

# BILD NEWSLETTER

LEARNING YOUR WAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY



December 2025



## Halfway There: Reflecting, Celebrating, and Looking Ahead

As we head into the holiday season, we also approach an important academic milestone at BILD. The current marking period will come to a close on January 12th, marking the halfway point of the school year and the completion of our first semester. This is a great time for students to reflect on their progress, celebrate successes, and finish strong.

We also want to remind families that Winter Break begins on December 23rd following a half-day dismissal. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on January 5th.

This semester has been filled with meaningful learning experiences and strong connections—not only within our classrooms, but throughout our community.

As we pause for winter break, we wish all of our BILD students and families a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. As we look ahead, we wish everyone continued growth, positivity, and success—the same goals we hold for our BILD program in the year ahead.

## Top News

Season of Success and Cheer

New Canvas Tools, Better Access

A Winter Break Family Challenge

Important Tech Update: Password Change Needed



**Congratulations to our BILDers of the Month for December!**

Aaliyah F. (7-12)  
Sabella S. (K-6)

Amplify.

Canva

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Graw  
Hill



Learning just got easier! New Canvas integrations with Amplify, McGraw Hill, and Canva support easier navigation and expanded learning opportunities for BILD students.

## I Spy... BILD Around Town!



This winter break, BILD students and families are invited to take part in a fun community challenge focused on connection, family time, and friendly competition. Our "I Spy BILD" Winter Challenge encourages families to explore the Huntingdon community while spotting BILD along the way.

### Challenge Details:

- Dates: December 22 – Sunday, January 4
- Full details shared via email: December 22, 2025
- What: Explore the Huntingdon community and play I Spy BILD
- Why: Earn chances to win great prizes while having fun together

### Good to Know:

- No new BILD classwork will be assigned during this time
- Families are encouraged to participate together
- A perfect way to enjoy winter break and stay connected

We can't wait to see our BILD families out in the community having fun this winter!

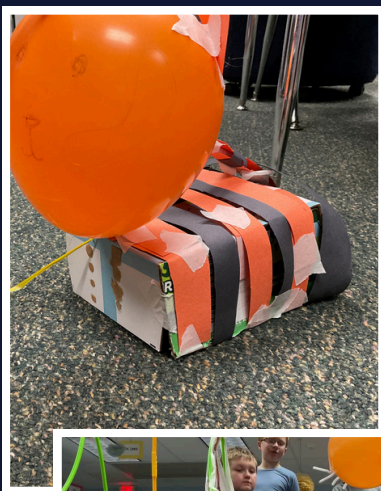
## IMPORTANT!

### HASD Password Change Needed

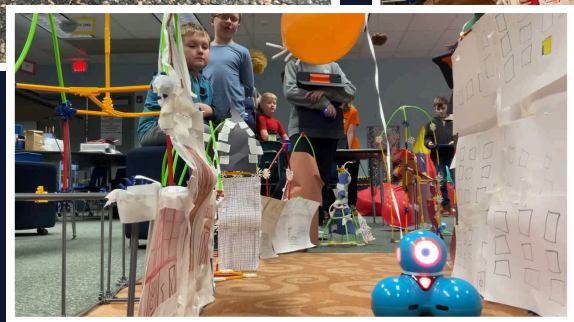


All HASD students are required to complete a password change by 12/23/25 to maintain account security. Students in grades 7-12 and their families should carefully read the email sent on 12/11/25 for instructions, as action is required. Elementary students will complete this hands-on with their BILD teachers, and no action is needed at home.





Our Elementary BILD students took their Cityscape creations even further by combining them to build a full city and designing parade-style floats. Using Dash robots and coding skills, students programmed their floats to drive through town, blending engineering, creativity, and computer science. A true hands-on STEM experience from start to finish!

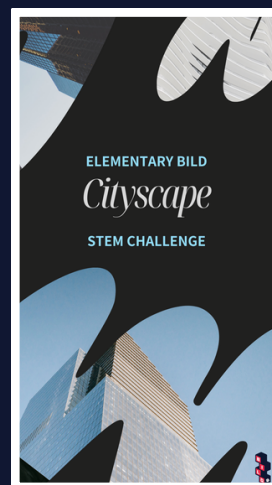


## Second Semester BILD Enrollment & Schedule Change Options

- **Grades 9–12:**
  - Students may make one or more online course changes for the 2nd semester/3rd marking period.
  - Students may also choose to return to in-person classes in January. This request must be made to Mrs. Young and the Guidance Counselors by Monday, January 5th.
  - If you have already attended a BILD enrollment session, simply communicate your request to Guidance or Mrs. Young.
  - If you have not attended an enrollment session, you must attend one and complete orientation. Email Mrs. Young by 1/2/26 to receive enrollment session information.
- **Grades 7–8:**
  - Students may enroll full-time or hybrid by attending an enrollment session. Families must email Mrs. Young by 1/2/26 to get started.
  - Students may also return to in-person classes in January by contacting Mrs. Young and Guidance by Monday, January 5th.
- **Grades K–6:**
  - Families interested in blended, hybrid, or fully online options must email Mrs. Young by 1/2/26.
  - Enrollment sessions for K–6 will be scheduled on 1/5/26.

*Please reach out by the deadlines above to ensure a smooth transition into the second semester.*

## CITYSCAPE STEM CHALLENGE



Our Elementary BILD students recently took on a Cityscape STEM Challenge, where they researched famous structures from around the world and then redesigned them using K'NEX. Students collaborated, problem-solved, and thought like engineers as they brought their designs to life. Hands-on learning at its best! Check out their work in comparison with the real world structures they learned about. Click on the image above to see the video!

# STAYING CONNECTED

SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS



## High School

- 12/11-12/23 Password Reset Window for BILD Students
- 12/17: ASVAB Interpretation during 3<sup>rd</sup> period in the HS Cafeteria
- 12/17: Secondary BILD Holiday Party from 11 AM to 1 PM in the HS BILD Classroom
- 12/24/25-1/2/26: Winter Break
- 1/5: Last Day to Request Schedule Changes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> MP/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- 1/9: Last Day of Assignments for 2<sup>nd</sup> MP & 1<sup>st</sup> Semester BILD Courses
- 1/13: Kick off the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- 1/19: No School for Students
- 2/27: CHAMP at Mount Union
- 3/18: Last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- 3/27: College & Career Fair Day
- 4/21: HCCTC NOCTI Performance- SENIORS ONLY
- 5/7: Senior Symposium
- 5/15: Prom

## important

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

- 12/11-12/23: Password Reset Window for BILD Students
- 12/16: HAMS Holiday Concert at 7 PM at the HAHS Auditorium (Band and Choir Students)
- 12/17: Secondary BILD Holiday Party from 11 AM to 1 PM in the HS BILD Classroom
- 12/22: Student VS. Staff Basketball Game
- 12/24/25-1/2/26: Winter Break
- 1/5: Last Day to Request Schedule Changes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> MP/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- 1/9: Last Day of Assignments for 2<sup>nd</sup> MP BILD Courses
- 1/13: Kick off the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- 1/19: No School for Students

## Southside Elementary

- 12/18: Elementary BILD Holiday Party
- 12/24/25-1/2/26: Winter Break
- 1/5: Last Day to Request Schedule Changes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> MP/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- 1/5-1/17: Middle of the Year Assessments
- 1/9: Last Day of Assignments for 2<sup>nd</sup> MP
- 1/12: Kick off the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- 1/15: Community STEM Challenge
- 1/19: No School for Students

# AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR BILDERS & THEIR FAMILIES.



## Resources in Our Community:

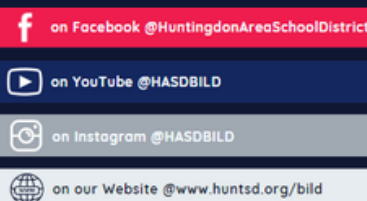
- Local Task Force Resource Padlet: The LTF is a group of like-minded parents that wish to support their children as they navigate the special education process. This resource provides information about sensory events, parent organizations, training opportunities, etc. **The next meeting is Wednesday, 1/21/26 at 12:00 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. **Current sign ups include swimming and gymnastics.**
- 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.



On behalf of the BILD staff and myself, thank you for a wonderful start to the 2025-26 school year. We wish all of our students and families a happy and restful holiday season. We look forward to an exciting 2026 and a strong, successful second half of the school year! Enjoy your holidays and winter break!



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