

# Benzie County

# Central Schools

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## Annual Education Report 2008-2009

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*The mission of the Benzie County Central School Community is to provide a safe learning environment that motivates all students to reach their highest potential by providing the necessary skills to become life long learners and leaders in a changing society.*

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Home of the Huskies

## Benzie County Central Schools Demographics

Benzie County Central Schools is a consolidated K-12 district with a land area of 468 square miles, located in parts of four counties: Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse, and Wexford. The 2008-2009 school enrollment was 1857 pupils.

The Benzie faculty currently has 103.5 members. Of these staff members, 16 have BA degrees, 31 have at least 20 hours beyond the BA, 13 have 30 hours beyond the BA, 43 hold MA degrees, 1 has at least 15 hours beyond the MA. The seniority of the Benzie faculty extends 40 years. All Benzie County Central School staff are certified and highly qualified as required by No Child Left Behind.

The four elementary schools are Betsie Valley, which is located on Cadillac Highway between the villages of Copemish and Thompsonville; Crystal Lake, in Benzonia; Platte River, in Honor; and Lake Ann, in Almira Township, on Bronson Lake Road. The middle/senior high school is located on Homestead Road between the villages of Honor and Benzonia.

The school district is located in a beautiful section of northwestern Michigan and includes more than 50 inland lakes; Crystal Lake, the two Platte Lakes, and Lake Ann are the most prominent. Also, approximately ten miles of Lake Michigan shoreline is located on the Northwest boundary of the school district. The area has some of the best recreational facilities in Michigan for year-round enjoyment. The population of the area triples during the summer months. The economy of Benzie County is mainly resort. The agricultural product is fruit, with cherries and apples the main orchard crops. Some small industries are located in the area, principally south of Benzonia and in Copemish.

## Student Statistics

<u>School</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Students</u>
Betsie Valley	K-5	186
Crystal Lake	Y5, K-5	216
Lake Ann	K-5	260
Platte River	Y5, K-6	317
Middle School	7 & 8	258
High School	9 - 12	604
Total	---	1857

During the 2008-2009 school year, the graduation rate was 91%. 45% of Benzie County Central School students received free lunches and 14% receive reduced lunches.

## Parental Involvement and Community Support

Elementary parent-teacher organizations provided funds for assemblies, field trips, and individual classroom activities. Local contractors and several businesses donated time and materials for various projects and rewards.

Parents volunteered to work at book fairs, school carnivals, track & field days, ice cream socials, school bazaars; in the classroom; on the playground; and with school programs. Additionally, they volunteered to chaperone field trips and community businesses invited students to visit on field trips.

Parents and community members saved 'box tops for education' and Campbell's soup labels for additional school funds.

Community members served as story tellers, reading buddies, career speakers, organizers of a district-wide ski program, hosts of water quality walks, and coaches of after-school sports.

Community service organizations sponsored such programs as the Reading is Fundamental program, Kiwanis Terrific Kids program, and Subway certificates.

Fall Parent/Teacher Conference Attendance		
School	Enrollment	% Attending
Betsie Valley	185	93%
Crystal Lake	216	95.8%
Lake Ann	260	94.6%
Platte River	317	91%
Middle School	258	68%
High School	604	73%

### Curriculum

The Michigan Curriculum Frameworks document continues to be the guide Benzie County Central Schools uses when creating and modifying the curriculum. We use the curriculum mapping process to write our curriculum which means we are aligned with the Michigan Frameworks.

- Elementary -- All core curricular areas (language arts, math, science, social studies, art, music & physical education) have been mapped. We will continue to meet by grade level to update our maps on a yearly basis.
- Middle School -- most core curricular areas have been mapped, the remainder will be finished next year.
- High School -- some core curriculum areas have been mapped, mostly the primary courses taught by teachers. Others continue to be worked upon.

The Benzie County Central Schools offers the following curriculum K-6: Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, Physical Education, Social Studies, Art, Music, and Computer Literacy. Band is offered to all 6th grade students. The 7th and 8th grade curriculum includes the following: Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, Physical Education, Social Studies, Band, and Art. The 9-12 grade curriculum includes the following: Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, Physical Education, Social Studies, French, Spanish, Music, Band, Art, Computer Science, Vocational Education and Occupational Education.

Benzie County Central Schools has a District Curriculum Council that reviews, revises, and proposes curriculum to the Board of Education. The Curriculum Council is composed of teachers, parents, and administrators representing a cross section of the district.

## Special Programs

### At the Elementary Level

- The Young 5's program is offered as a kindergarten readiness option. Children who attend this program enter kindergarten the following year.
- Title 1, a federally funded program, offered assistance to students in grades 1-6.
- All fifth grade students are taught about puberty in the fall.
- A Latch-Key Program was available before and after school at Lake Ann, after school at Platte River and Crystal Lake.

### At the Middle School Level

- Bridges program created a home-school connection for students in grades 4-8.
- Instead Club, sponsored by the MSU Extension Office, provides after-school activities for students in grades 5-8.
- Northwestern Michigan College offered 'commitment scholarships' to two 7th grade students who met certain criteria throughout their high school career.
- Extra-curricular sports offerings included football, boys' & girls' basketball, cross country, soccer, cheerleading, track, wrestling, skiing, baseball and volleyball.
- The At-Risk program continued in grades 7-12.

### At the High School Level.

- Advanced Placement courses, which can result in college credit based on test performance, are offered to high school students who meet specific criteria.
- CLOSE-UP, a national government workshop in Washington, DC, is offered to 11th grade students.
- At-Risk programs provide teachers, paraprofessionals, and high school mentors to offer assistance in reading and math during school, after school, and during the summer.

### At All Schools . . .

- Special education services are available.
- The counseling department teaches career awareness and makes available to parents brochures on social and drug awareness issues.
- Programs offered for high ability and high potential students include: Odyssey of the Mind (grades 4-8), Science Olympiad (grades 9-12).
- An Accelerated Reader program is used to encourage recreational reading

### Special Schools

Through the services of the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District, Benzie County Central Schools is able to offer many specialized programs for students with special needs. Some of the more specialized programs include the following:

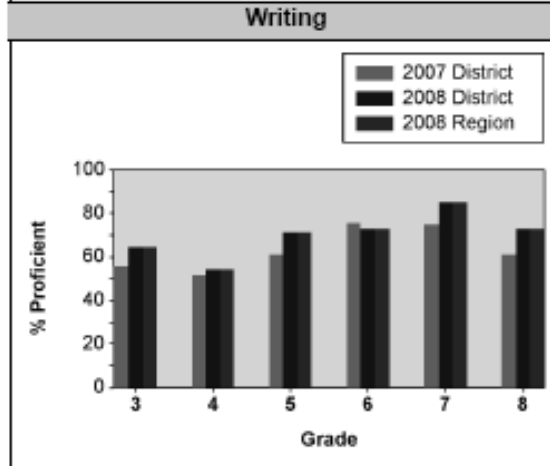
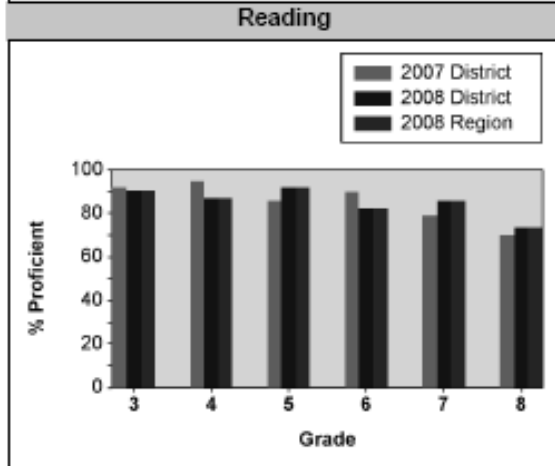
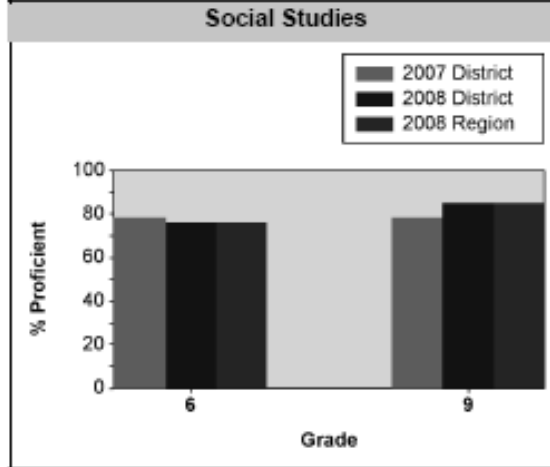
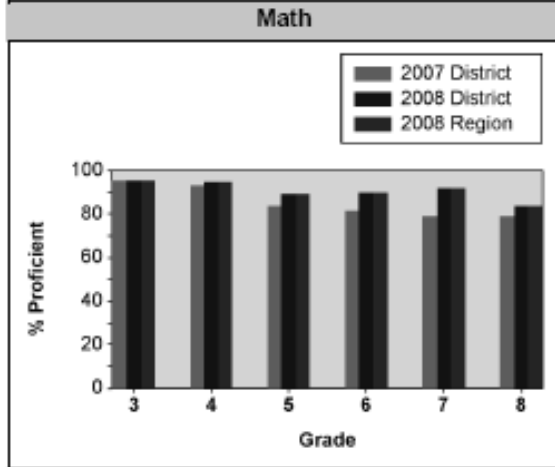
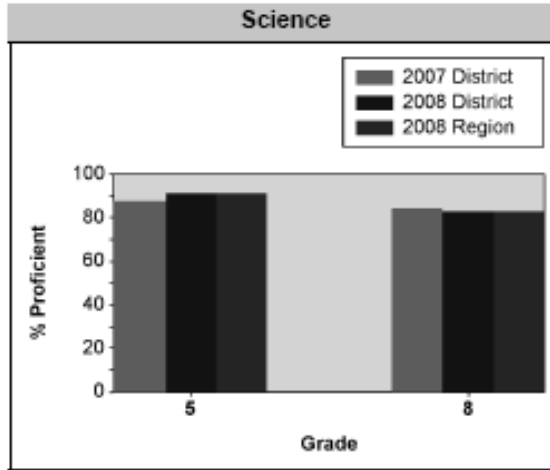
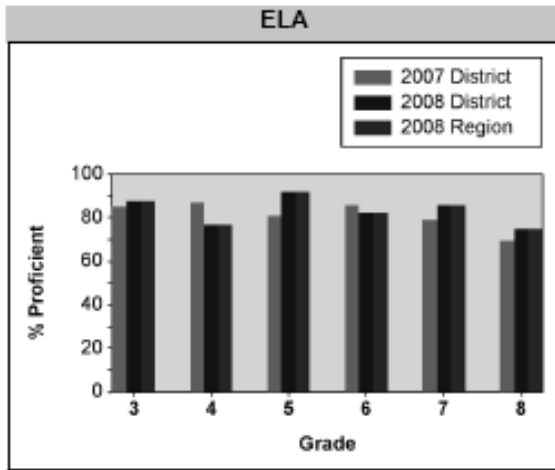
1. The Adult Work Center trains students to live independently.
2. Cherry Knoll Annex provides programs for severely impaired children and New Campus serves students, ages 5 to 25, which have severe emotional impairments.
3. The Early On Program provides home training and other family services for children ages 3 and under with special needs.
4. Early Childhood Program, conducted in a district elementary school, stresses appropriate learning experiences and activities consistent with a cognitive developmental model. .
5. TBA Career Tech Center and Michigan Technical Education Center (MTEC), provide learning experiences in the application of academics to technology.
6. TBAISD provides a virtual high school program. This is an on-line program of high school courses that provides many options to traditional and nontraditional students.

### **BCCS Education Foundation**

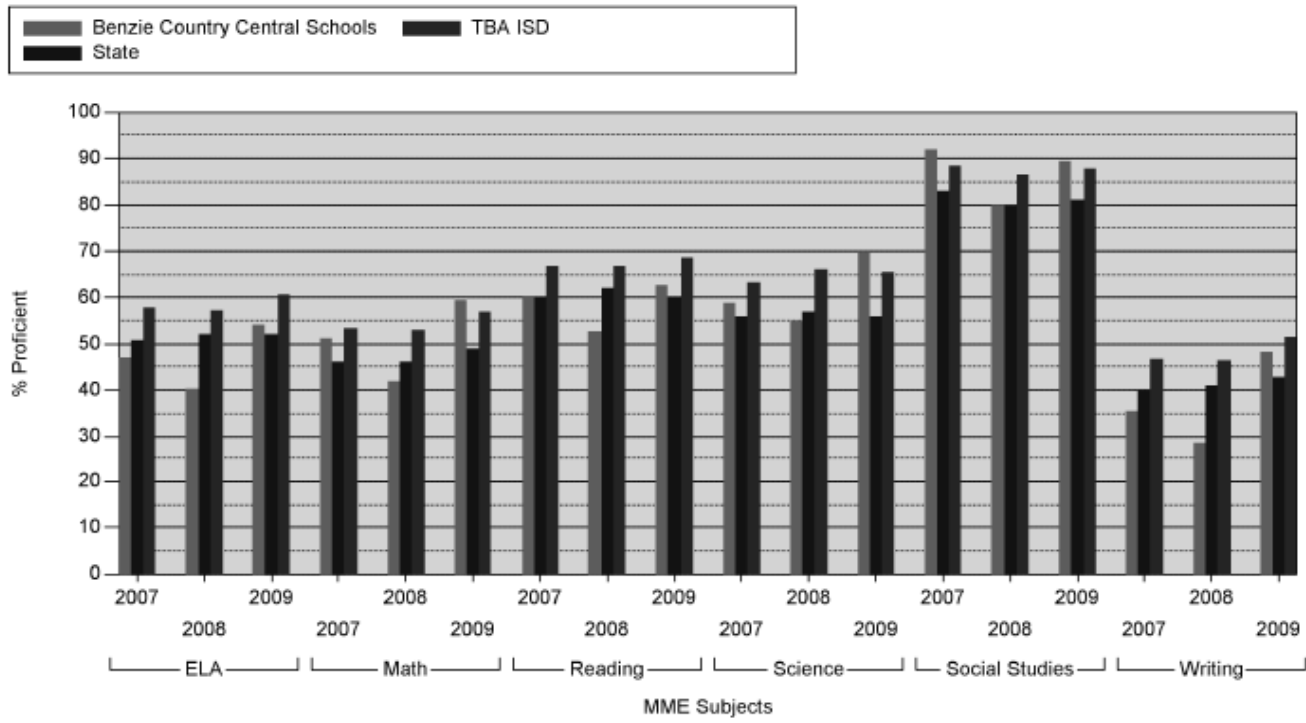
The Benzie County Central Schools Educational Foundation's purpose is to operate as a charitable and educational organization whose sole objective is to receive funds, and real and personal property, and thereafter manage, administer, and disperse monies for the benefit of students and the general public within Benzie County Central Schools. Incorporated in 1990 as a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, the Benzie County Central Schools Educational Foundation is independent of the school. The foundation is governed by a board of directors serving without pay. This board coordinates talent and funds in the form of grants and scholarships to carry out the foundation's purposes. The Foundation generates additional funds for various programs and scholarships through their annual golf outing.

### **MEAP Proficiency by Content**

The English Language Arts (ELA) MEAP test was a new method of scoring implemented in 02-03 that responded to the federal mandate titled No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The ELA score reflects a combination of the student's reading and writing scores. Beginning in the 05-06 school year, all grades 3rd-11th were tested in both ELA and mathematics. As part of the NCLB requirements, each level will be obligated to hit a "target" score established by the State of Michigan which means a student needs to test at either Level 1 or Level 2. Another part of the NCLB mandate required states to also set targets for scoring in the area of mathematics. Targets for each subject set by the State are different from level-to-level. Eventually, the targets for each grade level must be 100% of all students in all subjects by the 2013-14 school year. Percentages listed are the percentage of students who tested at Level 1 and Level 2. These students were considered 'proficient' in the subject area.

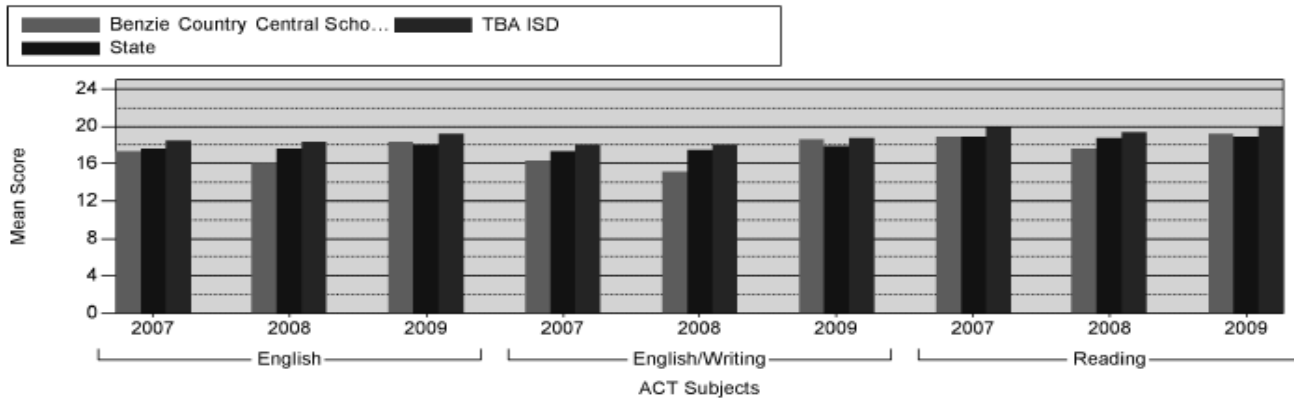
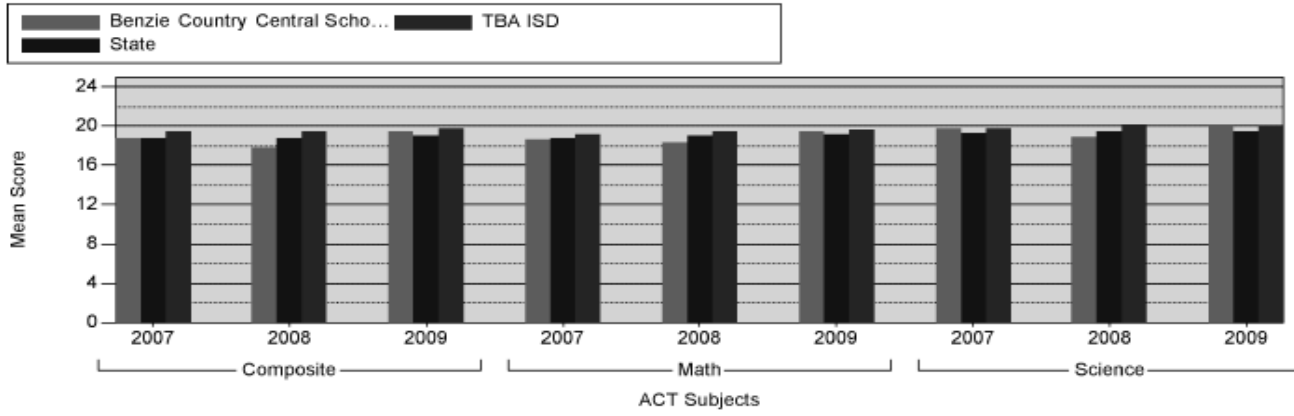


Historical MME Proficiency by Subject\*



\*11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students only

### Historical Average ACT Scores by District



**Betsie Valley Elementary**

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### Student Achievements:

- Ty Bigalow was presented with the TBAISD Math & Science award
- Fifth graders participated in the Terrific Kids program
- Shelby Strickland was awarded the Principals award
- Morgan Bonecutter was nominated for Outstanding Student Award

### Betsie Valley Elementary Points of Pride:

- Mr. Wassa was named Teacher of the Year for Northern Michigan Sam's Club. Betsie Valley was awarded a \$1000 check and Mr. Wassa a \$250 check.
- First grade was awarded a \$400 grant from the Manistee Garden Club out of 14 applications
- Ty Bigalow received the outstanding math student award by TBAISD
- Many classroom teachers participated in the Donors Choose Grant. They were awarded new computers and new classroom monitors.

### Classroom Activities:

- All classrooms participated in the Benzie Food Drive
- Initiation of the Positive Behavior Support System
- All students participated in the school-wide art show
- All students participated in the school-wide Second Step anti-bullying program
- All students participated in one of two musicals: 3-5 at the HS for the Christmas program and the K-2 for the spring program.

### Kindergarten:

- Went on a field trip to Clark's pumpkin patch to learn how people and the seasons change the environment.
- Went on field trip to Moomers Dairy Farm to learn about how milk is collected and used to make ice cream.
- Author visit to learn about how books are conceived and made.
- Kindergarten worked together to author an alphabet book which was copied and bound by Student Treasures.

### 1st grade:

- Field trip to Each Rd/Otter Creek to see beaver habitat.
- Field trip to Beaver Pond in Traverse City to see another beaver habitat and its impact on the environment. How it creates homes for other animals.
- Field trip to Young People's Theater to see James and the Giant Peach.
- Field trip to Sand Dunes to study a dune habitat.
- Field trip to Farmers Market in Frankfort to learn about producers and consumers.
- Field trip to Benzie Central High School to learn about weather.

- 1st graders hosted a square dance to promote physical activity and to help raise money for field trips.
- RIF program Kiwanis Club free books for first graders.
- Volunteer Grandmas.
- Student teachers from high school.
- Donors choose grant- received three headphones and three tape recorders to help students practice their fluency.
- Beaver Book Celebration- celebrated students' writing and accomplishments in their yearlong beaver study.
- Author visit from Dee.
- 1st graders received a \$400. Grant from the Manistee Garden club out of 14 applications. To be used to attend the beaver wetland study in 2009-2010.
- Ty Bigelow received outstanding math student award within the ISD

### **2nd grade**

- 3 second graders exceeded the top 3 spots from the A.R. reading program. These spots were from the last 9 years and one of these students doubled the high score.
- Field trip to the Benzie Historical Museum and the Point Betsie Light House.

### **3rd grade**

- Went to the Recycle center (for science) with pen pals from Crystal Lake.
- Went to James and the Giant Peach (Children's Theater) with pen pals from Crystal Lake.
- Music House (ties in with sound) and then to the beach.

### **4th grade**

- 13 students earned Home Run for Beach Bums Reading.
- Field trip to Buckley Education Days.
- Weekly Anti-Violence lessons with Kristi Morrow.
- All school Sky Dome Presentation.
- All school Walk-a-Thon.
- 10 kids involved in Talent Show.
- Wrote letter for Pony Express visit.
- 5 visits by Trooper Schneider on Peer Pressure, Drugs, Alcohol, Internet Safety, Fire Safety, etc.
- Mackinac Island Trip.
- 8 Girls on the Run from 4th grade.
- Honor roll: 8 kids 1st marking, 9 kids 2nd marking, and 13 kids 3rd marking.

### **5th grade**

- The 5th grade enjoyed a three-day camp at Hay-o-Wenta. They filled the recycling trailer to the tune of \$1,015.00.

### **Music:**

- 3rd – 5th Christmas Program at the High School Auditorium.
- K-2 Spring Program at the HS.
- All school Talent Show

- 3rd grade learned to square dance
- 5th graders learned to play recorders and song flutes.

### **Physical Education:**

- Field Day- students participate in a day of fun playing the games they have learned throughout the year. All students are winners.
- Students participated in a Water Safety discussion. Students were instructed in how to pick the proper size life jacket and how to wear it for maximum safety. Students learned to always ask an adult before going into the water, always swim with a buddy, know their limits, and never give in to peer pressure. They discussed the dangers of rip currents, jumping off piers and being on piers when the waves are crashing over the break walls.
- 3rd – 5th grades participated in cross country skiing. Thanks to the generosity of Northwestern Nordic Ski Association.
- All students had the opportunity to work with new exercise equipment. Donated by POMH: 5 exercise balls, ten jump ropes, ten sets of push up bars, 5 resistance bands, 5 exercise mats, one exercise bean (useful for our specials needs students), and a cart to store it.

### **Celebration and Assemblies:**

- Fire Prevention Assembly and Stranger Danger assembly
- Third Grade Art and Dance collaborative
- Planetarium Assembly
- 1st grade wild animal assembly
- Hosted a volunteer breakfast for parent and grandma volunteers

### **Achievements in Technology:**

- Betsie Valley was awarded a \$3000 Grant from the Dollar General. This supported the purchase of new computers to support the Read 180 and System 44 programs for reading intervention
- Mr. Kelly was awarded a new LCD projector for participating in a video streaming workshop.
- Mr. Wassa was able to purchase a new LCD projector with his recycling money.
- Teachers utilized video streaming to demonstrate and reinforce lessons.
- Purchased Study Island, a web-based program for students to use at home and school to support classroom instruction.

### **Parental Involvement and Community Support:**

- Betsie Valley parent group helped with fund raising to support all student field trips and bussing. They organized three book fairs, ice-cream social, Christmas Bazaar and Walk-a-thon-family fun night. They have also been very generous to staff during PTC and provided lunch and dinner. They take charge of the recycling truck and maintain during the summer months. They also help with popcorn Friday's.

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### Elementary MEAP Proficiency

	Math				Reading				Writing				ELA			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fal51 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	57.1%	50%	65%	34.6%	45.8%	28.6%	46%	32% %	7.1%	4.2%	0%	0%	17.9%	29.2%	23%	4%
Level 2	39.3%	41.7%	27%	57.7%	60.7%	45.8%	35%	48%	53.6%	50%	54%	44%	60.7%	58.3%	46%	72%
Level 3	3.6%	4.2%	8%	7.7%	10.7%	4.2%	15%	16%	35.7%	41.7%	36%	48%	21.4%	12.5%	27%	20%
Level 4	0%	4.2%	0%	0%	0%	4.2%	4%	4%	3.6%	4.2%	12%	8%	0%	0%	4%	4%

### Grade 3

Level 1	59.4%	25%	43%	21.7%	25%	28.1%	26%	26.1%	3.1%	0%	0%	0%	12.9%	3.1%	13%	8.7%
Level 2	28.1%	62.5%	52%	65.2%	65.6%	59.4%	70%	52.2%	78.1%	59.4%	35%	47.8%	80.6%	84.4%	65%	65.2%

Level 3	3.6%	12.5%	4%	13%	6.3%	6.3%	4%	17.4%	18.8%	37.5%	65%	52.2%	6.5%	6.3%	22%	21.7%
Level 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.1%	6.3%	0%	4.3%	0%	3.1%	0%	0%	0%	6.3%	0%	4.3%

Grade 4

	Science				Math				Reading				Writing				ELA			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	34.6%	52%	60%	42.3%	34.6%	48%	24%	50%	38.5%	44%	48%	26.9%	7.7%	12%	0%	0%	15.4%	20%	20%	7.7%
Level 2	65.4%	28%	285	42.3%	34.6%	44%	56%	30.8%	46.2%	48%	40%	57.7%	57.7%	72%	80%	46.2%	57.7%	68%	68%	73.1%
Level 3	0%	12%	12%	15.4%	7.7%	8%	20%	15.4%	7.7%	8%	8%	11.5%	34.6%	16%	20%	53.8%	23.1%	12%	12%	19.2%
Level 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	7.7%	0%	0%	3.8%	7.7%	0%	4%	3.8%				0%			0%	0%

Grade 5

Member	Position	Staff Achievements
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**Betsie Valley  
Staff**

Patti Yauck	Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Grandstaff earned her Master's Degree</li> </ul>
Steven Cox	Special Education	
Kathy Crowell	Title I	
Sally Eichberger	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	
Aimee Erfourth	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	
Sarah Grandstaff	Kindergarten	
Michelle Herban	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Asa Kelly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	
Tom Luebke	Kindergarten	
Jen Rosa	Art	
Rebecca Travis	Title I	
Jamie Vanderlinde	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	
Mark Wassa	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Mary Couturier	Parapro	
Maria Hathaway	Parapro	
Margie Malkowski	Parapro	
Kitty Norman	Parapro	
Cindy Sauer	Secretary	
Andrew Clark	Custodial Staff	
Mike Fekete	Custodial Staff	
Therese Strang	Kitchen Staff	
Mary Wixon	Kitchen Staff	

**2008-2009**

## **Crystal Lake Elementary 2008-2009 Annual Report**

### **Student Achievements**

- First grade Spelling Bee Champ
- Record Patriot Christmas Card Contest Participants
- Two students in county wide Art Show at Crystal Lake Art Center
- Two students were chosen to display art work at the Art Center in Frankfort
- Third grade 20 students passed multiplication facts
- Fifth grade two students got 300+ AR points, two get 200+. 8 got 100+
- Third through fifth grade GIRLS ON THE RUN 32 girls participated

### **Classroom Activities**

#### **Kindergarten**

- Trips to apple orchard, pumpkin patch, sand dunes
- Special Speakers in the classroom- Dental Assistants during Dental Health Week
- Christmas program
- Special events in the classroom- Buddy Day Camp at the end of the year

#### **First Grade**

- Trips to National Park, Beaver Dam, Elberta Farm Market, Frankfort Beach, and Reptile Show at Betsie Valley Elementary
- Special speakers in the classroom- Ranger Jim, and Dental Hygienists
- Special events in the classroom- 100 Day Celebration, World Math Day, Holiday celebration, Authors celebration, Readers Theatre Program

#### **Second Grade**

- Trips to Betsie Valley Trail, Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore, Trapp Trail, Pt. Betsie Lighthouse, Benzie Historical Museum
- Special speakers in the classroom- Terry Cobb (Nat. Americans), Neil Nugent (Benzie History), Jack Miles (Mardi Gras)
- Special events in the classroom- Dissection of fish, owl pellets, frog, fetal pig

#### **Third Grade**

- Trips to Recycling Center, Readers Theater, Wilderness Crossing, Crystal Mountain. Swim Safety Class
- Special speakers in the classroom- Normal Campbell (fire safety), Marlene Wood-Zylstra and Theresa Povolo
- Special events in the classroom- Mosaic Program

#### **Fourth Grade**

- Trips to Lansing and the Old Engine Show in Buckley

#### **Fifth Grade**

- Trips to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, Young Peoples Theatre, and the Carl Johnson Center in Cadillac
- Special Events in the classroom- World Math Day, Dr. Suess Reader's Theatre, Holiday Readers Theatre, Spell-A-Thon

## **Special Programs**

### **First Grade**

- Beaver Project, Healthy Food Program, Authors Celebration, and Readers Theatre.

### **Second Grade**

- Winter Holidays Around the World, Community Books- Local Timeline,

### **Third Grade**

- Healthy Food Program

### **Fourth Grade**

- Ecocolumns
- Art
- Art show school- wide and county- wide
- Music
- Elementary Performances- Winter and Spring
- Gym
- Field Day for whole school focusing on team building, teamwork, skills and fun.

### **Other**

- PTC- Parent/Teacher Connection- very active parent participation
- Before and After School Latch-Key Program
- Three Odyssey of the Mind teams went to State Competition
- 95 to 100% Parent participation in parent-teacher conferences
- Two sections of Early Childhood Education offered at Crystal Lake Elementary
- One sections of Headstart offered at Crystal Lake Elementary
- One section of Pre-school offered at Crystal Lake Elementary
- Reading Buddies- whole school
- Sports teams for Basketball, Football, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling
- Accelerated Reader Program
- High School volunteers help students after they are out of school
- Monday Night Ski Program at Crystal Mountain.
- First Grade participates in the Kiwanis Reading is Fundamental program

## **Fundraisers**

- Spell-A-Thon school- wide
- Gym- Diabetes Walk- raised \$3,300.00 in which \$330.00 went to buy equipment for students
- Third Grade- Estimation jar, Fall Festival

### **Suggestion for next year**

- Motivation assemblies for the students and possible 1 or more “fun” ones
- After-school All-District Elementary Choir

### **Areas that need improvement**

- Increase music time per class to three sessions per week

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Level 3	14.3%	7%	7%	3%	7.1%	0%	3%	9.1%	42.9%	27%	30%	42.2%	17.9%	7%	3%	12.1%
Level 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	3.6%	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%

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Level 2	40.6%	46%	37%	56.8%	71.9%	62%	54%	51.4%	78.1%	54%	54%	48.6%	86.5%	65%	73%	51.4%
Level 3	6.3%	12%	7%	8.1%	6.3%	19%	10%	16.2%	21.9%	46%	46%	51.4%	6.3%	23%	12%	32.4%
Level 4	0%	4%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.7%

Grade 4

<b>Science</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>ELA</b>
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Level 1	52%	56%	35%	59.5%	76%	63%	48%	75.7%	32%	53%	43%	45.9%	8.3%	3%	0%	0%	20.8%	15.6%	17.4%	29.7%
Level 2	44%	44%	61%	25.1%	16%	28%	39%	18.9%	56%	41%	39%	51.4%	50%	69%	60.9%	78.4%	70.8%	78.1%	56.5%	67.6%
Level 3	4%	0%	4%	5.4%	8%	9%	13%	5.4%	4%	6%	4%	2.7%	37.5%	28%	39.1%	21.6%	4.2%	46.2%	21.7%	2.7%
Level 4	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	0%	13%	0%	4.2%	0%	0%	0%	4.2%	0%	4.3%	0%

Grade 5

**Crystal Lake Elementary 2008-2009 Staff**

Member	Position	Staff Achievement
Monica Deloney	Principal	
Stacey Pulliam	Art	
Lisa Bluhm	Physical Education	
Patty Braem	Kdg	
Sharyl Corey	Ecp (Ppi)	
Phil Coryell	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Ruth Forrest	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	
Amy Jass	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Traci Kelly	Kdg/Young 5's	
Marg Lyons	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	
Caribe McClellan	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	
Crystal Milne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	
Peter Milne	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Kyle Ross	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Mike Ross	Title I	
Molly Thiel	Special Education	
Cathy Burcroff	Parapro	
Anne Fitch-Clark	Parapro	
Pat Hunsinger	Parapro	

Judy Ingleston	Parapro	
Dee Lathwell	Parapro	
Connie Schrock.	Parapro	
Beth Nugent	Secretary	
Jerry Andrews	Custodial Staff	
P Zavitz	Custodial Staff	

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## Lake Ann Elementary 2008-2009 Annual Report

### Points of Pride

- Students and parents saved “Box Tops for Education” raising over \$1,200 for the school
- Lake Ann Students participated in the Benzie Food Partners’ October Food Drive and brought in 668 pounds of food
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### Student Achievements:

- One Student received the Sportsmanship award given by our Physical Education teacher
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students received the “Timberwolf Pride Award”
- Students participated in the “Caught You” program rewarded for following school rules and maintaining good behavior
- Our Physical Education teacher presented seven Physical Fitness Awards
- Four 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students were winners in the Record Patriot Pet Essay Contest
- One 5<sup>th</sup> grader was a winner in the Record Patriot Pet Poster Contest

### Academic Achievement:

<i><b>Academic Honor Roll</b></i>	<i><b>Fourth Grade (no. of students)</b></i>	<i><b>Fifth Grade (no. of students)</b></i>
First marking period	30	20
Second marking period	25	19
Third marking period	26	17
Fourth marking period	29	29
<i><b>Effort Honor Roll</b></i>	<i><b>Fourth Grade</b></i>	<i><b>Fifth Grade</b></i>
First marking period	38	21
Second marking period	32	20
Third marking period	36	19
Fourth marking period	33	24

## **Classroom Activities:**

- Representative David Palsrock visited our school and had lunch with our fourth grade classes.
- Fifth graders stayed at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha for outdoor educational activities.
- Fourth graders visited Lansing (touring the Capitol, Michigan Historical Museum, and the R.E. Olds Auto Museum).
- Third graders went to Grand Rapids to visit Frederick Meijer Gardens and the IMAX Theater.
- Lake Ann held a Fire Safety/Prevention program for all lower elementary classes.
- Our fifth grade, first grade, and kindergarten classes paired up and participated in a reading buddy program.
- Both first grade classrooms participated in a Nutrition Education program provided through an MSU Extension grant.
- Third graders dressed up and visited our county's one room school (Drake School) and visited the Almira History Museum.
- First graders participated in "Too Smart for Strangers" program.
- Kindergarten classes visited the Benzie Historical Society and toured Moomers to learn about dairy farming. The students were shown how ice cream is made and were able to enjoy a hayride.
- Both second grade classes visited Cherry Republic and the Empire Bluffs Trail.
- Fourth and Fifth grade classrooms participated in Mini-Society (study of government and economics).
- Michigan State Police Trooper Nichols held four sessions with the third grade classrooms.
- Fifth graders performed "Thirteen Colonies" musical for students and parents.
- Fourth graders performed "Geology Rocks" musical to students and parents.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Spell-a-thon raised over \$4,000.00. Funds were spent on K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to spend the day at Lake Ann Camp, books were purchased for classroom libraries, and each student was given a book to keep.
- First-Fifth graders participated in a "Reading the Bases" program with the Traverse City Beach Bums. 176 students made the home run goal, receiving a free admission ticket and a free meal ticket.
- Fifth grade students had a visit from two World War II veterans.
- Fourth graders went to the Buckley Old Engine Show.
- Fifth graders took part in a pig dissection.

## **Celebration and Assemblies:**

- Excited About Science Assembly
- Math Magic Assembly
- Planetarium Star Lab Assembly
- Rare Animals Assembly
- Two Book Fairs
- Lake Ann School Carnival
- Family Movie Night
- Family Fun Night
- PTA purchased a VCR for the fifth grade classroom

## **Achievements in Technology:**

- Fourth grade students used Hand Helds all year.
- Fifth grade students prepared a career PowerPoint and shared it with the principal and their parents.

### **Parental Involvement and Community Support:**

- Kindergarten had many parent volunteers throughout the year
- Lake Ann held Chrysler's "Drive for the Kids" promotion and was presented with a check for \$505.00.
- First grade students participated in Reading is Fundamental.
- Kiwanis sponsored the Terrific Kids program for our fifth grade students.
- Kiwanis presented all third graders with their own dictionary.

### **Clubs and Organizations:**

- Monday Night Ski Program
- Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade girls and boys basketball teams
- Girls on the Run program
- Before and After School Kids Club through Munson Medical Center
- Pop Warner Football

### **Explanation of MEAP**

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Level 1	56.8%	78.9%	71%	70.4%	38.6%	73.7%	47%	44.4%	4.5%	0%	0%	0%	18.2%	42.1%	24%	14.8%
Level 2	38.6%	18.4%	27%	22.2%	50%	26.3%	49%	40.7%	43.2%	71.1%	53%	59.3%	70.5%	57.9%	63%	66.7%
Level 3	2.3%	2.6%	2%	7.4%	9.1%	05	2%	14.8%	47.7%	28.9%	45%	33.3%	9.1%	0%	10%	18.5%
Level 4	2.3%	0%	0%	0%	2.3%	0%	2%	0%	4.5%	0%	2%	7.4%	2.3%	0%	2%	0%

Grade 3

	<b>Math</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Writing</b>				<b>ELA</b>			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	52.9%	33.3%	64%	57.6%	23.5%	31.7%	64%	24.2%	13.7%	0%	0%	0%	9.8%	9.8%	31%	9.1%
Level 2	43.1%	57.1%	36%	39.4%	74.5%	61%	36%	66.7%	54.9%	43.9%	75%	60.6%	80.4%	75.6%	69%	72.75
Level 3	3.9%	7.1%	0%	3%	2%	7.3%	0%	9.1%	31.4%	56.1%	25%	39.4%	9.8%	14.6%	0%	18.2%
Level 4	0%	2.4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Grade 4

	Science				Math				Reading				Writing				ELA			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	37.8%	51%	50%	51.3%	31.1%	38.8%	53%	46.2%	26.7%	46.9%	37%	51.3%	4.4%	2%	0%	0%	8.9%	24.5%	18%	20.5%
Level 2	51.1%	46.9%	42%	35.9%	53.3%	46.9%	39%	35.9%	64.4%	53.1%	55%	33.3%	62.2%	65.3%	63%	69.2%	75.6%	71.4%	74%	66.7%
Level 3	11.1%	2%	5%	10.3%	15.6%	14.3%	8%	15.4%	8%	2.2%	0%	12.8%	33.3%	24.5%	37%	30.8%	13.3%	4.1%	8%	12.8%
Level 4	0%	0%	3%	2.6%	0%	0%	0%	2.6%	6.7%	0%	0%	2.6%	0%	8.2%	0%	0%	2.2%	0%	0%	0%

Grade 5

**Lake Ann Elementary 2008-2009 School Staff:**

Member	Position	Staff Achievement
Gail Wheeler	Principal	
Elizabeth Chapelle	Counselor	
Heidi Schaub	Secretary	
Carrie Urbain	Kindergarten	
Brent Hood	Kindergarten	
Maureen Dodge	First Grade	
Winona Roper	First Grade	
Doug Gibson	Second Grade	
Elaine Titze	Second Grade	
Linda Wilcox	Third Grade	
Tammy Sedlar	Third Grade	
Jane Tonn	Fourth Grade	
Jeanne Pettengill	Fourth/Fifth Grade	
Julie Mountz	Fifth Grade	
Dennis Boulanger	Title 1	
Shannon Bishop	Special Education	
Bruce Stoltz	Physical Education	

Stacey Pulliam	Art	
Kathy Will	Music	
Karen Mott	Parapro	
Lori Cline	Parapro	
Diane Gorno	Parapro	
Pat Munsell	Parapro	
Jill Emerson	Parapro	
Tim Wing	Custodians	
Wendy DeLisle	Parapro	
Sondra Johnson	Kitchen Staff	
Sue Raines	Kitchen Staff	

## **Platte River Elementary 2008-2009 Annual Report**

### **Points of Pride**

- Very successful PTO fundraiser to help students at Platte River
- Red Ribbon week drug prevention and awareness information
- Give Kids a Smile Dental Check-up
- Paul Oliver Enrichment- Before and after school childcare and all day summer childcare
- Donated Christmas lunch for all students and staff

### **Classroom Activities**

#### **Kindergarten**

- All day everyday Kindergarten
- Spring Program
- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser

#### **First Grade**

- Thanksgiving program
- RIF (reading in fundamental)
- Spring Program
- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser

#### **Second Grade**

- Spring Program
- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser

#### **Third Grade**

- Christmas Program
- Arts performance
- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser

#### **Fourth Grade**

- Buckley Old Engine Show
- Christmas Program
- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser

#### **Fifth Grade**

- Christmas Program
- Overnight camp experience
- Terrific Kids program
- Safety patrol program

- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser

#### **Sixth Grade**

- K-6 Spell-a-thon fundraiser
- Water festival
- Crystal Lake walkabout
- Salmon in the classroom
- Enrichment classes
- Band
- Day of the Dead

#### **Physical Education**

- All Kids participated in Field Day
- Water safety lessons through our PE program

- Celebrations and Assemblies
- Rock and Roll Assemblies

#### **Special Programs**

- Sixth Grade Musical
- Odyssey if the Mind
- 3rd-6th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball
- Girls' On Track
- Cub Scouts and Daisy's
- MSU Extension Instead club
- Mentor arts program

#### **Parent Involvement and Community Support**

- PTO held a Ice Cream Social/Book Fair/Art Fair

#### **Explanation of MEAP**

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Level 1	65.7%	79.5%	69%	70.4%	15.4%	47.4%	37%	44.4%	2.6%	0%	0%	0%	5.1%	13.2%	23%	14.8%
Level 2	20%	17.9%	25%	22.2%	69.2%	42.1%	54%	40.7%	41%	47.4%	51%	59.3%	69.2%	73.7%	63%	66.7%
Level 3	12.5%	0%	6%	7.4%	10.3%	7.9%	6%	14.8%	51.3%	47.4%	43%	33.3%	17.9%	10.5%	11%	18.5%
Level 4	0%	2.6%	0%	0%	5.1%	2.6%	3%	0%	5.1%	5.3%	6%	7.4%	7.7%	2.6%	3%	0%

Grade 3

	<b>Math</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Writing</b>				<b>ELA</b>			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	33.3%	33.3%	51%	57.6%	8.6%	25%	28%	24.2%	2.9%	0%	0%	0%	2.9%	3.1%	23%	9.1%
Level 2	50%	50%	33%	39.4%	74.3%	50%	64%	66.7%	45.7%	31.3%	38%	60.6%	71.4%	68.5%	56%	72.7%
Level 3	13.9%	13.95	15%	3%	11.4%	25%	3%	9.1%	45.7%	62.5%	62%	39.4%	17.1%	28.1%	15%	18.2%
Level 4	2.8%	2.8%	0%	0%	5.7%	0%	5%	0%	5.75	6.3%	0%	0%	8.6%	0%	5%	0%

Grade 4

	<b>Science</b>				<b>Math</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Writing</b>				<b>ELA</b>			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	34.3%	35.5%	29%	51.3%	40%	45.2%	27%	46.2%	25.7%	25.8%	32%	51.3%	5.7%	0%	0%	0%	8.6%	0%	15%	20.5%
Level 2	51.4%	51.6%	50%	35.9%	45.7%	35.5%	49%	35.9%	62.9%	61.3%	49%	33.3%	71.4%	67.7%	49%	69.52	74.3%	83.9%	56%	66.7%
Level 3	14.3%	9.7%	12%	10.3%	14.3%	19.4%	22%	15.4%	11.4%	3.2%	12%	12.8%	17.1%	32.3%	49%	30.8%	17.1%	16.1%	24%	12.8%
Level 4	0%	3.2%	10%	2.6%	0%	0%	2%	2.6%	0%	9.7%	7%	2.6%	5.7%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%

Grade 5

	<b>Math</b>				<b>Social Studies</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Writing</b>				<b>ELA</b>			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	39.1%	42.3%	51%	53.6%	59%	43.1%	45%	38%	24.1%	39%	31%	36%	5.8%	2.5%	4%	0%	13.1%	0%	13%	9.6%
Level 2	39.51	38.2%	31%	36%	26.6%	41.5%	34%	38%	59.1%	48.8%	58%	46.6%	77.4%	73%	72%	72.8%	69.3%	83.9%	73%	72.8%
Level 3	17.4%	17.9%	16%	8.8%	8.6%	13.8%	12%	10.9%	12.4%	8.95	8%	12%	16.1%	22.1%	21%	21.6%	13.1%	16.1%	13%	16.8%
Level 4	4.3%	1.6%	5%	1.6%	5.8%	1.6%	10%	13.2%	4.4%	3.3%	25	5.6%	0.7%	25%	4%	5.6%	4.4%	05	1%	0.8%

Grade 6

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Staff Achievements</b>
Mr. Phil Cook	Principal	

**Platte River  
2008-2009**

Ms. Elizabeth Chapelle	Counselor
Mrs. Edie Gray	Secretary
Mrs. Sarah Fought	Y5's/Kdg
Mrs. Carrie Urbain	Kdg
Mrs. Carol Yalch	1st grade
Mrs. Mary Vogler	2nd grade
Mr. Mark McManus	3rd grade
Ms. Maria Podvoyski	4th grade
Mrs. Tammy Roeske	4th/5th grade
Mrs. Kim O'Connor	5th grade
Ms. Wendy Kalush	6th grade
Mrs. Sarah Slade	6th grade
Mrs. Sue Micinski	6th grade
Mr. Josh Lovendusky	6th grade
Mr. Dave Grimes	6th grade
Mrs. Nancy Reed	Music
Mr. Mike Eagan	Band
Mrs. Jen Rosa	Art
Mr. Bruce Stoltz	PE
Mrs. Deb Nickerson	Special Education
Mrs. Roeske	Special Education
Mrs. Linda Fast	Library
Mrs. Char Jeske,	Parapro
Mrs. Beth Miller,	Parapro
Ms. Andrea Harig,	Parapro
Mrs. Julie Hospenthal	Parapro
Mrs. Holly Zirkel	Parapro
Mrs. Miller	Custodial Staff
Mr. Randy Knapp	Custodial Staff
Mr. Remeldo Clawson	Custodial Staff
Mrs. Jo Ingleston	Kitchen Staff
Mrs. Becci Bevis	Kitchen Staff

**Elementary  
Staff**

## **Benzie Central Middle School 2008-2009 Annual Report**

### **Academic Achievement**

- 24 students received the CORE award
- 136 students on the Honor Roll
- 184 students invited to the Academic Awards Night
- 565 awards given out

### **Classroom Achievements**

#### **Choir**

- Received a 1 at festival
- Trip to see "The Lion King"
- BC Idol
- Sang at the State Capitol

#### **Band**

- Received a 1 at festival

#### **Science**

- Participated in cleaning up the school grounds on Earth Day
- Various Science projects in Mr. Bluhm's 7th grade science class including: balloon cars, catapults, and bottle rockets
- 8th grade science designed a chemical reaction experiment that turned trash into treasure
- All 7th grade students participated in the Crystal Lake Walkabout
- 29 students tested the Upper Herring Lake watershed. They then presented their data at a River Congress held at The Haggerty Center and attended 2 watershed related field trips. Each student chose 2 field trips out of 23 as well as canoeing the Platte River and stopped at 8 learning stations along the way where they learned about environmental issues.

#### **Middle School Library**

- A-OK (Acts of Kindness)- Students qualifying received a Subway certificate and was entered in a drawing for prizes
- Book Drive- A contest between the boys and girls and the girls won. A total of 223 books were donated to the library
- Eight different magazine subscriptions were received free for 6 months
- Books and Bubblegum
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Stars Reading Program
- Terracycle- a program to recycle Capri Sun packages
- Reading Program- 500 books donated to the less fortunate

#### **Miscellaneous Classroom:**

- Teacher Academy students in the classrooms
- A Senior student volunteered as a Math Mentor

### **Student Achievements**

- Basic Theater Arts performed for the entire middle school
- Middle School Talent Show at the end of the year had 30 participants
- Choir students participated in solo and ensemble concerts
- Magazine Sale Fundraiser- Students sold magazines to raise \$2500.00 for school improvement
- Bobby Syrocki received best of show at the county wide art show
- Reed Deemer qualified for the state finals in the National Geography Bee
- Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team were state champions and traveled to Iowa for World Finals
- 3 students were selected to receive scholarships to NMC upon their graduation of high school. This is part of the Commitment Scholarship Program offered to us through NMC
- 4 students received the Citizenship Award
- 4 students received the Principal's Award
- 4 students received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award
- 11 students with perfect attendance
- 19 students received honors for earning 100 points or more in the Accelerated Reader program. Those that participated received certificates, a pizza party, and an ice cream party
- 20 students took the ACT in the 7th and 8th grades. These students gave up a Saturday to come and take the test. Their test scores will help them if they would like to participate in summer college courses offered to Middle School Talent Search students and for the ACT in 11th grade
- 30 students received the National Physical Fitness Award
- 128 students with zero tardies

### **Celebrations and Assemblies**

- Christmas, winter, and spring band and choir concerts
- Helen Dewey with Summer Reading Program visited the middle school library
- Caitlin Lorenc visited 7th grade World Cultures to discuss her European travels

### **Clubs and Organizations**

- 13 students participated in Yearbook
- 20 students were active in Student Council
- Penny War to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Sucker sales
- Organized The Amazing Race- a scavenger hunt- as and end of the year activity
- Holiday Entertainment
- Halloween pumpkin roll and costume party
- Valentines Day delivery service and dance

- 26 members of the Builders Club
- Sponsored a food drive and collected 1082lbs of food that were donated to local food pantries
- Ambassadors to incoming 6th grade
- Visited elementary schools
- Arthritis Walk
- Opened a school store selling Husky clothing
- Ran the concession stand at home sporting events

### **Staff Conferences**

- Staff attending TBA LSD local assessments
- Shaun Johnson attended ELA Camp, summer 2008
- Cathy Kangas attended Math Camp, summer 2008

### **Accomplishments with Technology**

- PowerSchool was implemented as a parent and student portal to the school
- School website had a new design

### **Community Involvement**

- Choir Fundraisers
- Cherry Hut Fundraisers
- Singing Valentine Grams
- Parent volunteers helping in library
- Choral Boosters
- Band Boosters
- School Liaison officer housed in the Middle School
- Libnet Library Connection
- Kiwanis International with Builders Club

### **Explanation of MEAP**

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## **Benzie Central Middle School MEAP Proficiency**

	<b>Math</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Writing</b>				<b>ELA</b>			
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Level 1	32.95	37.3%	45%	65.7%	17.3%	27.9%	31%	30.1%	0%	0.7%	0%	0%	6.4%	5.1%	12%	8.3%
Level 2	40.1%	31.3%	34%	26.1%	59.6%	48.5%	48%	55.6%	67.9%	65.4%	75%	85%	67.3%	68.4%	66%	77.4%
Level 3	21.7%	26.1%	20%	7.5%	12.8%	8.8%	12%	10.5%	30.1%	27.2%	21%	15%	21.2%	19.1%	15%	13.5%
Level 4	5.3%	5.2%	1%	0.7%	10.3%	14.7%	10%	3.8%	1.9%	6.6%	4%	0%	5.1%	7.4%	7%	0.8%

Seventh Grade

	<b>Science</b>				<b>Math</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Writing</b>				<b>ELA</b>			
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	38.8%	40.2%	51%	37.9%	35%	36.3%	45%	42.3%	15.6%	34.9%	24%	26%	5.6%	4.2%	1%	0%	7.8%	15.1%	10%	16.3%
Level 2	41.1%	44.4%	33%	45.2%	31.1%	42.9%	34%	41.5%	48%	48.8%	46%	47.2%	50.3%	50%	59%	72.6%	51.4%	56%	59%	58.5%
Level 3	16.1%	12.4%	11%	11.3%	26%	17.3%	16%	13%	17.3%	9%	15%	21.1%	38%	30.7%	27%	22.6%	24%	20.5%	19%	21.1%
Level 4	4.4%	3%	4%	5.6%	7.9%	3.6%	5%	3.3%	19%	7.2%	5%	5.7%	6.1%	15.1%	13%	4.8%	16.8%	8.4%	12%	4.1%

Eighth Grade

**Benzie Central Middle School 2008-2009 Staff**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Staff Accomplishments</b>
Mr. Dave Clasen	Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cathy Hahn traveled to Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• Cathy Kangas was named Outstanding Educator 2009</li> <li>• Cathy Kangas had teachers from St. Francis come to her classroom to observe</li> </ul>
Mrs. Regina Spoor	Secretary	
Mrs. Barb Powell	Counselor	
Mrs. Kathleen Neveu	Math	
Mr. Shaun Johnson	Language Arts	
Mrs. Cathy Hahn	Social Studies	
Mrs. Lynne Keber	Social Studies	
Mrs. Cathy Kangas	Math	
Mr. Byron Prielipp	Language Arts	
Mr. Daryl Bluhm	Science	
Mr. John Burtch	Science	
Mr. Mark Blazejewski	Physical Education	
Mr. Corey Bechler	Art	
Mrs. Christy Case	Choir	
Mr. Mike Eagan	Band	
Mrs. Karen Zickert	Computers	
Mrs. Diane Lorenc	Special Education	
Mrs. Racquel Huddleston	Science	

## **Benzie Central High School 2008-2009 Annual Report**

### **Points of Pride**

- Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) and Delayed Starts were continued in an effort to increase student achievement.
- Kyle Rosa returned as the county liaison officer.
- One of the computer labs was outfitted with new computers that were donated through a partnership with the Sunrise Rotary Club.
- This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year for meeting the state requirements in chemistry. Five classes were offered instead of the usual 3, with one class being a co-taught class.
- BCHS was able to offer 2 sections of honor's chemistry.
- The Benzie Central Jazz Band had its first year of existence to many congratulations from across the community.

### **Student Achievement**

- BCHS Chamber Choir received a One Rating and advanced to the state level at the District Solo & Ensemble Festival.
- Fourteen individuals from the various BCHS choirs participated in the District Solo & Ensemble Festival: 13 received a one rating and advanced to the state level, and 1 member received a 2 rating.
- At the District Choral Festival, hosted by Benzie Central, the middle school choir, the high school choir, and Bella Cantante all advanced to the state level.
- The High School Chamber Choir received a One rating at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival.
- Of eleven events, seven high school choir students received a One rating, and four students received a Two rating
- The High School Concert Choir and the Bella Cantante Choir both received a rating of "Excellent" at the State Choral Festival.
- One BCHS sophomore was the overall winner of the \$200 cash prize with her original composition, in which, she sang and performed on the piano.
- Three students attended Interlochen Arts Academy, and four students attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp as part of the summer music camps for voice.
- One BCHS sophomore received the NMC/TBA Science Award.
- Sixty-four students participated in Advanced Placement classes: 11 in calculus, 14 in biology, and 39 in chemistry.
- Sixty-eight percent of our students passed the national exam with a "3" or better score to earn college credit.
- Both Benzie HS Bands earned top ratings at the 2009 District and State Level Festival Evaluations.
- Four Benzie HS Band Students successfully auditioned into the Northwestern Michigan Honors Band, competing with students from 40 other high schools, both large and small.
- One BCHS senior was elected for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Band comprised of the top musicians from the State of Michigan. This was based on music proficiency scores at state solo and ensemble festival.
- One BCHS sophomore will be part of the Blue Lake International Band traveling during the summer throughout Northern Europe for one month.
- Read 180 had an average increase of 78.25 lexiles.

- The high school library showed an increase in circulation for the number of books checked out over first and second semesters.

<b>Honors Awards Received by Students</b>	
Ninth Grade	92 students
Tenth Grade	119 students
Eleventh Grade	106 students
Twelfth Grade	141 students
First Year Academic Letter Club	65 students
Second Year Academic Letter Club	45 students
Third Year Academic Letter Club	7 students
Fourth Year Academic Letter Club	15 students
Fourth Year National Honors Society	31 students
Scholarships Presented to Seniors	47 scholarships

### **Classroom Activities**

- Victims advocate from the prosecutors office, Bonnie Inman, and Sheriff Rory Heckman visited both the junior and senior high health classes.
- The High School Chamber Choir and the Middle School Select Ensemble participated in the State Capitol Spring Arts Program.
- 130 high school students, middle school students, and parents participated in traveling to Lansing to see *Lion King*.
- The Middle School Choir participated in the State Choral Festival.
- BCHS Chamber Choir provided half of the pre-show entertainment for the Rotary Revue Show, as well as participating in the actual show.
- Andrew Ashworth spoke on “investing” in consumer education.
- Laura Cole spoke on “insurance” in consumer education.
- Students from Mr. Block’s and Mr. Kinnan’s science classes participated for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in the annual Earth Day “Great American Clean-Up” at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on April 22.
- Students made use of a classroom blog in computers 9.
- Advanced Placement Biology students taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students on the Platte River about issues that effect the watershed.
- Dave Penny, carbon monoxide expert, spoke to honors biology students about science pathway. He also spoke to the advanced biology students about opportunities in science.
- The biology classes participated in an Earth Day Clean-u[
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade students wrote a collaborative research paper between their English and biology classes.

- Teacher Academy students went into 19 different classrooms throughout the school year, servicing hundreds of students.
- Students have integrated many aspects of technology in their presentations, producing elaborate and informative infomercials and documentaries for their 10<sup>th</sup> grade civics class.
- Civics students hosted a mock election for the 2008 Presidential Election. They had an 82% turnout. Students had an opportunity to run campaigns within the classroom.

### **Celebration and Assemblies**

- Ninth grade assembly on Making High School Count.
- Tenth grade visit to the Career Tech Center.
- Eleventh grade presentation on Picking A College.
- Financial Aid Night for 11th and 12th grade students reached over 60 students.
- Spirit Week was celebrated in early February.

### **Parental Involvement & Community Support**

The Benzie Central Band Boosters organized the annual "Band Drive," as well as provided uniforms, awards, and equipment for the band program.

Choral boosters were active again this year assisting choir members with the Cherry Hut fundraiser and Singing Valentine Grams, and volunteered at concerts.

Diane Connors of the Michigan Land Use Institute (MLUI), and Jennifer Murray of the Leelanau Health Department (LHD), helped promote the Farm-To-School program in the lunch program.

The Northwest Michigan Blood Program held two blood drives at the high school in coordination with the National Honor Society.

### **Special Programs**

Close-Up

Odyssey of the Mind

Instead Club

Teacher/Student Mentor Program

FFA

High School Play & Musical

Key Club (41 members)

Student Council

- This was the 33rd year Benzie Central has participated in Close-Up. Donna Balazovic took 16 juniors for a week of high energy, action packed activities. The students spent the week watching, participating and learning about our government and how to become an active and involved citizen. Members of Close-Up also took in over \$2500 from individuals, community businesses, and organizations.
- FFA sponsored their annual Swiss Steak dinner.
- Student Council maintained the Student of the Month, Alumni of the Month, and Academic Hall of Fame. They sponsored Homecoming and Snowcoming. Members sold candy canes to help cover the cost of necessary items for six local senior citizens. Items purchased include clothing and hygiene items. Council also hosted a Holiday Luncheon and Gifting with the high school staff. Students were treated to a traditional meal on the last day of school before their Holiday Break in December. Following the luncheon, students participated in traditional activities such as cookie decorating, board games, and ornament making. They also participated in a drawing for gifts -- nearly 450 gifts are given out each year. Santa also makes an appearance.
- This year, the National Honor Society inducted 26 new members raising their total membership to 36. National Honor Society also hosted two blood drives. They collected 33 pints of blood in November, as well as 31 pints of blood in May.
- Key Club provided a safe trick or treating environment for over 200 elementary aged children with the second annual Trunk or Treat event, distributing more than 1000 pieces of candy. Key Club also celebrated Read Across America by reading Dr. Seuss books with elementary students across the district.

### Benzie Central High School 2008- 2009 Staff

Member	Position	Staff Accomplishments
Mr. Pete Olson	Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry Papazian, health instructor and licensed professional counselor, became certified as an advanced addictions counselor in December of 2008.</li> <li>• Christy Case was the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 2 Co-Manager.</li> <li>• Kevin Kinnan received a "Friend of the Rogers Observatory" Award from the Grand Traverse</li> </ul>
Mr. John Judge	Director of Student Services	
Ms. Chris Clute	Counselor	
Mr. Dan Salyer	Counselor	
Ms. Karen Leinaar	Athletic Director	
Mrs. Cindy Olmstead	Secretary	
Mrs. Janet Humphrey	Receptionist	
Mrs. Cheryl Smith	Language Arts	
Ms. Cathy St. Onge	Language Arts	
Mrs. Jeri Mills	Language Arts	
Ms. Sarah Papineau	Language Arts	
Mrs. Mindy Clawson	Language Arts	
Mrs. Gladha Chandler	Language Arts	
Mr. Scott Kubit,	Social Studies	

Mrs. Renee Osgood	Social Studies
Mr. Matt Olson	Social Studies
Mrs. Donna Balazovic	Social Studies
Mr. Jerry Block	Science
Ms. Sarah Esper	Science
Mr. Kevin Kinnan	Science
Mr. Gary Waterson	Science
Mrs. Racquel Huddleston	Science
Mr. Barry Hahn	Science
Mrs. Constance Gardner	Math
Mr. Jeff Seymour	Math
Mr. Gary Pallin	Math
Mr. Blair Moss	Physical Education
Mr. Gerry Papazian	Health
Mr. Ken 'Tad' Carter	Computers
Mrs. Karen Zickert,	Business
Mr. Ron Gray	Building Trades
Mr. Tom Lootens	Industrial Arts
Mrs. Carmen Briggs	Consumer Education
Mrs. Christy Case	Choir
Mr. Michael Eagan	Band
Mr. Kevin Kennedy	Art
Mrs. Anka Harkness	Special Education
Mr. Gib Lucas	Special Education
Mrs. Sara Workman	Special Education
Mrs. Lindsey Pogue	Special Education
Mr. Eric Luxford	Custodial Staff
Mr. Bill Burns	Custodial Staff
Mr. Dan Fast	Custodial Staff
Ms. Cindy Ullum	Custodial Staff
Ms. Chris Bint	Custodial Staff
Ms. Karlin Corey	Kitchen Staff
Ms. Amy Garske	Kitchen Staff
Ms. Sharlene Patterson	Kitchen Staff
Mrs. Pam Mitchell	Kitchen Staff
Ms. Becky Bevis	Kitchen Staff

Astronomical Society for supporting local astrology education and for brining science students each year to the observatory to meet the astronomers and view the night sky through telescopes.

- Sarah Esper took part in TBA's high school math and science success and science summit.

Ms. Nancy Frederick	Kitchen Staff	
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**Explanation of Michigan Merit Exam (MME)**

The Michigan Merit Exam is a state mandated exam that is required for all pupils in grade 11. This exam, formally called the MEAP, is a conglomeration of assessments that include the ACT, WorkKeys and portions of the MEAP. This assessment is used to determine the students' progress toward the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

The MME is administered each spring to Michigan 11th grade students. Completing the MME qualifies the student for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise scholarship, administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

To qualify for the \$4,000 scholarship, students must take the complete MME and receive scores in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. To qualify for up-front installment payments from the Department of Treasury, students must achieve the Proficient or Advanced level in those same subjects. They will receive \$1,000 during their freshman and sophomore years of college, and then receiving the remaining \$2,000 after successfully completing two years of college.

In addition to enabling students to earn the \$4,000 scholarship, taking the MME provides students with a free college-reportable ACT score, accepted by a vast majority of colleges in the United States. They also receive an ACT WorkKeys score for employability skills related to reading for information and applied mathematics.

Benzie students are required to take this exam in order to graduate. The state has set up a sliding scale of target goals for students to attain in the content areas. The final goal will be for all students to attain a Level I or II demonstrating their proficiency.

### Benzie Central High School MME Proficiency by Subject

	Science			Social Studies			Math		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Level 1	4.3%	2.7%	7.2%	38%	42.3%	45.7%	10.1%	5.4%	7.2%
Level 2	55.1%	52%	62.3%	54.7%	37.6%	43.6%	41.3%	36.2%	52.2%
Level 3	21%	18.2%	13.8%	4.4%	12.8%	6.4%	17.4%	11.4%	14.5%
Level 4	19.6%	27%	16.7%	2.9%	7.4%	4.3%	31.2%	47%	26.1%

	Writing			Reading			ELA		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Level 1	0.7%	0%	1.4%	2.9%	0.7%	2.9%	1.5%	0%	0.7%
Level 2	35%	27.7%	46.8%	58%	51.7%	59.7%	46%	39.9%	53.2%
Level 3	53.3%	51.4%	46%	26.1%	27.5%	25.9%	40.9%	39.2%	39.6%
Level 4	10.9%	20.9%	5.8%	13%	20.1%	11.5%	11.7%	20.9%	6.5%

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies MEAP Proficiency				
	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Level 1	25.9%	25.6%	34.9%	41.5%
Level 2	48.8%	51.7%	43.2%	43.1%
Level 3	21.2%	10.3%	20.1%	12.3%
Level 4	4.1%	2.3%	1.8%	3.1%