Important Dates:

- June 20: Last Day of School
- August 27: BHS Back to School Day (grades 11th and 12th)
- August 28: BHS Back to School Day (grades 9th and 10th); WMS Back to School Day (8th grade)
- August 29: WMS Back to School Day (7th grade)
- Sept. 4: BHS Spartan Startup (9th graders and students new to the school); WMS New Student Orientation (for all 7th graders and students new to the school); Meet & Greet for Blakeley, Ordway and Wilkes; EHHS Ice Cream Social; Odyssey Ice Cream Social; Sakai Ice Cream Social (Times vary, check bisd303.org for details)
- Sept. 5: First Day of School for or grades 1-12
- Sept. 5 - 7: Kindergarten Intake conferences
- Sept. 10: First day of school for kindergarteners

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear BISD Community,

It's hard to believe the 2017-18 school year is coming to an end. What a fabulous year it's been! I am so grateful for our inquisitive students and our engaging staff. This combination makes for lively conversations and a lightbulb moments. When my head is swimming with too many district details, all I need to do is walk into a classroom and see students in action and instantly reminded of all the great work our schools accomplish on a daily basis.

The volume of learning that takes place over the course of the school year is remarkable. From high school students in the Honors Advanced Applied Statistics using logistic regression models to analyze cancer treatment success rates, to the elementary students composing heartfelt poetry, to Sakai students mentored by high school English students, BISD provides ample opportunity to stretch minds and hearts, while strengthening our district community. Turn the page to view a sampling of highlights from this year.

Though this school year is wrapping up, plans are well underway for the next — I look forward to continuing the Island tradition of providing a high-quality education to our students.

A historic moment: Blakeley students helped break ground for the new school. (Photo by Julie Schick) • The architect's rendering of the exterior of the new Blakeley Elementary. The new building is being built behind the current Blakeley. (Mitthun)
SEPTEMBER
- On the first day of school, this fourth-grader was most excited about making new friends.

- The Opening Ceremony at Sakai Intermediate School's way gets the new year off to a great start.

OCTOBER
- Ordway Otters enjoy the fall sunshine while participating in their annual Jog-a-thon. Each class had their own theme, like these Otters who made a splash!

NOVEMBER
- The BISD STRONG Award is awarded to students and staff who demonstrate strong minds, strong hearts and a strong sense of community. Here, 8th-grader Alex Miller is surprised by Superintendent Bang-Kruthsen and received an award for leadership and the consistent encouragement he gives to his fellow classmates.

- Mosaic Home Education Partnership held its annual Craft Festival and students and families created projects and long-lasting memories.

JANUARY
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly at BHS is always inspiring and this year’s included a motivational speaker, student performances in song and dance and an award ceremony.

FEBRUARY
- Tenth graders were issued a Chromebook to assist with their school work both in and out of the classroom. BISD students in 7th-10th grades now have take-home devices. That equals almost 1,400 Chromebooks!

- Hearts-a-plenty! Bainbridge High School’s Ceramics Club surprised students by hanging hearts around the BHS campus on Valentine’s Day.

MARCH
- The annual salmon release at Sakai took place in March. For more than 15 years, Sakai students have released salmon in the stream behind the school.

- Wilkes Elementary’s Great Kindness Challenge wrapped up with a visit from the police and fire departments and this photo shows that kindness is great for the heart, the soul and the giggles.

- At Wilkes, pancakes are more than just a breakfast food: They’re a math lesson (if the recipe makes 64 five-inch pancakes, how many will you get if you make four-inch pancakes?). A cooking lesson (the difference between a teaspoon and a tablespoon); A lesson on how to be a good host (serve your guests first). Those are some pretty tasty “cakes!”

APRIL
- The Tree of Gratitude was in full bloom at BHS. On the blossoms were works of appreciation from students to staff.

- For poetry month, Ordway poets wrote heartfelt prose. I am like a horse galloping through the sunset always with open arms, giving people through their dreams and out. Always napping.

By Ava

- Eagle Harbor High School students scale new heights during physical education class.

- BHS Decision Day! Seniors gather wearing sweatshirts from their soon-to-be schools.