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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!



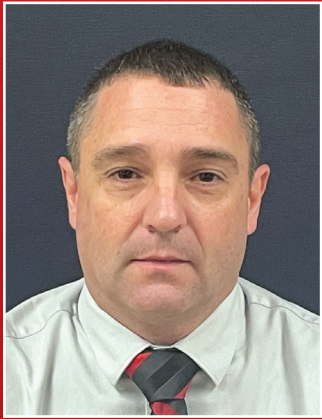
TOP 10 STUDENTS



# RED REVIEW

Spring 2023

## Closing Out a Successful 2022-2023 School Year



The 2022-2023 school year has come to a close, and what an extraordinary year it has been! I couldn't have asked for a better first year as superintendent of Bellevue City Schools. I'm grateful to be part of such a welcoming community, and one that places such emphasis on providing a strong educational foundation to its students. I'm looking forward to further building on our vision to be the most innovative, student focused public school in Ohio by educating every child, every day with Intent, Integrity, and Purpose.

- Speaking of next school year, our facilities team is already busy preparing. When families and students return in August, they may notice a few improvements, including:
- New roof at Bellevue High School
  - Repaved parking lot at Bellevue High School
  - Upgraded tennis courts at Bellevue High School
  - Repaved parking lot at the Board of Education office
  - Installation of a Crisis Alert System district-wide
  - New bullet-resistant window film and bolo stick door barricading devices district-wide

These projects are being paid for with Permanent Improvement Funds, Ohio Attorney General grant funds, or the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Safety and Security grant monies.

I hope you enjoy reading more about our student achievements this year throughout this newsletter and I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Troy Roth • Superintendent



## Never Too Early to Learn About Economics

One might think the subject of economics is too complicated for elementary students, but Bellevue first graders recently proved that thought wrong! They learned about wants, needs, goods, services, currency, and supply and demand, and used their skills at a Goods & Services Mall.

Students sold services such as shoe-tying, soccer coaching and nail painting. Other children sold homemade products such as silly pencils, marshmallow catapults, and a variety of treats. Students earned behavior bucks in the weeks leading up to the event, and they had the chance to sell and buy all in one day.

One student, Scarlett, made a Michigan keychain to sell to Superintendent Roth. "You have to know your customer's wishes," she said.





# Financial Update



Bellevue's latest 5-year forecast was approved in May by the Board of Education. In summary, ESSER (federal dollars aimed at combating the effects of the pandemic) has provided tremendous relief to the district's general fund.

Our revenues, especially in the Income Tax category, have returned to pre-COVID levels, with an increase of 11.89% from fiscal year (FY) 22 to fiscal year 23. The October forecast projected a more than \$700,000 deficit for the year but as of May 17, that amount decreased to \$101,736. We hope to eliminate the deficit by June 30 to end the year in the black.

The state is currently preparing the next biennial budget. State funding, including for schools, will be announced in July. We are happy to say that as of this writing, the legislature is using more updated figures than they did in the previous budget, which is more reflective of Ohio's public school needs today.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our staff, especially our fiscal team. As a result of their attention to detail and diligence, Bellevue City Schools was presented with an Ohio Auditor of State Award for a clean audit for FY22. The award was presented at the April 20 board meeting by Lori Brodie, a liaison with the Northwest Region of the Auditor of State's office.

Tammy Flicker • Treasurer



## Middle Schoolers Celebrate End of Year with Slew of Activities

Bellevue Middle School staff and students finished the school year strong with a variety of activities. They participated in a talent show, the first to be held in more than 10 years. Congratulations to Nathan Shanaman for clinching the title with his performance of "Evermore" from "Beauty and the Beast."

The annual seventh and eighth grade spring dress up was rocking. More than 200 students attended the "Starry Night" dance. Thank you to our Art III students and Student Council for creating and setting up the decorations so a fun time could be had by all.

The third annual outdoor band concert drew a record crowd with more than 700 members of the community showing up to watch our seventh and eighth graders perform one last time during the 2022-2023 school year.

Students across the school competed in the Battle for BMS field day events. Bragging rights for one calendar year is the reward for the winning grade-level team.

Students who were on the honor or merit roll all four grading periods, received less than three detentions and had good attendance, had fun at a Cookout of Champions.

Finally, our eighth graders said farewell to their middle school experience with a trip to Put-in-Bay where they participated in The War of 1812 learning stations and spent one final day with their classmates before embarking on their high school journey.

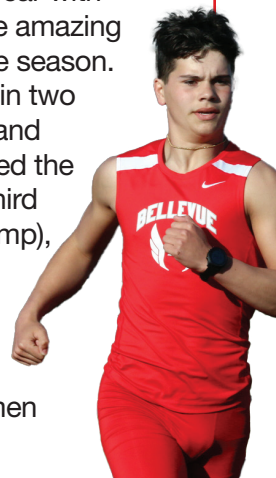
# That's a Wrap on Spring Sports CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES!



The Lady Red track and field team had a great 2023 season with 38 girls braving the wind, rain, and sometimes even snow! The Lady Harriers took runner-up in three invitational meets including Shelby, Upper Sandusky, and our own Bellevue Elks Invitational. Ella Rucker lowered the school record she previously set in the 100-meter hurdles and finished 1st Team All-SBC in the hurdles as well as 2nd Team in the 100-meter dash. Amerie Wagner earned 1st Team All-SBC in the 100 and 2nd Team All-SBC in the 4x100 relay teaming with Katelyn Turner, Hallie McCarthy and Ella Rucker. The team finished third at the Sandusky Bay Conference meet.



On the boy's side, the track and field team had a great rebuilding year with 51 young men showing some amazing improvements throughout the season. The Redmen took runner-up in two invitational meets — Shelby and Upper Sandusky — and ended the Bellevue Elks Invitational in third place. Wyatt Sumser (high jump), Mike Gardner (110-meter hurdles) and Carson Layne (pole vault) collected 2nd Team All-SBC honors at the league meet where the Redmen finished sixth overall.



The boy's tennis team finished the season with a 6-12 record and a sixth-place finish in the SBC Lake division. We had a successful season in terms of learning as a young team and improving throughout the spring. The team finished with 2nd Team league honors for Brendan Reese in third singles. The rest of the varsity lineup included Blake Hunter, Laken Dougherty, Matthew Higgins, Charles Littlejohn, Gavin Brugnone, and Kaden Miller, who all received league honorable mention.



## English Courses for Upperclassmen Expanding

Over the past few years, Bellevue Schools has worked hard to expand its senior-level English courses. Now, the district is extending these courses to juniors as well. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, juniors and seniors will have the option of taking the following semester-long classes, giving them the chance to take up to two per year:

- Real World Communications
- Personal Choice Reading
- The Brave and the Bold
- This is My Story
- A Celebration of Human Achievement
- Media Criticism

The district hopes these additions will better meet the needs and interests of students keeping them engaged all year long.

## SBC CHAMPS LADY RED SOFTBALL



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The varsity softball team finished the season 16-4 and 12-0 in the SBC Lake division for the third straight year. Bellevue has now won the SBC and sectional championship for the last three years. This year's team was led by 1st Team All-SBC selections Maci Smythe, Ella Messina, Kyra Henney, Melody Sommers, Payton Hicks, and 2nd Team All-SBC Emma Bauer and Gwen Strause.



The varsity baseball team had a winning season with a record of 16-8. The team has consistently improved throughout the season earning the SBC Lake division championship and knocking off the No. 1 seeded team in the district to win the sectional championship. The team was led by All-SBC 1st Team Carter Ruffing and SBC Lake Most Outstanding Performer Ty Ray. All-SBC 2nd Team honors went to Drew Dennings and Seth Bova, and Honorable Mention went to Dylan Barger. The Redmen once again advanced to districts.