

# Bailey Park Elementary School

Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools  
Grinnell, Iowa

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The **Grinnell-Newburg Community School District**, located in rural Iowa, is a school district that is transforming education for students who live surrounded by farm country. The Grinnell Community rallies to support our students through various educational partnerships to not only live in a connected world, but to also be connected to the world. Innovation, especially during the time of a pandemic, became evident as we navigated lessons to reach destinations for our students beyond the rural 224 square miles within the boundaries of the district. Living in rural Iowa, the Grinnell Newburg School District found a way to create equitable access for students to develop critical thinking so that they are prepared to compete in a global economy.

**Bailey Park Elementary School** serves 166 students in grades K-2 with 37 professionals, including 21 teachers. Students are supported in a comprehensive general education, special education, and specials curriculum, coordinated to meet the needs of each learner in a public education setting.

## Learning and teaching with technology

- Robust Access and Support
- Purposeful
- Intentional

Our district's mission statement emphasizes the empowerment of our students as learners who can achieve at their maximum potential. At Bailey Park, this is supported by providing robust access to digital learning tools and resources, and the instructional support for teachers and students to be successful in teaching and learning.

On a walk down our hallways, you may see Ms. Schutt's Kindergarten students using suggested text on iPad as they learn to write, Mrs. Baker building a screen recording for her first grade remote learners, or a substitute teacher using a Keynote for a math lesson that Mrs. Rozendaal prepared and shared for second graders using iCloud.

Dr. Janet Stutz, Superintendent  
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## Apple Products & Services

MacBook Air	Apple Professional Learning
MacBook Pro	Apple Academy
iPad	Apple Executive Briefing
iPad Pro	Apple Teacher
iMac	Apple School Manager
Apple TV	Air Print
Logitech Crayon	

Every student is issued an iPad, which was purchased in December, 2019, when we renewed our 1:1 initiative.

Teachers are provided a MacBook Air and also iPad, also new in December, 2019. All paraprofessionals are issued iPad, which have Air Print enabled. A robust wireless network infrastructure is supported for quick Internet access for all devices. Classrooms have interactive touchscreen displays that they can either connect via HDMI cable or wirelessly through AirPlay.

All devices are managed using JAMF, which allows quick distribution of new applications, as well as updates. iCloud accounts are managed through Azure active directory.

For at-home learning, wireless hotspots were provided at no cost for families with limited access to Internet at home.

## Celebrating Successes

Teachers are supported through instructional coaching, modeling, and classroom support

Most of our teachers have earned their Apple Teacher certification, which is prominently displayed outside their classroom.

Digital resource guides are provided to support classrooms. [Click here](#) to view.

Workshops were provided in-house for teachers in 2020 specific to teaching in remote and hybrid learning, with 72 participants.



2020 summer workshops



 Distinguished School

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.

## Learning

- Engaging
- Productive
- Collaborative
- Accessible



Our classrooms provide accessibility to learning for all students. Our 1:1 initiative has been a key component. Our teachers work towards using innovative best-practice instruction. We use our technology resources to bring the world to us.

Every student has been issued an iPad in our building since 2017. Their use has been ingrained in our daily instructional routine. Our adjustments to the pandemic included sending all devices home for remote learning and providing Internet hotspots where needed.

Our teachers have embraced using digital devices as an essential component of learning. Every classroom has a website students quickly access through ClassLink. Students routinely post learning to their digital portfolios using Seesaw. Keynote lessons, recorded and shared on Loom, have kept our remote learners connected and all learners engaged. Our substitute teachers have even embraced Keynote so our students don't miss a beat.



A snapshot of classroom learning includes:

[Click here](#) to see how Mrs. Baker used a Logitech Crayon in a writing lesson.

[Click here](#) to view a part of a 2nd grade lesson that was prepared for a substitute teacher using Keynote and shared using iCloud.

[Click here](#) for a library skills lesson by our librarian, Mrs. Pease, created for a 'virtual' snow day in February

Summer enrichment classes by Mrs. Gruman, titled Around the World in Twelve Days, included live Zoom visits on iPad with guests from different continents.



More examples of our teachers' amazing work may be found in recent Apple Professional Learning Executive Briefs [at this link](#).

## ..and even more Successes

Bailey Park students have accessed instructional websites through ClassLink more than 30,457 times this school year. They have also uploaded 14,152 items to their digital portfolios in Seesaw.

We were able to deliver instruction to all remote learners at home, including providing wireless hotspots to families with limited access with financial support from community partners. Our support of student social emotional learning included making Zoom available on all devices for videoconferencing.

PLC teams meet weekly to collaborate to meet the needs of each student.

We had no 'snow' days this year. When bad weather was forecasted, student devices went home each day so that instruction could still continue.

A collaborative Return to Learn plan for our building was created ahead of the 20-21 school year as a blueprint for changes for the year in response to the pandemic.

## What's Next

We continue to invest in student and staff devices on a 4-year rotation with local funds, continuing our 1:1 initiative started in 2017. Our district and community are committed to supporting effective instruction with innovative practice. Our investment in Apple devices continues to be a key component.

We continue to support great instruction:

- using instructional coaching partnerships to support teachers
- developing teachers as facilitators to foster a personalized learning experience.
- maintaining and updating our hardware, software and ancillary services.

