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Sinking Fund Progress - High School Roof Repair

At the regular March meeting of the Bronson Board of Education, the Board approved utilizing funds from the current sinking fund to complete much-needed roof repairs at Bronson Jr/Sr High School. A complete roof replacement was originally included in the failed bond request in November 2014. This is not the same repair that was requested.

Prior to March, Bronson Community Schools' staff had been researching alternative solutions, knowing the building's roof was in dire need of attention. The proposed is a TPO (or Thermoplastic polyolefin) membrane that



carries a 20-year water-tight manufacturer's warranty. Thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) single-ply roofing membranes are among the fastest growing commercial roofing products and have gained broad industry acceptance for their many performance and installation advantages.

As demand increases for heat-reflective and energy efficient roofing systems, TPO single-ply roofing membranes continue to provide exceptional resistance to ultraviolet, ozone and chemical exposure.



Examples of TPO
roof membrane rolls

In addition to finding a cost-effective solution, nothing on the original sinking fund checklist has been removed. A list of items on the sinking fund list along with what has been completed can be found on our website at: <http://bronsonschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Sinking-Fund-Checklist.pdf>

The school system is also in the process of installing a new telephone system upgrade in order to remain compliant with regulations allowing 911 to identify exactly where a call originates from within a building.

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High School Classroom Receives Grant to Flip for Math

Teacher Pam Losinski was recently selected to receive \$975 mini grant from the Guido A. and Elizabeth H. Binda Foundation administered through the Calhoun Intermediate School District. A committee of educators from Barry, Branch, and Calhoun school districts selects the grants through a competitive process.

Bronson's "Flipping for Math" project was awarded one of 20 mini grants available. The concept behind a Flipped Classroom is students are exposed to the content that will be covered in class prior to the class meeting, where in a traditional classroom setting the first time students hear about course content is during the class. In a Flipped Classroom, students review course content prior to class by watching a lecture video or completing a reading assignment. When the class meets, students practice applying key concepts and interact with peers and their teacher. Then, after class, students are able to check their understanding of the information and focus on areas they find difficult or learn more about areas they are interested in. With the funds, the school purchased an iPad and 3 tablets to flip the calculus classroom.



Students using tablets purchased through the grant to learn

"I use the iPad to create the video lectures. Students who don't have computer and internet access at home use the tablets to watch the video lectures and prepare for the next day's class activity," states Losinski. "Using this model has already allowed the class to process the advanced math concepts in a different way, and it allows me as the teacher to determine what ideas the students are struggling with."

Will your child be

5 years old



on or
before



?



If so, **now's the time** to register for **Kindergarten!**

Kindergarten is

free

and an important part of your
child's **success** in life.



Teachers and staff are excited to
meet you and your future **Viking!**



Registration is now open for
children who will be
five (5) years old on or before
September 1, 2016
for

Fall 2016 Kindergarten

Contact:
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"Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." - JK Rowling

Summer Reading Is Important!

Research shows:

- Students who read over the summer do better in school in the fall.
- Students who do not read over the summer demonstrate academic loss in fall.
- 8 out of 10 studies indicate students who read for fun outperformed those who did not.
- Students read more when they can choose their own books. (Even comic books!)
- Reading just 5 books over the summer can prevent academic loss.
- Summer reading loss is cumulative. By the end of 6th grade, children who do not read over the summer are two years behind other children.

What Parents Can Do to Encourage Reading:

- Stress the importance of summer reading with your child.
- Make reading exciting; don't think of it as a chore.
- Create a reading list.
- Create a no TV or electronic game time during part of each day.
- Join a summer reading program at your local library.
- Let your child choose his/her own books.
- Keep a supply of reading materials around the house.
- Go to the library regularly.
- Ask your child questions about the books s/he is reading.
- Read a book to your child.
- Listen to your child read to you.
- Pick a favorite author or series and read all the books.
- Listen to books on tape while traveling.
- Model reading.

Sources: <http://www.improve-reading-skills.com>;
www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm



Did You Know?

Bronson is celebrating it's Sesquicentennial this year? Bronson was incorporated as a village in 1866. The celebration is scheduled to take place September 10 and 11, 2016. Additional information can be found at the Bronson Chamber of Commerce website - www.BronsonChamberofCommerce.org

Bronson Community Schools might be just a few years older than Bronson, with what is now our Administrative Building/Chicago Street School being built in 1858. By 1878, the school had 300 students from grade 1 through 12.

Thank you to the Sesquicentennial Committee for our fun facts!



District Champions!

Congratulations to both the Boys' Varsity Baseball and Girls' Varsity Softball teams on their District Championship titles. Great season Vikings!



Mark Your Calendars!

We know summer break isn't over yet, but we wanted to make sure you had these important dates marked on the calendar.

Tuesday, August 30

4 pm to 6 pm

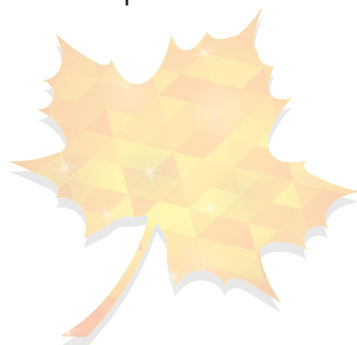
Anderson Elementary Open House

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Ryan Elementary Open House

6 pm to 8 pm

Bronson Jr/Sr High School Open House



Tuesday, September 6

First day of school for students

HOPE YOU'RE HAVING A GREAT **ViKiNg** SUMMER!

