

Baiji Bulletin

October 2025

Advisory

Please make sure your child shows you their advisory checklist every Friday, completed the missing assignments, and brought both the signed advisory and completed work back to school. Students will receive their work advisory checklist every Friday and should bring it back signed by a parent with their work completed every Monday. Reach out to the Baiji teaching team with questions.

NWEA: Map Testing

This week, your child will take the NWEA test for both reading and math. This is a test the students take 2 times a year in order to show their growth in these subject areas. This is a valuable piece of data we use in order to help guide our instruction and meet the needs of the students. Explorer students are scheduled to take the tests on October 1st and October 2nd.

SHHH...

GLOW DAY IS COMING UP SOON FOR YOUR CHILD.

THIS IS A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEMORABLE END OF UNIT EXPERIENCE IN MATH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP ADD TO THE FUN, FOLLOW THIS LINK TO DONATE SOME SUPPLIES TO MAKE THIS EVENT EXTRA SPECIAL! THANK YOU

IN ADVANCE:

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Important Dates

10/01 - Baiji Map Testing: Reading

10/02 - Baiji Map Testing: Math

10/10 - CSA Spirit Wear Day

10/13 - Explorer Showcase

10/23 - No School for Comprehensive Student Reviews (CSRs)

10/24 - No School for CSRs

10/27-10/30 - Literati Book Fair runs

10/29 - Picture Retake Day

10/31 - Halloween Party

11/06 - Evening CSRs

11/10 - Miss Bauer returns

We are CSA- Explorer Showcase Culminating Event

Save the Date: On Monday, October 13th from 4:45- 6:15 p.m. your child will have their first culminating event! This important event is an opportunity to discover what your child has been busy learning about since our first day of school and give you an opportunity to experience each aspect of their day. Your child will be taking you on a journey through a day in the life of an Explorer student and highlighting the special aspects of their learning family. You and your child may arrive anytime within the window, it typically takes about 25-30 minutes for this event! It is important for students at this age to have authentic opportunities to share their learning perspective. We have also found this culminating event to be highly informative for parents in knowing how their child spends their time at school!

Book Fair

The CSA Book Fair is scheduled to begin on October 27th! The book fair will include a preview day for the students to look at and browse the books and a purchase day where the students will be able to purchase their books. The book fair will be open late on Thursday until 6:00 pm, October 30th for additional shopping.

Changing Weather

As the weather changes with more colder or rainier days ahead, students should be bringing a warmer coat and even hats and gloves. Girls who wear skirts to school should pack a pair of pants they can easily slip on under their skirt. They will need this gear for recess and carpool! Label all items so that nothing gets lost. Please help your child be prepared for Michigan's frequently changing weather!

Mackinac Payments

The first payment for the Mackinac field trip was due today! Reach out to your child's advisory teacher if you have questions or need to discuss alternate payment plan options. We are happy to work with families, we just need clear and open communication. We are already excited for this monumental field trip!

CSA EXPLORER 2026 MACKINAW TRIP PAYMENT PLAN

- Please contact your child's advisory teacher if you need alternate payment arrangements
- Please make sure all payments are clearly labeled with the student's name and in a secure envelope or baggie

Payment	Due date	Amount Due (Student Only)	Amount Due (Student & Chaperone)	Notes
Payment 1 (Deposit)	Tuesday, September 30, 2025	\$50	\$100	Deposit is non-refundable
Payment 2	Monday, October 27, 2025	\$50	\$100	
Payment 3	Monday, December 1, 2025	\$50	\$100	
Payment 4	Monday, March 2, 2026	\$50	\$100	
Payment 5	Monday, April 6, 2026	\$50	\$100	
Payment 6 (Final)	Monday, May 4, 2026	TBD	TBD	Final Payment amount cannot be determined until 2026 pricing is released.

Halloween Party

We are excited to send information about our upcoming Halloween party that will take place on Friday, October 31st from 9-11 a.m. We will be having a unit-wide Halloween party, so all Explorer students will be mixing and mingling and able to participate in the fun activities in each of the four advisory classrooms.

Our classroom parent representatives and teachers have some fun planned for your child on that day! We are asking for the following things to help support our party:

- Halloween Costumes: your child may wear a costume to school on the day of the Halloween party, but with the following guidelines: no masks, no blood/gore, no weapons and all costumes must be school appropriate.
- We are requesting a \$5 monetary donation to help cover the cost of food and supplies by Friday, October 10th unless you already prepaid at Open House.
- If you are interested in helping decorate after school on Thursday, October 30th or volunteering to help run stations at the party on Friday, October 31st, please email your child's advisory teacher and let them know.

Thank you in advance for all of your support! We are looking forward to a fun-filled day!

Comprehensive Student Reviews

Comprehensive Student Reviews are an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and talk about your student as a whole child. We not only talk about your child's academics, but how they are developing socially, emotionally, and physically. These meetings will last approximately 30 minutes. A pre-CSR sheet and sign-up genius will be emailed out soon so be on the lookout!! We ask you to complete the form by Friday, October 17th so we can best prepare for your conference. We are excited to meet with you and discuss how your child is doing this year in Baiji!

CSRs are scheduled for October 23rd and October 24th as well as the evening of Thursday, November 6th. Reach out if you have any questions about Comprehensive Student Reviews.

Character Corner

As students continue to understand the work load and high expectations of the Explorer Unit, they are learning about the importance of strong work ethic, effective time management, and optimism as essential skills for success. A solid work ethic keeps students focused, while time management helps them organize assignments and meet deadlines. Maintaining a positive outlook fosters resilience, enabling them to tackle challenges confidently. Together, these traits lead to high-quality work and set the stage for future achievements!

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Please be sure to always email all four teachers :)

Curriculum Highlights

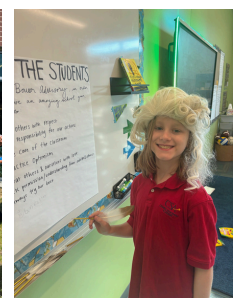
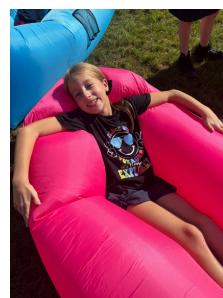
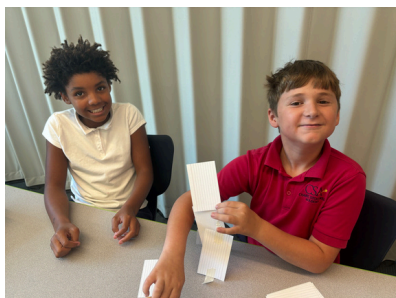
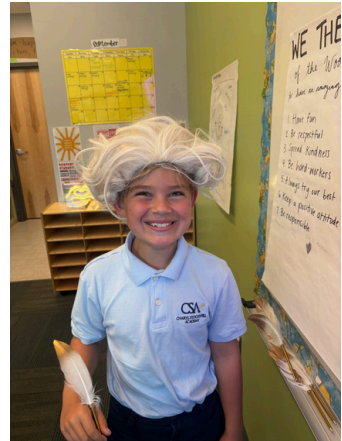
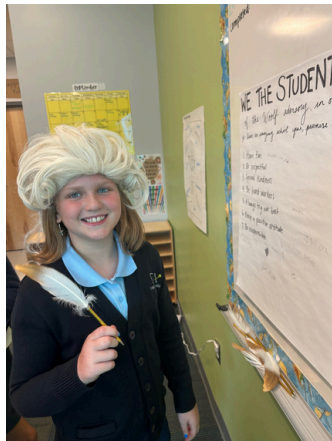
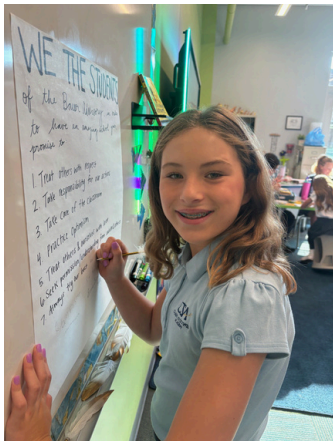
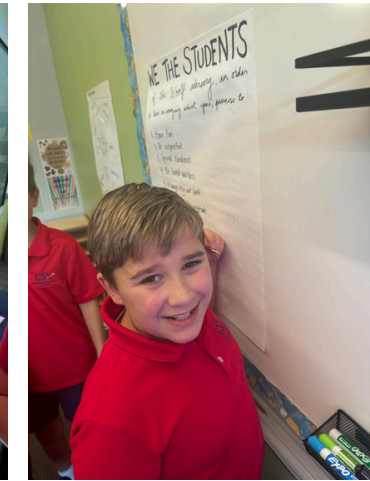
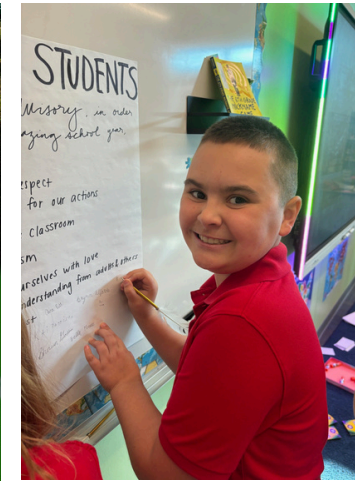
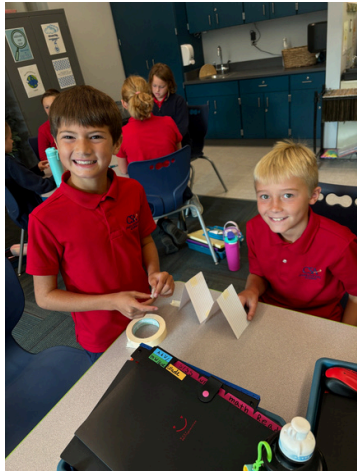
Mathematics – Numbers and operations in base 10

Reading – Interpreting characters & text evidence based writing responses

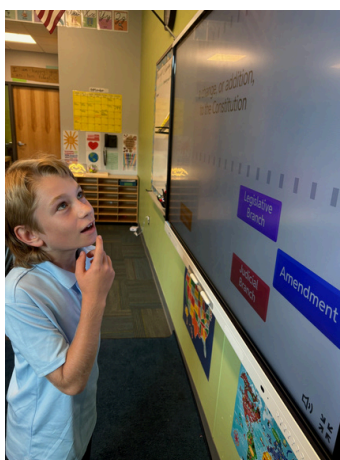
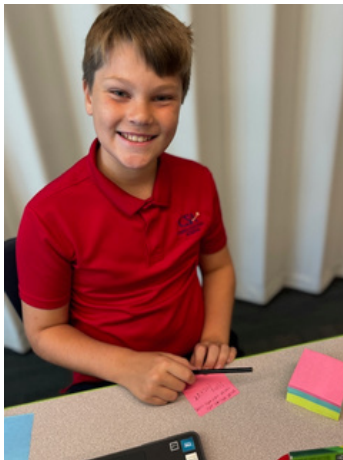
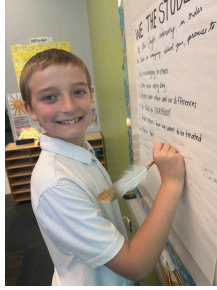
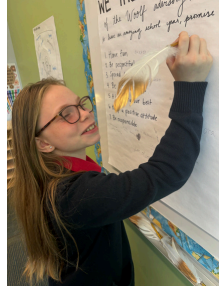
Writing – Narrative writing

Social Studies/Science – Mixtures and Solutions and Beginnings of Three Worlds Meet

Late September Pictures



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"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." —Nora Ephron