

Bourne Public Schools

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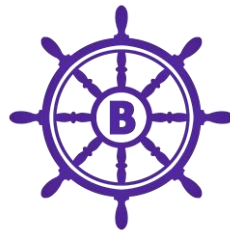
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Dear BPS Families,

Happy Spring! The month of March has so many student achievements to celebrate and many great community events to be a part of. Please explore all of the links for all of the details and great pictures of our Canalmen in action!

March is **Music in our Schools Month, Youth Art Month and Youth Theater Month**. To kick it off, over 150 singers in grades 2-12 sang a beautiful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" at the March 1st School Committee meeting. BHS Senior Aspen Langley performed as part of the MA All-State Chorus at Symphony Hall and the BIS band performed with Dr. Smith as part of the MA Music Educators Conference in Boston. Additionally, Bourne High School singers participated in the C&I Chapter of American Guild of Organists concert in Dennis, MA.



In visual art, [BIS 4th grader Kolton Silva won the Artsonia Artist of the Week Award](#) and the BHS National Art Honor Society members led a paint night for elementary students sponsored by the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. Five BHS artists have work on display as part of the "Through Young Eyes" Exhibition at the Cape Cod Museum of Art!



Even before we started the month we were celebrating youth theater as the [Bourne Intermediate School hosted the successful return of the Bourne PTA's All Star Revue!](#) Recently the [BHS Drama Club Advanced to the semi-final round of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival](#) and also gave a stellar performance for the community on Friday. All of this in addition to the amazing performing and visual arts classes that take place in our schools every day. **The creative arts are thriving in BPS!**



And so are our co-curriculars and athletic programs. Throughout March the Canalmen athletic teams excelled with multiple teams seeing tournament play! [Read about the amazing winter season HERE](#). If you know a student in grades 8-12 (and 7th for sailing or softball) who is interested in spring athletics reach out to the Athletic Director, Scott Ashworth sashworth@bourneps.org or your building principal.



In March **kindness and reading** also take center stage: read all about the many happenings in our schools.

- [BHS Hockey Players Continuing New Tradition of Reading to Elementary Students](#)
- [Bournedale Elementary School Completes Successful Kindness Week Challenge](#)
- [BES Book Tasting Event to Celebrate Read Across America Day](#)
- [BIS Celebrates Random Acts of Kindness Week](#)

Kindness rocks created by BMS students

There is still space available for our Summer Enrichment Academies! *Join us for weeks of summer fun!*

- [BES & BIS Summer 2023 Enrichment Offerings and BMS & BHS Summer 2023 Enrichment](#)



At the last School Committee Meeting and Budget Hearing the Fiscal Year 24 Budget was approved by the School Committee to move forward.

[Click HERE to view the budget slides and spreadsheet.](#)

Also approved that evening was the [District-wide Calendar for 23-24.](#)

This week (March 20-24) is a big week in BPS because we are hosting an independent research team from the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MADESE) for our periodic District Accountability Review. Visitors will be observing classrooms and conducting focus groups throughout the week in an effort to provide us with a report on our progress in curriculum/instruction, assessment and student support.



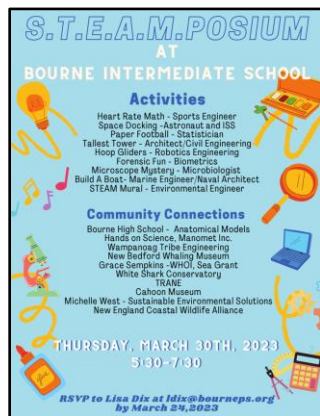
As part of this review, there will be a **virtual family focus group on Thursday, 3/23/2023, from 6:00-7:00pm** to gather perspectives on district communication with families, opportunities for family involvement and leadership within the district, opportunities for students, and more.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child currently enrolled in Bourne Public Schools and are interested in sharing your thoughts about these experiences with Bourne Public Schools, **please register in advance for this meeting by following this link:** <https://air-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAlc-GqrjksH9GkZL-Zy539LERIHGx3mLh->

SAVE the DATE for these Amazing Events!

[STEAMposium](#) is Thursday, March 30th at BIS

[KidFest](#) on Saturday, March 25th at BES



The Bourne Public Schools Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, in conjunction with our “Building Bridges” initiative, is planning a “**Bourne Celebrates Everyone**” Night on **Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 6:00-7:00 pm**. Please contact Barbara Starkie at bstarkie@bourneps.org with questions and information about how you would like to be a part of this event.



Below are a few more highlights from the past few weeks in case you missed them:

- [Parent Child Plus Grant](#)
- [Panel Discussion Serves as Kickoff for Bourne Public Schools' Annual Civics Action Project](#)
- [Bourne High School Launches New 'Ask a Student' Email Program](#)
- [Bourne Public Schools Kindergarten Registration to Open in April](#)
- [Bourne Public Schools to Host KidFest for Preschool Students and Families in March](#)

Sincerely,

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