



# RED REVIEW

Summer 2024

## Another Great Year with a Busy Summer Ahead



As we celebrate another successful school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our students, staff, and families for their dedication and hard work. Your commitment to excellence continues to drive our success and make Bellevue Schools a place where everyone can thrive. Special congratulations to our

graduating class of 2024, whose accomplishments have made us all proud.

This spring we witnessed remarkable achievements. Our Bellevue Elementary students are enjoying a new shade canopy on the playground, thanks to a collaborative effort by our PTO and community partners. Our middle school music performances were a hit and our track teams demonstrated exceptional athleticism. Our Bellevue High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America members shone brightly at the State Leadership Conference, bringing home top honors and new leadership roles. You can read about this and more in the following pages of our newsletter.

Looking ahead, we have several important summer projects planned to enhance our district:

- Complete roof project at Bellevue High School
- Replace track surface at Bellevue High School
- Seal and stripe parking lots at Bellevue Elementary School
- Seal and stripe the outdoor basketball court at Bellevue Elementary School
- Finalize our Five-Year Strategic Plan

These improvements will ensure our students continue to learn and grow in a safe and supportive environment.

I am incredibly proud of our community and look forward to celebrating more milestones together in the upcoming school year.

Thank you and enjoy your summer!

Troy Roth  
Superintendent

## High School Mentors Make a Difference at Bellevue Elementary

Each week, some of our amazing Bellevue High School students volunteer their time to mentor Bellevue Elementary students. They build positive relationships through activities like playing board games, throwing a football, solving puzzles, reading books, and even tackling tricky math problems together.

This mentoring program has been a wonderful success, with everyone appreciating the commitment and kindness shown by our high school mentors. Their dedication not only enriches the elementary students' experiences but also fosters a strong sense of community and support within our schools.



*High school mentors Aaron and Eva with their Bellevue Elementary mentees!*

## Savannah Francis Wins Billboard Design Contest

Savannah Francis from Mrs. Nystrom's 5th-grade class won the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste District Billboard Design Contest. Her creative design, "Recycle; Save the Life Cycle!" will be featured on a full-sized billboard. Great job, Savannah!



## New Shade Canopy for Bellevue Elementary Playground

This spring Bellevue Elementary School received a much-needed large shade canopy for the playground.

The project was a collaborative effort, with funding shared by the BES PTO, Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste Management District, and the Mylander Foundation. Hayward Rigging expertly completed the installation, ensuring the canopy is secure and ready for use.

Students are thrilled about the new addition and look forward to enjoying many sunny days on the playground with a cool, shaded area to take breaks from the sun!



*A snapshot of the shade canopy being built!*

## Middle School Art Show

On May 9, our middle school art students had the opportunity to showcase their incredible talents at the first official Art Show organized by Ms. Baltzell. The event was a vibrant display of creativity and hard work, highlighting the students' projects from Art I, II, III, and ceramics classes. Ms. Baltzell and her students have set a high standard for future art shows and we can't wait to see what they create next!



## FCCLA State Leadership Conference Success

In April, six members of Bellevue High School's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and their adviser attended the State Leadership Conference.

Bellevue High School's accomplishments include:

1. The Parliamentary Procedure team (Maisyn Groves, Dylan Love, Taylor Schlosser, Ava Duffield, Mitchel Sriver, and Preston Spurlock) placed 1st in the state for Level 3.
2. Maisyn Groves placed 1st in Leadership Level 3.

Both events qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington, from June 29-July 3. Maisyn Groves chose to stay with the Parliamentary Procedure team for nationals.

Taylor Schlosser was elected Vice President of Programs for the State Executive Council, and Ava Duffield was elected as a representative for Region 1 (Northwest Ohio). Both underwent interviews and tests before the conference and presented speeches to an audience of 1,200.

Bellevue High School's FCCLA chapter also received the Go for the Red Ohio award for total membership and a service hours award. Adviser Mrs. Natalie Martin evaluated projects and served as the Parliamentarian for the business session.

Taylor Schlosser also presented a workshop. Members attended leadership sessions, the FCCLA expo, and networked with peers from across Ohio, making the conference a resounding success.



## Middle School Band, Choir, and Track Finish School Year Strong

Our middle school band and choir performed to packed houses, showcasing their talents in unforgettable spring concerts. Our band performed an additional outdoor concert on May 16, bringing school-year performances to a beautiful close.

In sports, our boys and girls track teams competed with great spirit at the SBC championships on Saturday, May 4. Their dedication and hard work made us all proud. Go Big Red!!



# High School Spring Athletics

At the end of a terrific spring season, we want to celebrate the incredible achievements of our spring sports teams and athletes. Their dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship have brought pride to our school community.

## Softball



Senior Kyra Henney has been honored as the Most Outstanding Player of the Sandusky Bay Conference (SBC) Lake Division and was selected First Team All-Ohio. Kyra, alongside fellow seniors Gwen Strause (Honorable Mention SBC) and Melody Sommers (1st Team SBC), played pivotal roles in leading the Lady Red Softball team to a strong run to the Sectional Finals.



## Baseball



The Redmen baseball team advanced to the Sectional Finals. Seniors Cody Lindsey and Dylan Barger, along with sophomore Drew Dennings, earned 1st Team All SBC honors.

## Tennis



Brendan Reese was named to the 2nd Team All SBC at 2nd Singles, while Kaden Miller received Honorable Mention at 1st Singles. The duo of Blake Hunter and Laken Dougherty earned Honorable Mention at 1st Doubles.

## Track and Field



The Lady Red Track and Field team finished 4th overall in the SBC, with standout individual performances. Senior Ella Rucker claimed SBC championships in both the 100m and 300m hurdles, while sophomore Lilly Sosa also emerged as the SBC pole vault champion. The Lady Red 4x100m and 4x200m relay teams shattered school records, thanks to the efforts of Katelyn Turner, Hallie McCarthy, Brooke Brown, and Amerie Wagner.



On the boys' side, the Redmen Track team celebrated their first SBC Team Championship since 2017. Junior James Henderson won the 1600m, and freshman Caden Cramer took home the discus title. The 4x100m relay team, Jeremiah Tuttamore, Wyatt Sumser, Haydn Sartor, and Cooper Moyer, also secured an SBC title. Wyatt Sumser had a standout season, winning both the Long Jump and High Jump, and breaking the school High Jump record with a leap of 6'6".

Our team continued their success at the OHSAA State Track and Field Championships. Ella Rucker ran in the 300m and placed third in the 100m hurdles. Lilly Sosa excelled in the Pole Vault, and the 4x200m relay team of Katelyn Turner, Hallie McCarthy, Brooke Brown, and Amerie Wagner set a new school record.

Wyatt Sumser was awarded State Champion in the High Jump, breaking his own school record with a leap of 6'9". Jonah Kadow represented the team in the 300m hurdles.



Wyatt Sumser - High Jump State Champion



Ella Rucker - 100m Hurdles 3rd Place



Photo: Sandusky Register

## OHSAA STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Fresh Greens for Our Community

We are excited to announce the arrival of fresh greens to our community, thanks to our new hydroponic gardens! In partnership with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Fork Farms, we can now grow a variety of fresh produce year-round.

Our first harvest of romaine lettuce was a big hit, yielding 25 pounds of delicious, nutritious greens. We look forward to continuing to bring fresh, healthy options to our school community!

## World Cultures Class Explores Cleveland

The World Cultures Class recently embarked on a journey into Cleveland, where they immersed themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of the West Side Market. There, students experienced the diverse tastes and sounds of various cultures.

The class also visited the iconic Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, where they discovered how music transcends barriers and expresses both the joys and struggles of our world. This trip provided a unique opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of global cultures, food, music, and more.

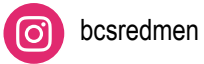




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## Treasurer Update: Income Tax RENEWAL on November Ballot



On November 5, 2024, Bellevue City Schools will be on the ballot with a 4.94 mill income tax renewal levy. The tax rate is set at 0.5% of income, and if passed, it would bring in \$1,753,013 annually. Funding from the levy would help maintain the

district's day-to-day operations, including staff, utilities, textbooks, and supplies.

**This is a 10-year RENEWAL with ZERO tax increase.**

Tammy Flicker  
Treasurer

## CONGRATULATIONS to the Bellevue High School Class of 2024!



*Hailey Singleton, one of ten Bellevue High School graduates this year with at least four generations of BHS alumni, stands proudly with her parents Jared and Mindy (Hemenway) Singleton, grandmother Anita Ruffing, and a cherished photo of her great-grandfather Albert Wybensing.*

