BOARDMAN LOCAL SCHOOLS



TOGETHER, WE TRANSFORM LIVES THROUGH ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND THE ARTS.





Boardman Local Schools

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Superintendent's Message

As we begin the 2020-21 school year, we are determined as a district to provide the exceptional Boardman education our Spartans expect--It's our Tradition of Excellence. Safety has always been a top priority, but now it serves as our guiding force as we make decisions and adjust to the unique demands this school year may bring.



We know we will have to be Spartan Strong, Spartan Flexible, and Spartan Smart. Most of all, we know more than ever we will have to be a true Spartan Community. We will have to be Spartan Together. Look no further than the very first word of our mission statement: **Together**, we transform lives through Academics, Athletics and the Arts.

We have great faith in our Boardman teachers and staff. They are true professionals who have the well being of your child at heart. As I enter my 19th year serving the Boardman Schools, and my 5th year as Superintendent, I have never been more proud of our Spartan cleaning, maintenance, teaching, transportation, food services, and administration as they carefully planned and prepared to welcome your children back into the classroom, and to creatively reach out remotely to our students learning from home.

Our principals, supervisors, and coordinators have worked through the summer, and our classroom teachers, coaches, and music and art directors have creatively accepted the challenge of being more diligent and flexible than at any time in their careers. All this, so that students can learn, play, and perform in true Spartan fashion with all the health and safety protocols in place.



This has been one of the greatest challenges in recent educational history. It would be easy to lose focus and direction by trying to process all the needed adaptions and adjustments throughout this school year. To be successful, we ask the Spartan Community to keep in mind that these changes are for now, but they are not forever. To our Spartan staff, we have asked them to narrow their focus on the present and to prepare for the challenges of each day as they come. We rally around the motto - **Win the Day!**

Board of Education: John Fryda, Frank Zetts, Jeff Barone, Vickie Davis and John Landers with Boardman Administrators **Timothy L. Saxton**



17 First in Class 110 Honors Graduates 81 Honors Diplomas

Class of 2020 Profile

Commencement for the Class of 2020 was held Sunday, June 7. This was the first graduating class to ever receive diplomas on the field at Spartan Stadium--one family at a time.







\$3.6 Millior

in Scholarships

There was no real way to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. However, the way that our students, parents, teachers, and staff handled the closure was truly inspiring.

I was so proud to be a Spartan as I watched everyone stretch beyond their normal comfort zone to discover new ways of learning, communicating, and caring. We were Googling and Zooming, packing lunches for food pick-ups, delivering food from our pantry, dropping off computers, and in general going above and beyond the call of duty just to get things done.

Our students, faced with the loss of school (something that previously would have seemed like a dream come true), realized suddenly how much they missed school and how important it truly is in their lives. In short, 2019-2020 reminded us of what really matters in life and what is truly important.

Never so **Spartan-Proud!!**

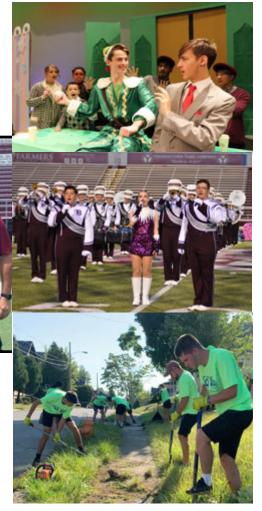
Principal Cindy Fernback & BHS Class of '84











Spartans are Involved!

Boardman High

At Boardman High we pride ourselves on the multitude of offerings under one roof.

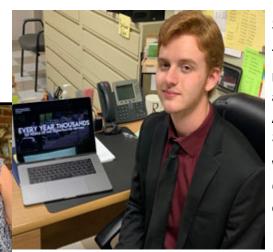
We call it the Three A's

- Academics are diverse: including 20 honors classes and 12 AP
- Arts are extensive: including choral, instrumental, fine arts, graphics, woodworking and video production
- Athletics are rigorous and inclusive with 24 JV/Varsity sports and multiple AAC and Division Championships.





Together, our students volunteer thousands of hours each year for multiple community groups and non profits including Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, Akron Children's Hospital, the Humane Society and the United Way Day of Caring. We also bring music and companionship into local nursing facilities.



Spartans are Achievers!

The National and State spotlight are nothing new to BHS. Emma Davis, Ranean Sulebi and Alara Erzurum won the Congressional App Challenge for the 13th District. (second Spartan win in 5 years)

W82TXT Video winner Sam Holter won the Ohio Turnpike's statewide anti texting campaign and \$500 for the BSTN program.







Boardman Glenwood Junior High provides a safe, supportive learning environment for our students and staff. We enter each school year focused on helping our students grow academically and social emotionally. Just as our staff creates an environment of strength, support and family, we encourage our students to do the same for each other. We remind them to be "Spartan Strong" and to "Wear Your Shield".

Our *Family Nights* give us the opportunity to highlight our award winning programs and to show off our many STEAM projects. Maker space and technology fuse with our arts program to enhance the design process for our students.

BGJHS has incredible coaches who support 10 sports at the junior high level. We field boys and girls teams in cross country, track and basketball, as well as football and cheer and wrestling and volleyball.

From Chess, Math and H.O.P.E. Clubs, to the murals done by the Beautification Club and the honors earned by the Junior High Chorus and Band, our students are honing their talents and exploring their passions.

We are Boardman....and We are Spartan Strong!

Principal Bart Smith



Lunch and Learns offer students an opportunity to learn more about careers. Health care workers, law enforcement, business and skilled trades are invited to talk to small groups over lunch and answer their questions.





Center Intermediate

We take great pride in our school and the traditions of academic excellence at BCIS. Our main purpose is to assist students in discovering their full potential and unique abilities during the intermediate years.

To accomplish this mission we must...

- foster a strong partnership with the home and community
- reinforce the values that contribute to growth of character, and
- provide a nurturing environment where academic achievement is honored.

LOOK FOR THE BEST IN OTHERS

BCIS FOUNDATIONAL BOULDERS:

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

CHOOSE POSITIVE INFLUENCES

SPEAK WORDS OF KINDNESS C FORGIVE YOURSELF AND OTHERS



The 2019-2020 school year **BEGAN** with big changes at BCIS: The District Realignment opened our doors to all the 4th graders in the district and expanded our numbers to approximately 900 students building wide. Building renovations transformed what had been Central Office into 12 new classrooms, a media center and new chorus room. There were growing pains but our "Boulders" were our foundation.

In March with Covid-19, the school year transformed yet again with little time to plan. BCIS provided learning packets and zoomed and google classroomed to finish the year successfully. Again our foundation of love and kindness sustained us. We will tackle 2020-21 with the same guiding principles.

Our foundation is Spartan Strong!



Robinwood Lane Elementary

The 2019-20 school year ushered in many changes for Robinwood Lane. I was the new principal along with many new staff members as we welcomed many new students and families from Market Street Elementary along with Robinwood's returning students. We quickly grew together as a school community and before we knew it, we worked very well as a team.

Then came March, 2020. Wow. Little did we know about the adventure ahead! Together we packed plastic gallon Ziploc bags full of activities for our students with a day's notice. Together we said "goodbye for now," to our students. Together we donated food and built a new food pantry for our Robinwood families. Together we learned about our new "tools of the trade": Google Classroom, Zoom and Remind. Together we spent the summer attending virtual meetings and trainings in hopes of taking it to an even higher level in the new school year.

Together, we have emerged more united and more prepared. Together, Robinwood Lane is #SpartanStrong.

2020-21 school year...We are ready for you!



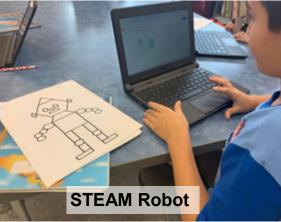
Principal Billie Jo Johnson











Holiday Concert Tour





Stadium Drive Elementary

The students and staff of Stadium Drive showed that they were Spartan Strong all year. Prior to the pandemic and the subsequent school shutdown, everyone at Stadium was working extremely hard to improve daily. The students showed their Spartan pride by helping support their fellow classmates, demonstrated their resiliency by learning new material everyday, all the while being polite and respectful.

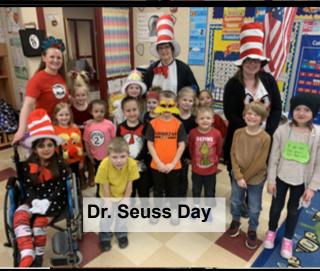
This same dedication that our students and staff showed during our in-person learning they also exhibited during the school shutdown. We are all extremely proud of the effort that everyone put forth after the state ordered closure.

We ARE all in this together, and while this new school year may look different, I am confident that we will all do our best.

Stay Spartan Strong!

Principal Michael Zoccali

New Emergency Services Memorial Dedication



Big/Little Spartan

DAYS

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FUN

Sliming Mr. Z



West Boulevard Elementary





West Blvd. Elementary School is the largest elementary school within the Boardman Local Schools serving more than 400 students in grades kindergarten through third. We are honored and excited to be a *two-time* winner of the National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Understanding each student's current level of performance, monitoring and adjusting instruction and interventions, and working with the family unit allows for a smooth transition from the school setting to home and vise versa. Open communication and the TEAM approach is key.

The idea of the whole student resonates throughout everything done at West Blvd. Utilizing community support systems for mental health and social needs, partnering with organizations that help support the family unit, and providing resources to students and families for assistance

cultivates our theme: "I AM IMPORTANT". We believe everyone is important and has something to offer in a friendship and/or a partnership. Understanding this simple concept nurtures respect, kindness, and a caring and loving school community.

Principal Al Cervello









Spartan Proud

Technology Teacher Tim Harker Ohio District 8 Teacher of the Year

BHS Biology Teacher Heather Moran "Teacher of the Year" **Ohio Federation of Soil and** Water Conservation Districts















Spartan

Strong



So Many Expressions to Say "We Miss You!"



So Many Ways to Celebrate The Class of 2020







Food Service Director Natalie Winkle cleaning fresh veggies with volunteer

Nutritious and tasty meals to keep our Spartans healthy! That's the goal of Boardman's Food Services every day. In March, when our buildings closed due to the pandemic it created a new challenge for our department. I was never more proud of my staff or more grateful to so many who stepped up to help!

Volunteers jumped in to help prepare and pack meals, distribute food and organize boxes. Donations from Walmart and Making Kids Count allowed us to include special chocolate bunnies and holiday treats. We creatively made and packaged frozen meals so that our kiddos could enjoy the same hot lunches at home that they normally have in school.

In all, we served nearly 75,000 meals from March through July when our buildings were closed.



The Transportation Department includes more than 60 full and part time drivers and staff. Their number one concern is always safety. That includes bus safety lessons for our youngest Spartans, and evacuation drills for all grades twice a year.

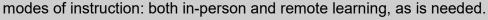
- Drivers held a toy drive in partnership with Boardman Police and delivered toys and hygiene items for families living at the Rescue Mission before the holidays.
- Drivers also collected 100 hats, 130 pairs of gloves and 207 pairs of socks to distribute to our three elementary schools, BCIS and BGJHS last winter.
- Drivers played a major role in distributing food to our families during the pandemic.





Department of Instruction

We strive to meet the needs of our students, families and teaching staff to create a productive, safe and energized learning environment. 2019-20 brought increased flexibility to all of our programs as we quickly transitioned to remote learning. Lessons learned from last spring fortified our remote teaching skills. Now we are determined to balance two



- We begin 2020-21 with a new phonics program *Really Great Reading* for grades K-3. It's a systematic approach to phonics and will be consistent district wide.
- STEAM Coach Ed Adams is helping to bridge the gap in instructional technology to help our students, parents and teachers navigate new ways of learning.

Student Services

Our Philosophy

Boardman Local Schools Department of Student Services is committed to doing what is in the best interest of our students with disabilities, and views a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as just the beginning of what we want our students to experience and accomplish. We know we cannot fulfill this vision without a true partnership with parents and guardians, and look forward to continuing to build community relationships anchored in trust and transparency.

CHILD FIND

The Boardman Local School District is required to locate all children who may have disabilities, ages birth through 21, who reside within its boundaries. Special Education services are available in our schools for any child identified with a disability ages 3-21. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact: Boardman Schools Special Education and Student Services:330-726-3411



Occupational Therapy

Boardman Local Schools is proud to welcome a new Occupational Therapy Team to all six of our buildings. Educational occupational therapy helps identified students of all ages access curriculum by addressing fine motor, visual perceptual, and sensory deficits.



Ariel Jenkins is a Boardman parent of two Spartans and the District's new **Parent Mentor.** Her job is to provide free support and resources to Spartan families of children with disabilities.

"Mrs. Jenkins is energetic and smart, with a great sense

of humor and more than anything, a great empathy and understanding our families are sure to appreciate,"

Student Services Director Katie Fallo. Ariel.Jenkins@boardmanschools.org





Phonics Program





We welcome our new treasurer, Terry Armstong. His decades of education and leadership experience across several Valley school districts in positions including teacher, principal, superintendent and treasurer make him a great addition to the Boardman Local Schools.

Boardman is proud to be consistently recognized by the Ohio Auditor, earning the "Clean Audit" Award for the 5th consecutive year. This award is the Ohio Auditor's way



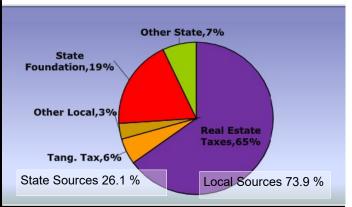
of recognizing excellence in financial record keeping as well as sound ethics and accounting practices.



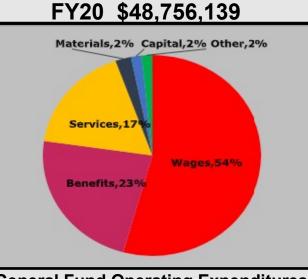
Boardman Schools received \$963,831 in CARES \$ to purchase:

• PPE including masks, sanitizer, cleaning supplies, plexiglass dividers

- Added support for remote learners and students and families with special needs
- 2,000 Chromebooks for 1:1 technology grades 7-12



General Fund Operating Revenues



General Fund Operating Expenditures FY20 \$45,875,087

Capital Improvement Projects 2019-20



In the last two years, the District has made a significant move to LED lighting. Last year we completed the high school gym LED project and this year we did BHS's cafeteria and hallways. The energy savings from the gymnasium has been approximately \$57,000 to date, paying for the \$43,000 project and then some. We expect a similar return and continued savings from the LED conversion completed this summer. **BOARDMAN QUALITY REPORT 2020**

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TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BOARDMAN

- 1) Serving approximately 4,000 students in six schools
- 2) First-class faculty and staff: advanced studies and honors courses; hands-on project-based learning for all students
- 3) Niche.com ranked Boardman the Number 1 School District in the Valley for 2020 (2nd year in a row)
- 4) Over 50% of BHS students are involved in the Arts
- 5) Ohio Auditor's "Clean Audit Award" recipient for 5 years in a row for Boardman's fiscal accuracy and responsibility
- 6) BHS has a planetarium and a professional-level TV studio
- 7) Boardman teachers have, on average, 14 years experience
- 8) BHS offers 24 varsity level sports and over 35 clubs
- 9) More than \$3.6 Million dollars in scholarships was earned and accepted by the Class of 2020
- 10) Together, We Transform Lives Through Academics, Athletics and the Arts

