

Newsletter

BUILDING OUR FOUNDATION

THE PILLARS OF BRENDA COWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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The entire FCPS team is working hard to provide your child with the best educational experience!

WORDS FROM WILLIAMS

BCE Family,

At Brenda Cowan Elementary, we are committed to ensuring that ALL students are actively engaged and learning at high levels. As a school, we will ensure this through our three educational pillars:

3rd Grade Reading Pledge

We pledge to dedicate and allot our available resources to ensure that all students leave 3rd grade reading at, or above grade level.

Arts Integration

Students will learn through the integration of arts education within the classroom core curriculum and enhanced through our special areas of music, creative writing, dance, drama media art and visual art.

Global Competency

Through the lens of Global Competency, we will teach our students the importance of learning about and celebrating different cultures and diverse points of view.

Through our pillars, we will teach our students to embrace what makes them different, discover what they are passionate about, and take action.

We look forward to offering this unique educational experience to all students when we open the doors of BCE!

- Joshua A. Williams

BCE Principal

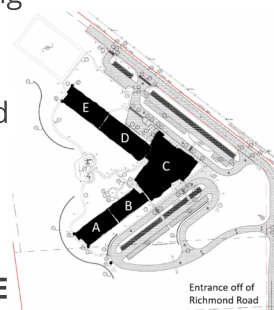
May 2019

From the foundation of the building to our pillars of education, our students will be awarded the unique opportunity to learn in an environment that allows them to access every part of their brain!

BUILDING UPDATE

With more than half of the building already complete, Brenda Cowan Elementary School will be ready to welcome students, families and staff on the first day of school on August 14, 2019.

For a full update on the building progress, visit: bit.ly/BuildingBCE



This aerial view of the building shows where construction may still be taking place for about a month after the first day of school.

The areas of the building marked A, B and C -- including the classrooms needed for our projected student enrollment, resource rooms, kitchen, cafeteria, gymnasium, media center, administration areas, and support spaces -- will be complete before the school year begins. The exterior parking lot, and the bus and car rider drop off and pick up areas will also be ready to welcome everyone to Brenda Cowan Elementary!

We will keep you updated on the progress of our building! Feel free to bring any questions to our community forum on May 21, from 5 to 8 pm at Crossroads Andover.

FURNITURE UPDATE

With the help of Dan Sawyers, FCPS director of Logistical Services, we are finalizing colors and finishes for all of the furniture at BCE!

Flexible seating, dry erase surfaces and bright pops of color, each feature chosen with the goal of creating the most engaging learning environment for your child!

We can't wait for you to come in and have a seat!



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COMMUNITY MATTERS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

We would love to hear from you!

Join us at Crossroads Andover on 4128 Todds Road for monthly community forums. In these meetings, you will receive updates on construction, hiring, arts integration, community involvement, partnerships, after school programming and more! We will also have the opportunity to answer questions and share ideas for our school and community. **KIDS ARE WELCOME!** (See dates and times on Calendar)

To read the minutes from the April Community Meeting, visit:
bit.ly/AprilBCEMinutes

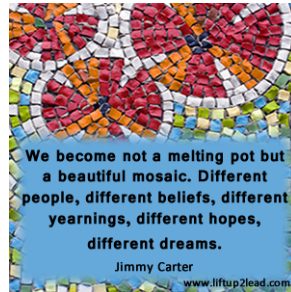
GO LOCAL ART PROJECT

Come together with the BCE community to create a mosaic mural to be installed in the new elementary building! This is a hands-on project with the goal of capturing the essence of what BCE will offer its students and the community it serves.

Appropriate for all ages, we encourage our students, families and community members to stop by to add a piece to this collaborative art work or spend the day with us completing the project.

Sign up by visiting: bit.ly/BCEmosaic

For more information, email: jessica.greene@fayette.kyschools.us



KINDERGARTEN READINESS CAMP

Our Kindergarten Readiness Camp will allow students to meet their teachers and become familiar with our Kindergarten structure! During this time, we will be giving the Brigance assessment to evaluate gross motor skills, visual motor skills, the alphabet, counting, verbal skills and more. This will allow us to better meet the needs of each student once school starts!

For more information about Kindergarten Readiness Camp, email:

jessica.greene@fayette.kyschools.us

MEET THE TEAM

The hiring process is almost complete and we are so thrilled to welcome each new hire to the BCE family!!

We can't wait to introduce you to the amazing faculty and staff members who will provide our students with the best educational experiences!



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

MAY 21

5-8PM

GO LOCAL ART PROJECT

SATURDAY MAY 18

beginning at 9am

sign up: bit.ly/BCEmosaic OR email: jessica.greene@fayette.kyschools.us

AUGUST 6-8 KINDERGARTEN READINESS CAMP

for more information, email: jessica.greene@fayette.kyschools.us

Location for

Community Meetings,
Go Local Art Project &
Kindergarten Readiness:

Crossroads Andover
4128 Todds Rd, Lexington

FAMILY CORNER

AFTER SCHOOL SERVICES - YMCA

We are excited to be teaming with the YMCA to provide our families with an ON SITE after school program at Brenda Cowan Elementary! We welcome the YMCA to our school and look forward to the opportunities they will provide our students through recreational activities and continued arts education.

In addition to after school services, the YMCA will also provide snow day services and summer programs ON SITE at BCE! We will continue to share more details as our program develops.

For more information, contact Jessica Berry: jberry@ymcacky.org

GET INVOLVED - PTA

Important PTA details will be given and voting will take place at the May Community Meeting!

Email Chris Medley, the 16th District PTA President for more information:

president@16thdistrictpta.org

