

BUCKEYE VALLEY LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ELEMENTARY STUDENT
GUIDEBOOK**

2024-2025



**Buckeye Valley Local Schools
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Academic Calendar**

Aug. 12	Elementary Open House, Grades 1-5
Aug. 14	First Day of School
Aug. 14-19	Gentle Start Kindergarten (parents will receive a schedule)
Aug. 20	No school for Kindergarten Kindergarten Open House
Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 16-18	Fair Week - No School
Sept. 19-20	Teacher Professional Development – No school for students
Oct. 18	Teacher Professional Development - No school for students
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec.23-Jan.2	Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Professional Development Day for Teachers - No School for Students
Jan. 6	First day back from break
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day, No School
Feb. 14	Teacher Professional Development - No school for students
Feb. 17	President's day, No School
March 7	Teacher Professional Development - No school for students
March 24-28	Spring break
April. 18	Conference Exchange Date - No school
May 26	Memorial Day - No school
May 29	Last Day for students
May 30	Last day for staff

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BV East Elementary

**Leah Ann Childers, Principal
Scott Thomas, Asst. Principal**



BV West Elementary

**Josh Martin, Principal
Barb Gall, Asst. Principal**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome back to school!

This guidebook is designed to help you or your child when you have a question or concern. We hope to cover many of the major concerns and questions that you will have over the coming year.

Should you encounter an unknown situation, please feel encouraged to contact your child's teacher or building administrators for help..

Please accept our invitation to be a partner in your child's school experience. Together, we can ensure that your child has a successful school experience.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year together!

Sincerely,
Buckeye Valley Elementary Staff

SCHOOL HOURS

Our regular school hours are as follows:

Breakfast begins at 8:50 at East Elementary, and 9:00 at West Elementary.

Doors open for all students at 9:00 a.m.

The tardy bell rings at 9:15. Students should be in their classroom at that time. Dismissal starts at 3:30 p.m. for both buildings

2-hour delay hours are as follows:

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. (No breakfast on delay days).

Tardy bell rings at 11:15. Students should be in their classrooms at that time.

Dismissal starts at 3:30 p.m. for both buildings.

COMMUNICATION

Weekly communication for each building is included in the Baron Buzz newsletter that is emailed to families. This is the primary source of communication from school to home.

Teachers and school personnel will often reach out individually to parents and guardians regarding their child. In addition to phone calls, all Buckeye Valley Elementary staff will be utilizing the Parent Square app to communicate with parents. Two way messages can be sent through this app. Please make sure that you have access to the app and that you check it on a regular basis.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school when a question or concern arises. We try to respond as quickly as possible. If you have not received a response within 1-2 business days, please contact the building principal for help.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The student handbook addresses the use of cell phones by students during the school day. This includes smart watches and personal communication devices. Not only is this for the safety and well-being of all students, but also to reduce distractions from learning. Cell phones and smart watches are to remain in a student's backpack for the duration of the school day. Students are not permitted to text or call parents during the school day without permission from the teacher or other school personnel. We will help students make contact with home from the school office if needed.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an important part of our school community. The PTO provides support in all aspects of our educational program. We encourage all parents to become involved in the PTO.

Whether your work schedule is day or evening, there are ways to become involved in our learning community. PTO meetings are held monthly. You can join the PTO by signing up at open houses or within the beginning of school paperwork. Please visit the school website for more PTO information.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees cover the cost of consumable materials that your child uses throughout the course of the school year. Workbooks and art materials are just two examples of the materials that are consumed by students each year. Please pay your school fees by sending a check to the school office. **Please do not send cash.** School fees are waived for students eligible for free or reduced lunch. If school fees are a financial hardship for your family, please contact the building principal to arrange a payment schedule.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

If it becomes necessary to close schools due to unexpected emergencies or weather conditions, information will be available at the Buckeye Valley Local School website (www.mybvlsd.org) and various other platforms such as radio and television broadcasts. This information is also usually communicated through Parent Square.

There may be times when it is necessary to dismiss school during the day because of an emergency. It is impossible for us to contact each parent when these situations occur. Parents are urged to make arrangements with a neighbor or friend or YMCA Y-Club so their child will have a place to go if a parent/guardian is not home. We hope that there will be no unscheduled early dismissals, but emergencies do occur and we need everyone's cooperation if such a need arises.

It is extremely important to update the office with new phone numbers and addresses so we can reach you in an emergency.

YMCA Y-CLUB BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Before and after school programming is provided by the YMCA and is available for all families from 6:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. at East, 7:00 am - 9:00 am at West, and from 3:40 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at East and West. The YMCA Y-Club will offer programming in the summer. Information regarding Y-Club can be obtained by visiting the BV website or calling the YMCA at 614-839-9622.

In the event of a school delay, Y-Club will operate on Delay Hours.

In the event of a school closure, Y-Club will be CLOSED.

BUCKEYE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Buckeye Valley offers a half-day preschool program for students with special needs as well as peer role models. The students attend Monday through Thursday during the hours listed below.

MORNING SESSION: 9:00 a.m.-11:40 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00 p.m.-3:40 p.m.

In the event of a delay, preschool hours are as follows:

1 Hour Delay: MORNING SESSION: 10:00 a.m.-11:40 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00 p.m.-3:40 p.m.

2 Hour Delay: MORNING SESSION: 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:45 p.m.-3:40 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are welcome to help with classroom needs, and school-wide events upon invitation or coordination with school staff. Volunteers must also follow the sign-in procedures and bring a driver's license to sign into the Raptor system. Volunteers are also required to complete the district's volunteer certification process. This process can be found in the Buckeye Valley Student Handbook. Volunteer tasks are meant to focus on currently enrolled BV students, so **no siblings will be allowed to accompany parents who have volunteered to help within the classroom or on field trips.**

All volunteers and chaperones are required to follow a procedure (including a background check and principal approval) as listed in the Buckeye Valley Student handbook.

BEHAVIOR/PBIS

Both schools utilize the PBIS (Positive Behavior Instruction and Support) system to manage behaviors. Each building will share their plan with parents at the beginning of the school year.

CLASSROOM SNACKS

Although not required, some students enjoy celebrating a special event by bringing in a treat for their classmates. Please make arrangements for treats with your child's teacher in advance.

Many of our students have food allergies, especially to nuts and gluten that can be very severe. These medical needs require them to know all ingredients and/or nutritional information.

If snacks are allowed in your child's classroom, **please send healthy food items** for your child (fruits, cheeses, vegetables, crackers, raisins, and/or granola bars are good choices) or other treats (pencils, erasers, stickers, etc.)

Snacks brought for the entire class must be in sealed packaging from the manufacturer and have nutritional information and communicated with the classroom teacher 3 days ahead of time. Homemade items will not be served and will be returned home.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

Special occasions or events may prompt classrooms to host parties. The teacher plans these celebrations. Parents may be invited to help within the classroom during these events. These events are meant to focus on BV students, and **no siblings will be allowed to accompany parents who have volunteered to help within the classroom.**

STUDENT SERVICES

Buckeye Valley Local Schools is a district that follows the Multi-Tier Systems of Supports (MTSS) Model as well as complies with the mandates of Section 504 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Students who are struggling academically and/or socially are largely served within the general education classroom. Students may participate in academic and behavioral interventions designed by the teacher and/or the educational team within their respective classrooms.

In addition, services may be provided within or beyond the general classroom to promote students' academic, language, and social development based on student data. Services at this level may be provided on a short-term basis by speech pathologists, school psychologists, reading specialists, intervention tutors, and intervention specialists.

For students experiencing difficulties over time, the educational team may consider a referral to the MTSS team . The team includes the child’s parent/guardian, teacher, district representative, and appropriate specialists. This team designs an intervention plan that addresses the student’s areas of need and monitors their progress over time.

Special education services are available to students with disabilities. Students who have been evaluated under IDEA may be eligible for services if their disability substantially impacts their education and requires specialized instruction. Parents are encouraged to work with the building principal to plan their child’s educational plans and evaluations. The ultimate goal of the Student Services department is to design educational plans that promote student performance in the areas of academics, language, citizenship, and well-being.

VALUABLE PROPERTY

Bringing valuable property is discouraged by the district. **If items, such as cell phones or smartwatches are brought to school, students must keep them turned off and in their backpacks as use of these items is prohibited in the classroom. **The school (including buses) will NOT accept responsibility for the loss of personal property. ****

STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORTING

Buckeye Valley Local Schools operate on a quarterly grading period. Every effort is made to get report cards out one week after the end of each nine-week grading period. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled in the fall, and again each spring. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these conferences.

K-5 ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Student progress is reported using a 3-2-1 achievement scale. Report cards will reflect this scale on grade level expectation.

3	Consistently meeting the standard taught this quarter
2	Progressing towards meeting the standard taught this quarter with increased support.
1	Limited progress in meeting the standard this quarter and requires extensive support.

.A blank square indicates the standard was not assessed this quarter.

STUDENT RETENTION/PROMOTION AND ACCELERATION

Each student should be moved forward in a pattern of achievement and growth that is in harmony with their own development. At the end of the school year, each student will be promoted, retained, or placed. Parents/Guardians will be notified if a student is to be retained.

Grade or subject acceleration may be considered when a student has demonstrated achievement, as well as measured ability, that significantly exceeds those of child grade level peers.

PLAYGROUND

Children should be properly clothed for daily outdoor activities. These activities take place when the temperature is 20 degrees F or above, including wind chill. If your child is unable to participate in outdoor activities for any reason, please contact the school.

PLAYGROUND RULES

1. Students are to show respect to the adult on duty at all times. Students shall not use obscene, vulgar, profane, or discriminatory language or gestures.
2. Running is not permitted when entering or leaving the building.
3. All items brought from home must be checked and approved by the classroom teacher before they are allowed on the playground.
Electronic games and devices as well as cell phones and smart watches are not permitted on our playground.
4. The throwing of stones, snowballs, dirt, etc. is never permitted.
5. There is to be no fighting or rough games that include tackling, pushing, or shoving.
6. Swings and slides are used only in a safe manner. No standing up, lying down, or doubling up is permitted.
7. Students are not to retrieve balls or other items that go outside the playground.
8. Students are not to run through or otherwise disrupt someone else’s game.
9. **Jumping from any playground equipment is never permitted.**
10. Students are never to re-enter the building or leave the playground without the permission of the person on duty.

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

If you have a school bus concern, please contact the bus driver first for resolution. If you feel your concern is still not resolved, please contact school personnel. **Parents/Guardians or any unauthorized individuals are not allowed to board or impede the orderly boarding or departing of students on school buses.**

Students riding any Buckeye Valley school bus are expected to behave appropriately. Safety is our main concern. Every student's behavior while riding on a bus can and does affect everyone else's safety. Students whose behavior does not meet the expectations of appropriate bus behavior will be subject to disciplinary action from the building administration.

All Buckeye Valley Local School students riding buses shall:

1. Arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. If a student is not at the designated place of safety (at least 20 or more steps away from the bus stop), the bus is not required to wait. (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-08 C4)
2. Student behavior at bus stops must not behave in a manner that threatens the life, limb, or property of any individual (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
3. Students must go directly to an available or assigned seat. (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
4. Students must remain seated, keeping aisles and exits clear at all times (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
5. Students must observe classroom-like conduct with the understanding that school rules apply on the bus. Obey and cooperate with the driver promptly and respectfully. (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
6. Students must not engage in loud talking or laughing, excessive horseplay, or fighting. At railroad crossings, there is to be no talking.
7. Students must not use profane or abusive language (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
8. Students must refrain from chewing gum, eating, and drinking on the bus except as required for medical reasons (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
9. Students must not use tobacco in any form or alternative nicotine product. This includes any vaping devices. (Ohio Law 3301.83.08 and Ohio Revised Code §2151.87)
10. Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on the bus, except as required for prescription medication required for students (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)

11. Students must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
12. Students may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps. No living creatures or dangerous materials or objects are permitted. (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)
13. All school codes of conduct and rules and regulations that govern student behavior are also in effect on all Buckeye Valley school buses.
14. Students must not extend any part of their bodies out of bus windows (Ohio Law 3301.83.08)

THE PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) RESPONSIBILITY

- To support school personnel in their efforts to develop and maintain well-disciplined, safe schools
- To teach their children socially acceptable standards of behavior
- To teach their children to have respect for the law, for authority and for others and their personal property.
- To teach their children how to be responsible for their own actions and to help their children grow and develop into self-disciplined community members.
- To be in partnership with school personnel for student conduct at school
- To maintain an active interest in their child's schoolwork and activities
- To require of their children prompt and regular attendance
- To attend parent/teacher conferences
- To daily monitor homework, check book bags, and model good reading practices.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Buckeye Valley Local School District complies with the provisions of IDEA, VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and it does not discriminate against applicants, employees, students, parents and members of the general public and individuals with whom it does business on the basis of race, color, national origin, citizenship status, creed, religion, sex, economic status, age or disability. Inquiries concerning this policy should be directed to the BV Compliance Officer, at (740)363-6626. Equal educational opportunities shall be available for all students, without regard to race, national origin, disability, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or marital or parental status. Further, educational programs shall be designed to meet with varying needs of all students. Buckeye Valley does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, age, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital status, status as a parent or pregnancy in its programs and activities.

“Where Tradition Meets Innovation”

~Buckeye Valley Schools Vision Statement

“Engaging and Inspiring Individuals to Thrive in an
Ever-Changing, Diverse Society”

~Buckeye Valley Schools Mission Statement

CORE BELIEFS

At Buckeye Valley Local Schools, we believe

1. Our work is student-focused
2. We show compassion, empathy, kindness and respect
3. We honor a tradition of excellence, hard work and resilience
4. We are an inclusive community that embraces diversity and opportunity for every student
5. Our communication is collaborative, relevant and transparent
6. We are driven to provide high quality education through rigor, creativity, innovation and continuous improvement.

Buckeye Valley Administration Office

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Please keep this handbook at home for reference throughout the year. If you need additional information, please contact your child’s school. It is our goal to make each school year happy, safe, and productive for your child.