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Buckeye Brief

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Superintendent's Update



Mark Robinson, Superintendent

Dear Buckeye Central Families and Community,

This summer, the world's top athletes will come together to compete in the XXXIII Olympic Games in Paris, France. To earn the right to participate in this prestigious competition, these athletes train for years, pushing themselves to be the best and always striving to improve.

"Faster, Higher, Stronger" – the Olympic motto – is one we see in Buckeye Central students every day as they also strive to improve in their studies, athletic participation, and activities with the goal of bringing home the "gold."

Our students' successes this year across all grade levels highlights their incredible drive and level of commitment in demonstrating resiliency through the

process of attaining their "gold". They have made the district proud in a variety of "events," including victories at the Ohio FFA Convention, setting new school records at the State Track Meet, and winning state-level tests and competitions. We are beyond proud of the breadth of talent present in our school community.

The district is also working hard to stay on top of its game. Treasurer Nancy Ackerman and her office received the prestigious State Auditor Award, showcasing the team's dedication to ensuring our district runs smoothly. Additionally, our community came together to help develop our Portrait of a Learner, aiming to keep Buckeye Central at the forefront of educational excellence and preparing well-rounded students for future challenges.

It is our collective efforts that have brought us to a moment of celebration, recognizing another year of outstanding achievements and looking forward to reaching even greater goals in the years to come. As we close out this year and look to the future, let's keep aiming high and going for the gold.

Go Bucks!

Mark Robinson
Superintendent
Buckeye Central High School

State Recognizes BC Treasurer's Office for Outstanding Fiscal Management

We are excited to announce that Buckeye Central has received the prestigious State Auditor's Award! To earn this honor, BC had to meet several stringent criteria, including timely filing of financial reports, adherence to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and achieving a clean audit report with no major issues or concerns.

The State Auditor Award goes to only 10% of the 6,000 entities audited each year. It represents the hard work of the school district's administrative staff, board and employees who make every effort each day to attain accounting excellence.

Special congratulations to Treasurer Nancy Ackerman and Julie Cronau, Treasurer's Assistant, for their outstanding stewardship of our district's finances!



2024 Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Retiree Send-Off

L to R: We celebrated our retirees, Marcia Stout, Mary Rees, Lynn Kocher, Sue Steiger, and Vicki Carr (not pictured—Karla Neise), at our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Collectively, they have over 105 years of experience. They will be greatly missed, and we extend our best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.



State Test Scores in ProgressBook

This spring's state test scores will be posted by the end of June. To view your student's scores:

- 1 Log in to your parent access account for ProgressBook**
- 2 Select "Assessment Scores"**

If you do not have a parent access account in ProgressBook, please email Tammy Studer at tstuder@bcbucks.org.

Third-grade results are not available in ProgressBook but will be mailed the week of June 24.

Track Fun for Everyone

The Buckeye Central track program recently held three camp sessions, culminating in an exciting track meet. More than 90 kids from grades K-6 took part in events like Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, 50-meter low hurdles, 100-meter dash, and 400-meter dash. Prizes were given to the top girl and boy in each grade. Whether they love to run, jump, or throw - track is a great way for kids to get involved and become part of a team!



BC Track Team Finishes Season Strong

The BC track team came away with a solid finish in the recent regional and State competitions. Allison Wright competed in the discus event, finishing seventh. Corbin Bloomfield qualified in both the 400-meter dash and the long jump, where he secured second place. Additionally, our girls' 4x400 relay team, composed of Sophie Martin, Sarah Martin, Paityn Hafner, and Nevaeh Metzger, delivered an impressive performance.

Corbin Bloomfield further distinguished himself at the State meet, by placing Division III runner-up in the long jump. In doing so, he broke a long-standing school record from 1977 with an outstanding jump of 22 feet 6 inches. His achievements have set a new benchmark for our school's athletic program. Congrats to all on a great season!



Makayla Martin Earns Reward Trip for High Score on Americanism Test

We are proud to announce that Makayla Martin has been recognized as a state winner in the American Legion Americanism test. This prestigious test, administered by the American Legion, evaluates the knowledge and understanding of Americanism among students. With around 50,000 students participating statewide, only about 20 achieve scores high enough to be named State Champions.

Makayla's dedication and hard work in her studies have earned her this significant honor. As a reward, she will join other top-performing students and representatives from the Ohio American Legion on a week-long, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Wiles, Makayla's Government teacher, expressed his pride, saying, "It is a blessing to have a student who cares, focuses, and works hard in class. It's even better when that hard work is rewarded with a trip like this."

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Makayla and hope her award inspires others to seize similar opportunities for success!



6th-Graders Advertise 2024 Summer Olympic Events

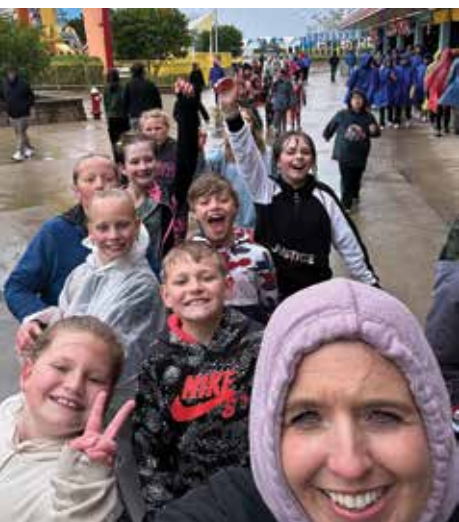
Do you know that the 2024 Summer Olympics are being held in Paris, France? The students in Mrs. McConnell's 6th-grade ELA class do, and they want to spread the news to everyone! The class researched and studied the various sports being held at this year's Olympics. They explored Breaking, a new addition for 2024, along with Rowing, Beach Volleyball, Surfing, Judo, Handball, Water Polo, 3v3 Basketball, Gymnastics, Swimming, Archery, and Cycling-Freestyle.

Working together in groups, students crafted persuasive commercials for their chosen sports. Next, Buckeye Central's STEAM Integration Specialist Mrs. Betts guided them through scriptwriting and recording using iPads and editing apps. The result? Creative ads where students sometimes acted out sports, such as pretending to swim and row, or took on personas of talk show hosts. These commercials aimed not only to provide insights into their chosen sports, but also to entice viewers to cheer for Team USA.





Fourth-Grade Engineering Students Don't Run out of STEAM During Cedar Point Visit



The year in the life of a fourth-grade teacher can sometimes feel like a roller coaster. For Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Swanger and STEAM teacher Mrs. Caudill - it also LOOKED like one when they took their students to Engineering Day at Cedar Point.

Approximately 45 Buckeye Central fourth-graders and 11 chaperones braved the cold and rain to visit the popular theme park on May 9. The group was treated to a catered meal and presentation explaining the engineering behind creating roller coasters. The discussion was led by one of the creators of Cedar Point's Top Thrill 2, which just opened this spring and is considered the "World's Tallest & Fastest Triple-Launch Strata Coaster." It reaches speeds of 120 mph and a height of 420 feet during its two-minute duration.

After learning the tricks of the trade, the group enjoyed four hours of time riding rides throughout the park. The rain and cold didn't stop them from having fun and making memories with their classmates.



BC's First-Ever Color Fun Run Means Bright Memories for Everyone

Buckeye Central's first-ever Color Fun Run, hosted by the Art Club, added a splash of color to the community! The event took place on Saturday, May 11 and featured a vibrant one-mile walk, jog, or run. Participants were showered in a rainbow of chalk powder as they completed the course. This fun-filled event was free and open to all ages and community members, making it the perfect family outing.



Students Lead the Way on Community Service Day

Last month, our students showcased their commitment to the community through a day dedicated to service. With enthusiasm and teamwork, they took on projects to make the community a better place. Their efforts not only made a tangible impact on our surroundings but also highlighted the values of kindness and cooperation. Thank you to all who participated for your hard work and dedication!



Buckeye Central Students Recognized Among the BEST in County

The Crawford County Business/Education Student Teacher (BEST) Awards Program annually recognizes students who demonstrate dedication, effort, citizenship, trustworthiness, and responsibility.

Ari Demars (underclassman) and Isabel Brenneman (upperclassman) were honored for their exceptional achievements. The students paid tribute to mentors Zac Kaple (Ari) and Karla Niese (Isabel) for their guidance and inspiration. Let's celebrate these outstanding students and the educators who help them succeed at Buckeye Central!



Honoring Our Little Graduates: Bitty Bucks Preschool Class of 2037

On the evening of May 16, 34 little friends were recognized for their early learning accomplishments during the 4th Annual Bitty Bucks Preschool Graduation. Families and friends proudly watched as the district's youngest children celebrated their big day! The children sang "Superhero Song," "Kindergarten, Here We Come!," and "The Thank You Song." They also shared their career aspirations, including goals like astronaut, police officer, YouTube Creator, singer, firefighter, construction worker, ballerina teacher, Iron Man, Spiderman, and train conductor.

Following the ceremony, the children received a gift bag from their teachers containing a special book and cookies. The cookies were made and decorated by Sam's Bakes, a business owned and operated by a Buckeye Central High School student. There were lots of pictures, hugs, and kisses shared! Congratulations to the future Buckeye Central High School Class of 2037! We love every one of you!



Fiesta Fun: Buckeye Central Spanish Club Celebrates Spring

The Buckeye Central Spanish Club had an exciting and engaging few months with a series of cultural events that brought students closer to the rich traditions and vibrant life of Spanish-speaking countries.

In March, students each chose a Spanish-speaking country and prepared a dish representing that country. The event culminated in a shared meal, allowing students to explore and enjoy a variety of authentic cuisines.

In April, students enjoyed a concert by Puerto Rican singer Edgar Rene. He performed popular Spanish songs along with a few of his own compositions. His inspiring message encouraged students to live each day fully and to celebrate life.

In May, students gathered in the Learning Resource Center for a Cinco de Mayo celebration. The event featured lunch, limbo, and various games and activities, marking the end of the school year with joy and festive spirit.

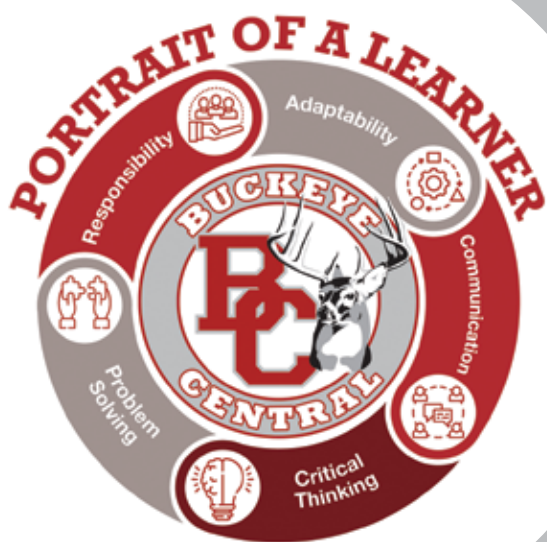


6th-Graders Take On Camp Wilson

Our 6th-graders had an unforgettable three-day journey at Camp Wilson. It was a tech-free adventure where students immersed themselves in nature, honed their team-building skills, and enjoyed a variety of activities. From family-style meals to tackling an escape room, competing in an "Amazing Race," playing in a soccer competition, and canoeing — our students had the time of their lives! Additionally, there was plenty of recreational time for everyone to relax and have fun.

CAN You Guess Who I Am?

Buckeye Central third-graders created "character cans" as part of their class biography project. The students were asked to select and research a famous person, write a report, turn it into a slideshow, and decorate a can to resemble their character. The students got creative, and their can characters ranged from Derek Jeter to Mother Teresa!



Buckeye Central's Portrait of a Learner Shaped by Community Input

This spring, our school district - in partnership with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center and Battelle for Kids - developed the Buckeye Central Portrait of a Learner, outlining essential competencies for student success in college, career, and life.

To shape the Portrait, we solicited broad-based feedback through surveys from the community, students, and teaching staff, ensuring that this initiative reflects our collective values and aspirations. This input was critical in identifying the five key competencies listed to the right:



This experience truly captures the essence of learning outside the classroom, showcasing the joy and growth that come from new challenges and shared adventures. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year and the lasting memories our students created together. We are proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork, and we look forward to more exciting opportunities in the future.

Buckeye Central Students Shine at Ohio FFA Convention

The Buckeye Central School District is proud to announce the accomplishments of its students at the Ohio FFA Convention, held on May 2 and 3 at the Ohio Expo Center. Multiple BC students demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication, earning several prestigious awards. One student came home earning the top spot in her category:

Averie Tacket (8th Grade) - Ohio FFA Junior High Equine Judging Contest Winner

The following students earned the State FFA Degree, which is a prestigious award honoring the top overall students in the Ohio FFA each year. These students have shown exemplary work within the classroom through FFA Activities and Competitions, developed premier leadership skills, and kept accurate records of their outstanding supervised agriculture experience (SAE):



Mason Clay (Jr.) - *Entrepreneurship and Job Placement*
Mason raises meat goats which he shows at the Crawford County Fair. He also works at Schiefer Bins where he assists local farmers by repairing and constructing grain storage systems.

Austin Estridge (Jr.) - *Entrepreneurship*
Austin raises dairy beef feeder calves which he shows at the Crawford County Fair.

James Forman (Sr.) - *Job Placement*
James works at Hord Livestock - a farrowing house in Crawford County - where he cares for sows and piglets.

Isaac Parsons (Jr.) - *Entrepreneurship*
Isaac raises dairy goats which he shows as market goats at the Crawford County Fair.



Responsibility:

A Buckeye Central Student will be dependable and trustworthy. We take ownership of our actions, follow through on tasks, honor agreements, and consider the consequences of our decisions on ourselves and others.

Adaptability:

A Buckeye Central Student will adjust and thrive in different situations or environments. We can effectively respond to changes, whether they are sudden or gradual, by modifying our approach, mindset, or behavior as needed.

Communication:

A Buckeye Central Student will listen carefully and recognize the need to articulate in a variety of ways. We will respectfully share thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly with others.

Critical Thinking:

A Buckeye Central student will be able to see and understand the bigger picture, weigh various outcomes, and apply disciplined thinking that is clear, rational, open-minded, and informed by evidence.

Problem-Solving:

A Buckeye Central Student will use creativity and knowledge to identify problems, brainstorm ideas, and persevere until we find the best way to address challenges.

These competencies will guide our curriculum, teaching practices, and extracurricular programs, preparing students for success beyond high school. We are excited to kick-off the Portrait of a Learner initiative in the fall! Together, we are building a brighter future, equipping our graduates with the skills and character needed to succeed and make meaningful contributions to society.



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Class of 2024 Graduates - Oh The Places They'll Go!

As they turned their tassels, the outstanding students in the BC class of 2024 took the first step into the next chapter of their lives, equipped with the knowledge and skills they have gained during their years at Buckeye Central. Their commitment to their education has set them on paths to bright futures, whether they are entering the workforce, heading to college, enlisting in the military or pursuing other endeavors. The community looks forward to seeing the positive impact these graduates will make on the world. Congratulations to the Class of 2024 - we are proud of you!



Catch the Wave - Have a Great Summer!

**We wish all of our students
and their families a wonderful
summer break! We'll see
everyone in August!**

