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Dates to Remember

- April 23- HMS Spring Instrumental Concert @ BHS Auditorium 6:30
- April 24- Career Tech Banquet @ La Casa Bella 6:00
- April 25- HMS Spring Choral Concert/ HMS Auditorium 6:30
- April 26- HMS Fashion Show 12:30
- May 2- School Board mtg 6:00



BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Bearcats, Tigers and C.O.S.I....Oh My!

On April 5, 2024, The Bedford City School District and The Warrensville Heights City School District partnered for educational opportunities in science. The Center of Science and Industry (C.O.S.I) collaborated with Bearcats and Tigers to provide 5th grade students with the opportunity to participate in hands on S.T.E.M activities pertaining to the April 8, 2024 Total Eclipse. The students had the opportunity to send a post card into space and the post card was returned to them. With the help of Blue Origin Club for the Future and their technological advances, the students had an “out of this world” experience. Carylwood Intermediate student, Gabriella Fisher Grace, was interviewed by News Channel 5, and she gave the news station a student’s perspective on the Solar Eclipse and the C.O.S.I. activities. Indeed, The Bedford City School District is proud of Gabriella and ALL of the Bearcats and Tigers that participated in this educational opportunity that prepared them for a once in a century event!



Students excitedly watch a simulated rocket launch.



Carylwood student, Gabriella Fisher Grace was interviewed by Channel 5.



Bearcats and Tigers were very engaged during the C.O.S.I presentation.



Students creating a post card that will be sent to space and returned to them.

Partnership with Purpose- B.C.S.D & The Rotary Club of Bedford

Rotary Club is an international organization that brings together people across generations who wish to create lasting change in the world, in their communities, and in themselves. The Bedford City School District and The Rotary Club of Bedford have a wonderful reciprocal relationship rooted in support and collaboration. Each department at Bedford High School selected a student of the month, and these students were honored by The Rotary Club of Bedford and named Rotarians of the Month. Indeed, the 2023-2024 school year at BCSD has been enhanced by our partnership with Rotary and WE THANK them! A special congratulations to the students listed below that were designated as Rotarians of the Month.

Bedford City School District's 2023-2024 Rotarians of the Month

- *Lorah Beirdman*
- *Kayla Butler*
- *La'Tia Grimes*
- *Ty'Quan Goodman*
- *Lee Hammock*
- *Bryanna Huff*
- *Rayhannah Niasse*
- *Brian Villanueva Para*
- *Shaan Patel*
- *Tierra Pope*
- *Natalia Rivera*
- *Jordan Rutledge*
- *Marrissa Williams*
- *India Woodson*

Things Bearcats should know about Rotary Club of Bedford

- As of the 2023-2024 school year, The Rotary Club of Bedford has co-sponsored BCSD's Career Technical Banquet for the past 66 years.
- The Rotary Club of Bedford purchased dictionaries for ALL third grade classes in BCSD for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Rotary Club of Bedford is a co-sponsor of BCSD's National Junior Honor's Society luncheon.
- The Rotary Club of Bedford sponsors the Four-Way speech contest, and our students participate yearly.
- The Rotary Club of Bedford awards a \$1,000 scholarship to five BCSD college-bound students.
- Safety Town was organized and made national by The Bedford City School District and The Rotary Club of Bedford.
- Rotary Club of Bedford was established January 12, 1926, and the club is currently preparing for their **100th** anniversary celebration.



Rotary Club of Bedford awarded Kayla Moore a \$100 cash prize for her Four Way Speech titled "The Societal Issue with President Reagan's War on Drugs."



Superintendent, Dr. Johnson; Career Tech Coordinator, Karla Robinson; and Executive Director of Community Relations, Dr. Threat served lunch at The National Junior Honor's Society Luncheon.



Left: Rotary President, Frank Gambosi, BCSD teachers Ms. Brennan & Ms. Dilyard; and the Four Way Speech contestants.

Cub Club - A Safe and Happy Space to Learn and Grow!



You may have heard the words Cub Club circulating around Bearcat Country without knowing exactly what it is. Cub Club is an afterschool program for our Carylwood and Columbus students that illustrates BCSD's commitment to providing a safe, supportive learning environment that helps students achieve academic excellence through rich experiences. After dismissal, the students decompress with Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies, because in order to learn students need to feel safe and know how to cope when learning gets tough. The students practice many different coping skills such as breathing, yoga, positive self talk, and more. After that, students take a quick break to have a snack and then it is time to get to work. They start with small group rotations where students either work on the computer doing iReady lessons, work with the teacher to complete iReady activity based interventions, or participate in hands-on, engaging reading activities that are game-based and fun. The goal is to have a variety of ways for students to partake in learning that builds the skills they will need to grow in their reading and writing skills. Next, students move on to Young Authors time. Each student gets the opportunity to write their own book using Student Treasures Publishing company. As a team, students brainstorm the writing and editing process to write their very own book. And of course, because the students are in the 3rd grade and have all the energy in the world, brain breaks filled with movement are sprinkled throughout the process to keep our Cub Club authors focused! Each day ends with students sharing a positive thing that happened during the day. Indeed, Cub Club is a program that provides our students with the skills that they will need to be successful inside and outside of the classroom.



Ms. Dunning, Heskett Guidance Counselor & Cub Club advisor; Ms. Mitchell, Central Kindergarten teacher and Cub Club advisor; and Marian Armstrong, Director of Pupil Personnel are pictured above with Carylwood's Cub Club students.



"Our students in both groups at Carylwood and Columbus have worked SO hard and I am wildly proud of them! They are kind and helpful to one another, even when we have moments where we disagree or hurt someone's feelings. The students have grown together as a group and are truly amazing humans!"
~Ms. Dunning

(R)Cub Club advisor, Ms. Jackson encouraging three of Columbus' Cub Club students to be successful.



(L)Cub Club advisor, Ms. Mitchell helps a Carylwood student brainstorm story ideas for her soon to be published book.



Building a Brighter Future Updates

The District has been busy working to design our Building a Brighter Future master plan that will update and replace outdated facilities.

The Building a Brighter Future plan was the result of hundreds of residents, parents, staff, and business people providing input and study followed by a successful bond issue last November. This is truly a community-driven plan that will transform Bedford City Schools.

The plan focuses on safety, state-of-the-art education, and expansion of both Career Tech and Pre-K to provide broader opportunities for our children. The new buildings will also have the latest safety tools and tactics to ensure our children and staff are safe.

The District engaged GPD as the architectural firm and Panzica Construction as the construction manager at risk. The team has been busy engaging stakeholders to ensure those impacted by design decisions have a voice in the process.

As part of our community engagement process, 42 local stakeholders representing a diverse cross-section of staff, administration, students, parents, business people, members of the clergy, and our community met for more than 7 hours to shape the Building a Brighter Future Plan. This Visioning Session included conversations and videos outlining current and anticipated facilities and curriculum needs, case studies, group discussions, and hands-on activities. The District is thankful to Mt. Zion of Oakwood Village for hosting this important event.

The goal of the day was to establish clear statements about appropriate and effective educational practices, school organizational structure, and concepts for the school facilities needed to support them. There were three sections to the day: (1) the district's current successes and challenges, (2) defining where the district wants to go with educational delivery and how other districts handle similar challenges; and (3) how the district could move toward the goals and concepts identified.

The Visioning Session and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers now sets the framework for planning and executing the Building a Brighter Future Plan. The Team is now in the process of engaging internal stakeholders on layout, preferences, and options. We will provide community updates throughout this exciting planning process as we reimagine and update our great schools.

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**



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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!

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

**We're here
to help!**

