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WHERE BEARCATS ARE SEEN, HEARD, AND CELEBRATED!

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Dates to Remember

- April 8- NO SCHOOL Solar Eclipse
- April 10- Glendale's Spring Picture Day
- April 11- Heskett's Parent Teacher Conferences
- April 11- Carylwood's 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert
- April 16- Columbus' 5th grade Band/Strings Concert
- April 18- School Board Meeting
- April 18- Columbus' Science Symposium



 BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Central Celebrates Irish-American Dance & Culture

When The Brady-Campbell School of Irish dancers visited Central Primary School, our Bearcats received a culturally rhythmic treat. Six professional Irish dancers from ages 4-13 performed traditional Irish dance for our students, who enjoyed every moment. In Irish dance, a group of traditional dance forms that originated in Ireland, encompass group and solo dance for social, competitive, and performance purposes. It is performed traditionally with intricate foot work and is most known for the dancers performing with a stiff upper body. Unlike other dance forms, Irish dancers do not move their arms or hands so that footwork is accented. With beautiful traditional dance uniforms and fancy footwork, Central Bearcats had a toe-tapping good time as they were exposed to a very important part of Irish- American culture.



Brady-Campbell Irish Dancers



Alison Duiker,
husband and
daughter



Dean, Antonio
Gaines with the
Duikers

Get Ready for Kindergarten

Many parents believe that graduation is the most important day of their child's educational career. The Bedford City School District would like for you to consider another day being equally important or arguably the most important.....our KINDERGARTNERS' FIRST day of school!

As we prepare to march into kindergarten, it's crucial that our young students are not only excited but physically, socially, and emotionally prepared to embark on this educational journey. Kindergarten is a new experience for children. They need to be prepared and the school needs to prepare for them.

Get Ready for Kindergarten continued....



Behind the scenes, our staff is carefully planning everything from class sizes, assigning classrooms, and purchasing equipment and supplies. Registering early gives everyone time to learn about each other so the transition is smooth. Parents that register by May 10, 2024, will receive a special invitation to our “Welcome to Kindergarten Sneaker Ball Dance” that will be take place on May 19, 2024. We are so excited to begin our enrollment for the Class of 2037. Avoid the mad rush in August and Register today online! registration@bedfordschools.org Please note: Your child must be 5 on or before August 1, 2024.

STEP 1

Pre-register online in
FinalForms:

[https://www.bedford.k12.oh.us
/Page/1315](https://www.bedford.k12.oh.us/Page/1315)



STEP 2

Upload required
documents. Refer to New
Student Registration
Process in FinalForms.



STEP 3

2 Options: In-Person OR
Over-the-Phone

Must have all documents
uploaded in FinalForms
Set up Appointment with our
Registrar in FinalForms

ESL Classes Are Coming to Bearcat Country

The Bedford City School District is proud to announce the partnership with Esperanza and Hope United Methodist Church to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to International families in our district. We are encouraging those who are interested in learning English to sign up for classes NOW! The first class started on Monday April 1, 2024, and YES THERE IS STILL ROOM for more participants! Classes will be in session for six weeks and will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays in the evening from 5:30-7:30pm. All classes will be held at Hope United Methodist Church located at 79 Center Road in Bedford, Ohio. There will be FREE food, materials, tutoring support for school age children and childcare available for toddlers. Please help promote this wonderful opportunity for our International families. It is indeed a family affair and a great way to continue to break down language barriers and enhance equitable access to our families, by teaching English.

English as a Second Language

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ADULT CLASSES
STARTING IN MARCH 2024

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH, THESE ARE THE
CLASSES FOR YOU.
BRING YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND THEY WILL RECEIVE
HOMEWORK HELP AND LANGUAGE TUTORING.

Special Prize
for the first
30
to sign up

Free Meals will be provided for the entire family
Child care for toddlers
Please sign up and send the form to your child's school

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS CONTACT
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OFFICE OF HUMAN CAPITAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION/ELL DEPARTMENT

**inglés como
segundo lenguaje**

REGÍSTRESE PARA CLASES PARA ADULTOS A
PARTIR DE MARZO DE 2024

SI QUIERES APRENDER INGLÉS, ESTAS SON LAS CLASES PARA TI.
TRAIGA A SUS HIJOS EN EDAD ESCOLAR Y ELLOS RECIBIRÁN
AYUDA CON LAS TAREAS Y TUTORÍA DE IDIOMAS.

**Premio
especial**
Por el primero
30
inscribirse

Se proporcionarán comidas gratuitas para toda la familia.
Cuidado infantil para niños pequeños. Regístrese y envíe el
formulario a la escuela de su hijo.

PARA INFORMACIÓN MÁS DETALLADA Y PREGUNTAS, COMUNIQUESE CON
ILEANE JEFFRIES @ IJEFFRIES@BEDFORDSCHOOLS.ORG

OFICINA DE EQUITAD E INCLUSIÓN DEL CAPITAL HUMANO/DEPARTAMENTO ELL

**Anglais en seconde
langue**

VEUILLEZ VOUS INSCRIRE AUX COURS POUR
ADULTES À PARTIR DE MARS 2024

SI VOUS SOUHAITEZ APPRENDRE L'ANGLAIS, CES COURS SONT
FAITS POUR VOUS.
AMENEZ VOS ENFANTS D'ÂGE SCOLAIRE ET ILS RECEVRONT
AIDE AUX DEVOIRS ET COURS DE LANGUE.

Prix spécial
pour le premier
30
se inscrire

Des repas gratuits seront fournis pour toute la famille. Garde
d'enfants pour les tout-petits. Veuillez vous inscrire et
envoyer le formulaire à l'école de votre enfant.

POUR DES INFORMATIONS PLUS DÉTAILLÉES ET DES QUESTIONS, CONTACTEZ ILEANE
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Sign up for ESL
classes with the
QR Code Below



Bedford High School History Department Celebrates Women's History!



The History Department at Bedford High School celebrated women's history by providing our Bearcats with the opportunity to meet four women from the Ohio Black Judges Association. Judge Cassandra Collier, Judge Lauren C. Moore, Judge Sydney Strickland, and Judge Deborah M. Turner spoke to BHS government classes. The judges asked the students questions about the branches of government and civil liberties. Our students did a great job answering these questions. With reciprocity, the judges answered the students' questions as well. The students listened intently as the judges answered questions transparently and shared their individual challenges and successes on their journey to the bench. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR VISIT!



Judge Cassandra Collier



Judge Lauren C. Moore



Judge Sydney Strickland Saffold



Judge Deborah M. Turner

Luke Marks (bottom row at the right) is a government teacher at Bedford High School and the organizer of this event. When asked about the importance of this event he had this to say.....

“African American women who serve in judiciary roles have made history and broken barriers to build a diverse judiciary and defend civil rights; and our students need to see and hear them.”



DID YOU KNOW?

Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamation designating the month as such.

Employment Opportunities in our Communities

Benefits of Employment

~**Socialization:** It can connect you with others, which can help you learn more about the world by interacting with customers, clients or coworkers to feel more connected to society.

~**Fulfillment:** You may feel you achieved a goal within your career or personal life with the job you are currently working.

~**Income:** A job may make you financially secure at the moment and in the future by providing resources to pay for necessities.

~**Skills:** A job offers an opportunity to learn new skills such as customer service, organization or public speaking.

~**Wellness:** Some jobs offer an opportunity to move our bodies throughout the day, which may contribute to overall health.

If you are looking for employment, visit these websites:



**Bedford City
School District**



City of Bedford



**City of Bedford
Heights**



Oakwood Village



**Village of
Walton Hills**



Bearcat Leadership

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Superintendent

Tabitha Armstrong
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Sharyn Macklin, Vice President
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Angelic Carter

School Community Resource Room Open to Students, Families, and Senior Citizens

If you are in need of clothing, food, school supplies, and/or toiletries, contact your school's social worker and set up an appointment to visit our Community Resource Room!

**We're here
to help!**

Our students, families, and all senior citizens in our district are welcome to use the Community Resource Room!