

BILD NEWSLETTER

LEARNING YOUR WAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY



February 2026



Grounded Through Change

February has brought schedule changes, from winter weather delays to conferences and a short break. Times like this can interrupt routines and challenge executive functioning for students and families, and we truly appreciate the flexibility our BILD community has shown. Your support helps keep learning moving forward, even when schedules shift.

As we navigate these weeks, students should stay grounded in BILD expectations: check email regularly, communicate with staff, complete assignments on time, attend required assessments, ask for help during Student Hours, and meet with Learning Coaches. These habits help maintain momentum and support success.

If challenges arise due to illness or emergencies, please reach out so I can support you and your student. Thank you for your continued commitment. We are grateful for our supportive BILD community!

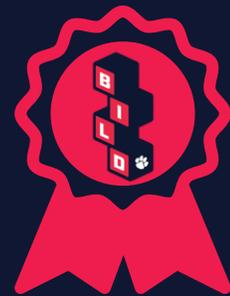
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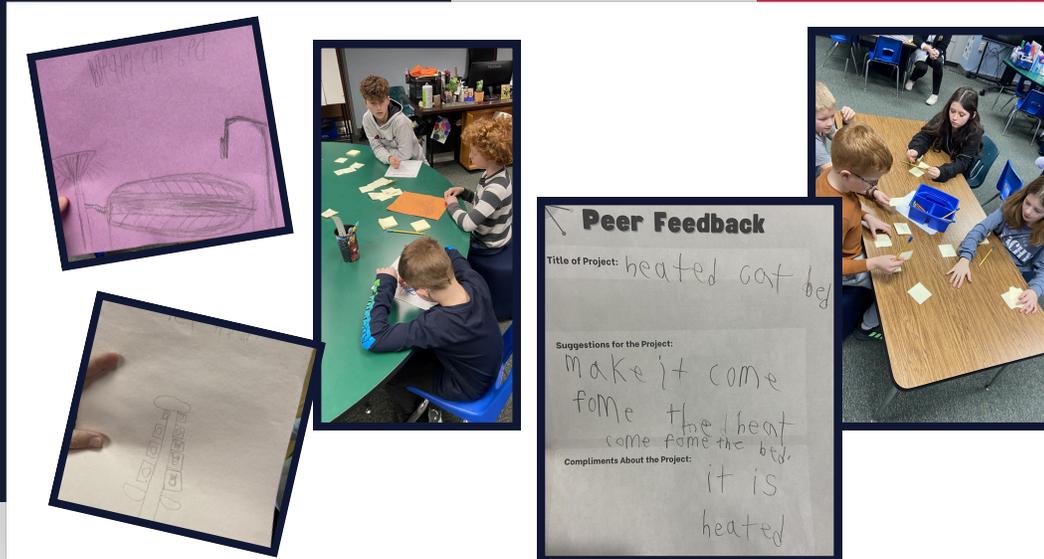


Congratulations to our BILDers of the Month for February!

Pierson S. (K-6)
Sophie G. (7-12)



Our Elementary BILD students had the opportunity to meet a volunteer from the Huntingdon Humane Society and learn about the important work they do for our community. They then tackled a design challenge to brainstorm, collaborate, and create solutions for how to keep a pet warm, followed by pitching their ideas and using peer feedback to improve them.



Launching Futures: BILD PathFinders

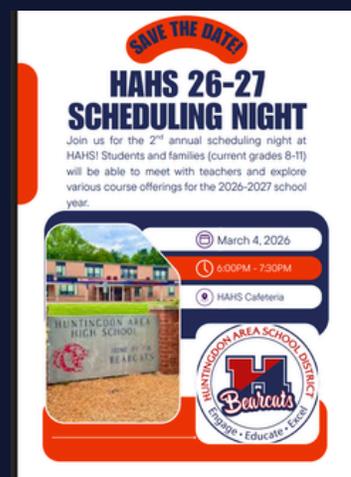


HAHS students will have an exciting new opportunity to explore their futures with the launch of BILD Pathfinders, a career-focused branch of BILD. Beginning in the 2026–27 school year, all HAHS students can enroll in BILD Pathfinders electives designed to help them discover interests, explore career fields, and build real-world skills that connect learning to life beyond graduation.

Through courses provided by our trusted partners CAOLA and Edynamic, students can choose from a wide range of career areas or work toward earning industry-recognized certifications by completing assessments after coursework. BILD Pathfinders will also offer interactive virtual simulation courses that place students in realistic workplace scenarios, allowing them to practice decision-making, problem-solving, and professional skills in fields such as healthcare, business, technology, and skilled trades.

BILD Pathfinders empowers students to take ownership of their future—whether they want to explore possibilities, gain practical experience, or start building credentials for college or the workforce. It's another step forward in helping every Bearcat learn, grow, and prepare for what comes next.

Huntingdon Area HS & BILD SCHEDULING FAIR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026



Attention 8th-11th grade students & families! Join us at the upcoming Scheduling Night to explore all the opportunities available for the 26–27 school year! Learn about new in-person electives, BILD Pathfinders career courses, and explore world language offerings. It's the perfect chance to plan a schedule that matches your interests, goals, and future plans.

STAYING CONNECTED

SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS



High School

- 2/27: CHAMP at Mount Union
- 3/4: HAHS Scheduling Fair (8th-11th grade)
- 3/13: Act 80 Day- No School for Students
- 3/18: Last day of the 3rd Marking Period
- 3/27: College & Career Fair Day
- 4/3-4/6: Spring Break
- 4/21: HCCTC NOCTI Performance- SENIORS ONLY
- 5/6: HAHS Spring Band & Choir Concert
- 5/7: Senior Symposium
- 5/11-5/15: Keystone Testing
- 5/13: Jazz Night Concert
- 5/15: Prom
- 5/21: Graduation
- 5/22: Last Day of School

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REMINDER



When weather disrupts our normal HASD schedule (delays, early dismissals, or FID days), BILD students must check their email and Canvas announcements for updates on how their schedule and expectations may be impacted.

Middle School

- 3/4: HAHS Scheduling Fair (8th grade only)
- 3/13: Act 80 Day- No School for Students
- 3/18: 6th grade field trip to Hershey, PA
- 3/18: Last day of the 3rd Marking Period
- 4/3-4/6: Spring Break
- 4/21-4/23: ELA PSSA
- 4/27-4/28: Math PSSA
- 4/29-4/30: Science PSSA
- 5/22: Last Day of School

Southside Elementary

- 2/23-2/27: Firefly Assessments in BILD Classroom at Southside
- 2/26: BINGO for Books @ 5:30 PM
- 3/4: Begin with Books STEM Challenge
- 3/9: Mobile Dentist at Southside
- 3/13: Act 80 Day- No School for Students
- 3/18: Last day of the 3rd Marking Period
- 4/1: Health Initiative STEM Challenge
- 4/3-4/6: Spring Break
- 4/1: Health Initiative STEM Challenge
- 4/16: Wonder Book Study Symposium
- 4/21-4/23: ELA PSSA
- 4/27-4/28: Math PSSA
- 4/29-4/30: Science PSSA
- 5/22: Last Day of School

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR BILDERS & THEIR FAMILIES.



Resources in Our Community:

- [Local Task Force Resource Padlet](#): The LTF is a group of like-minded parents that wish to support their children as they navigate the special education process. This resource provides information about sensory events, parent organizations, training opportunities, etc. **The next meeting is Wednesday, 3/18/26 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.**
- [Huntingdon County Mental Health Resource Guide](#): This resource provides screening tools, supports for adults, supports for children, and resources related to suicide prevention, drug and alcohol, intellectual disability, and interpersonal violence.
- [Huntingdon County Library](#): Special Events and Programs for Students
- [Huntingdon Community Center](#): Offers various activities for sports, education, and socialization with peers.
- The [Huntingdon County Arts Council](#) provides workshops and classes revolving various art methods and exploration of our community
- The [Raystown Lake Region' calendar of events](#) shares information about upcoming events in our community.
- The [Central PA Autism Community Facebook Group](#) is a wealth of knowledge for parents and sensory events for students with all disabilities.
- Fresh Express food program is offered the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (or when food runs out) at 525 Mifflin Street, Huntingdon. For more information or to sign up for monthly text reminders: <https://www.hometownhearts.net/fresh-express.html>. Visit <https://www.huntingdonuw.org/food-resources> for additional food resources, if needed.
- PA 211: Community Resources - Text your zip code to 898-211 or visit <https://www.pa211.org/> to search for a variety of resources in our community, such as utilities, housing, crisis, food, etc.
- Apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): <https://www.pa.gov/services/dhs/apply-for-the-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap>
- Huntingdon Little League is currently having sign ups for baseball and softball! Check out their [Facebook page](#) for more information and how to register! Registration closes on 2/18.

Bearcat Institute of Learning & Development

BILD: My Community Art Contest

BILD invites students to create artwork that shows how BILD makes them feel connected, supported, and part of a community. Your artwork should include BILD—this could be through the BILD name, logo, colors, classmates, teachers, learning spaces, activities, or the way BILD helps you stay connected to your school and local community.

- For students in grades K-12
- Drop off submissions at the BILD Classrooms (Southside or H5) or at Central Office to Mrs. Young

1 winner per age group (K-4, 5-8, and 9-12) wins a \$50 gift card to a local business.

Submit before:
February 27, 2026

Guidelines:

- Artwork must include BILD or show how BILD makes you feel like part of a community
- Any original artwork is welcome: drawing, painting, collage, digital art, or mixed media
- One entry per student with permission to share
- Artwork must be student-created (no AI-generated artwork)
- Provide a title or short explanation of how the artwork represents BILD as a community

SHOW US WHAT BILD MEANS TO YOU!
Get creative and bring your BILD community to life through art—draw, paint, design, or create and you could win a \$50 gift card to a local business while sharing how BILD helps you feel connected.

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- on our Website @www.huntsd.org/bild

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