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## Dates to Remember

- May 22- Heskett's Vocal/ Orchestra Concert
- May 23- Heskett's Farewell Dance
- May 24- NO SCHOOL
- May 27- NO SCHOOL
- May 28-Commencement
- May 30- Heskett's Field Day & Columbus' 5th grade promotion
- May 31- Glendale's Field Day & Columbus' Field Day
- June 3- Student's last day
- June 4th- Teacher's last day



 BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Bedford High School Earns The MOMENTUM AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Bedford High School for receiving the Ohio Department of Education MOMENTUM AWARD! The momentum award is for districts and buildings that have demonstrated outstanding improvement in achievement while also continuing to show growth. The momentum award is for districts and buildings that have improved their performance index by 3 or more points from the 2021-2022 report card to the 2022-2023 report card AND received a value-added progress rating of 4 or more stars.



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*Bedford High School's Assistant Principals- Genia Watson- Brown, Crystal Brooks Dillard, Claire Gowing and Bedford High School's Building Principal- Khalisha Lewis*

## Central & Glendale Primary School are Five Star Gold Rated Schools



On April 21, 2024, the State of Ohio awarded Central Primary School a Five-Star Rating for meeting the quality standards established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education. At this time, Step Up to Quality is a Five-Star, Tiered Quality Training and Improvement System, however starting July 7, 2024, the tiers will transition to Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Both Glendale and Central Primary will be recognized under the new system as Gold-Rated Programs.

# Central & Glendale Primary School are Five-Star Gold-Rated Schools continued.....



*At Glendale Primary, Parent volunteer, Ms. Brown visited Ms. Kohout's preschool students, and the students loved the visit.*



*At Central Primary, Ms. McCannon and her preschool students enjoy making and eating their gingerbread homes.*

## Academic Achievement in Bearcat Country makes us ROAR with Pride!

The Bedford City School District was highlighted as showing growth with regard to the Overall Rating Distribution (Comparison) of all Ohio Buildings. Central Primary, Bedford High School, Columbus Intermediate and Heskett Middle were identified as either having 2.5 Stars or 3.5 Stars.

Below is the state captured star rating percentages for all districts with several of BCSD buildings!

- 1 Star = 1.1%
- 1.5 Stars = 1.5%
- 2 Stars = 6.1%
- 2.5 Stars = 12% (Central)
- 3 Stars = 15.6%
- 3.5 Stars = 18.3% (BHS, Columbus, Heskett)
- 4 Stars = 19%
- 4.5 Stars = 15.5%
- 5 Stars = 11%



As there are six Report Card Components that buildings and districts are rated on by the state of Ohio, Bedford High School received a 4-Star rating in the Progress Report Card Component. Columbus Intermediate received a 5-Star rating in the Progress Report Card Component. Additionally, Grade 5 students demonstrated Significant Evidence that the school exceeded student growth (or by a larger magnitude) in all tested subjects. Central Primary School received a 4-Star rating in the Gap Closing Report Card Component and Heskett Middle School received a 4-Star rating in the Progress Report Card Component. Carlywood Intermediate received a 2.5-Star overall rating. Glendale Primary 3-Star overall rating and 4 Star rating in the Gap Closing Component.



## Bearcat Shout Outs



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Culinary Arts student, Brandon Rogers, for winning the silver medal for his performance in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Culinary Arts Competition. Chef Brandon prepared a dish consisting of Sautéed Chicken breast with an herb sauce served with rice pilaf and garlic green beans. The Bedford City School District is extremely proud of Brandon Rogers for his amazing and yummy performance!



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Central Primary Pre-School teacher, Carmen MacCannon, for winning fifth place in National Geographic's America's Favorite Teacher contest. The contest supports Teach For America in their mission to find, develop, and support equity-oriented leaders so they can transform education and expand opportunities for students. Carmen and her family would like to thank everyone that supported her.



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to BHS junior, Sada Jenkins for excelling in the Cleveland Media Academy. Cleveland Media Academy is an eight-week program designed to immerse high school students in journalism. At the conclusion of the program, Sada was the recipient of \$50 and the Greg Mills Award for displaying an unwavering passion and enthusiasm for journalism. The Bearcat family is extremely proud of Sada.



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Heskett Middle School's seventh grade English teacher, Brenna McNamara, for being nominated as Bedford's 23-24 First Ring Leadership Academy's representative, participating in a year-long academy that focused on leadership and study of Cleveland's first ring districts. For her Capstone project, Brenna chose to implement a nervous system regulation intervention for Heskett students with behavior referrals, encouraging student empowerment over actions. Brenna presented her work and positive results from the intervention to the participating 14 first ring representatives, superintendents and district leaders in April.





# 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**  
Treasurer

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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!**