay - 100h - 300h - high jump

Zosia Jenks - 4x800

Megan Gusho - 4x800

Lauren Morden - 4x800

Alicia Soderberg - 4x800

Gabrielle Black - shot - discus

Jordan Peterson - discus - long jump

Malena Price - long jump

Morgan Sanders - high jump

Thank you, and have a great week!

Dr. Smith

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