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Dates to Remember

- July 10 (Wednesday)- School Board Mtg
- Aug. 5 (Monday)- School Board Mtg
- Aug. 21- Open House
- Aug. 22- WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!



BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From Sneakers to Dress Shoes- Bearcats Celebrate Education

From the first year of school to the last year of school, we celebrate education in Bearcat Country. The Kindergarten Sneaker Ball and the Senior Prom are two celebratory occasions where students come dressed up to celebrate the maturation from one stage of life to the next. The scenery for the Kindergarten Sneaker Ball may be vastly different from the senior prom, but the excitement is the same. Enjoy the pictures below from our Kindergarten Sneaker Ball and Bedford High School's Senior Prom.



Top- Students and their families were all smiles when The class of 2037 walked the Green carpet to ring the bell and sign their "Kindergarten Bearcat Pledge".

Bottom- The class of 2024 walked the Red carpet at their senior prom. These Bearcats are excited to graduate and start the next chapter of their lives.

Columbus' Discovery and Fun - Science Night

Columbus Intermediate School hosted a Science Family Engagement Night that featured an indoor SkyDome, mobile planetarium, and hands on science stations all focused on space. Often in education, the academic focus is on English Language Arts and Mathematics, but there is a large community of students who are intrigued by science and the teachers and staff at Columbus Intermediate were happy to quench the student's thirst for science. Columbus' Science Symposium allowed students and adults to engage in hands-on activities, from making clouds to egg drop stations. The atmosphere filled with the joy of learning and the thrill of discovery.



Families participated in an Egg Drop Station that was operated by Columbus Teacher, Alicia Grosel. In the Egg Drop station, students and families constructed a "armor shield" to protect their eggs from breaking while being dropped six feet.



Dean of Academic Achievement, Karla Eberhardt & Building Principal, Jermaine Huff wrote the grant for Columbus' Science Night, and they were very proud of the evening.

Special Olympics 2024- Inclusion and Excellence

The Bedford City School District has been the very proud host of Special Olympics since 2013, and on April 26, 2024 we continued to be pleased. Special Olympics celebrates diversity, promotes inclusivity, and showcases the talents and achievements of ALL individuals. If you missed the BIG Day, you missed the opportunity to see athletes from all over Northeast Ohio compete in everything from track and field to softball. Participants and spectators were empowered by events that embody the values of acceptance and unity! If you missed it this year, see the photos below, but you need to see it first hand next year. The Bedford City School District hopes to see you at Special Olympics in 2025!



(L) Special Olympics organizer and BHS teacher, Nicole Topolski and Supervisor of Transportation, Stefany Tabor are pictured here with two high school Bearcats.



(R) Bearcat Olympian is pictured with his proud parents and his medal.

Special Olympics 2024- Inclusion and Excellence Continued.....



Olympians from all over Northeast gave it their all at Bearcat Stadium!



BCSD Intervention Specialists, Tim Kallay & Kaylen Durham had a blast celebrating Bearcat Olympian pictured above!



One of the best quotes EVER!

Bearcats Singing Success: BHS' Acapella Choir Clinches First Place at Heritage Choral Festival in Chicago

The Acapella choir's first-place win at the Chicago Heritage Choral Festival is a testament to their talent and dedication. Their harmonious blend of voices and impeccable performance captivated the audience and judges, showcasing their exceptional musical abilities. The American Sign Language (ASL) students accompanied the Acapella Choir and signed as the choir performed. The American Sign Language students earned a maestro award for their signing ability. Under the direction of Kevin Gibaldi, the choir received a gold rating for their performance in the vocal contest. These victories not only highlight the students hard work and skill but also bring recognition to everyone in Bearcat Country. The Bedford City School District is extremely proud!

Acapella Choir Members American Sign Language Students

Lillian Askew
Megan Cooper
Emerson Davis
Skye Downey
Chyanne Ellis
Sunny Faison
Josephine Franczek
Davion Gipson
Caleb Harkness
Lolade McCants
JayVein McClarity
Truth Perkins-Ray
Brooklyn Pitts
Jasmin Scott
Camran Stewart
Jada Tripp

Davion Gibson
Mikeia Little
Natalia Rivera Rivera

Student Photographer

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The Choir attended a Concordia University workshop led by Dr. Brown, the chairman of Concordia's music department.



The Gold Award & The Maestro Award

CONGRATULATIONS on Receiving a Continuing Contract!

Way to go!



L to R- Adam Hoon, Bedford High School-
Shannon Szell, Columbus- Leah
Hollingsworth, Carylwood- Linda Hanson,
Excel Academy - Kayla Darden, Bedford High
School

Tenure also known as a Continuing Contract is an important component of The Bedford City School District's commitment to academic excellence. When a teacher receives tenure from BCSD, the district acknowledges a teacher's dedication to their students, colleagues, and community. The district demonstrates trust in the teacher's ability to continue delivering exceptional education to our young Bearcats. Congratulations to the teaches pictured for receiving a Continuing Contract.

Thank You for Your Years of Dedication- ENJOY RETIREMENT!

The Bedford City School District would like to send well wishes to the Bearcats that will spend time resting, relaxing and enjoying retirement. Retirement is a momentous occasion to acknowledge dedication, hard work, and passion for educating future generations. Let's celebrate the Bearcats below for years of service, memorable moments, and countless contributions to shaping young minds. Congratulations to the certified and classified Bearcats listed and/or pictured below for this well-deserved recognition! May your retirement be filled with ease, joy, and cherished memories.



(L) Shawn Nichols Music Educator- 33 years
Kevin Gibaldi Music Educator- 33 years
Joseph Sovacool Intervention Specialist- 28 years

(R) Darren Meadows, Transportation- 32 years
Genise Long, Paraprofessional- 6 years
(not pictured)
Janet Miller, School Bus Operator- 27 years
(not pictured)
Robert Webber, Skilled Tradesman- 8 years
(not pictured)
Kenneth Vondrasek, Custodian- 12 years
(not pictured)



THANK YOU!

If you are looking for employment opportunities in our communities, visit the websites below:



Bedford City
School District



City of Bedford



City of Bedford
Heights



Oakwood Village



Village of
Walton Hills

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.



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FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN!

The Bedford City School District realizes that summer can be a hard time for children who rely on school meals. That is why we are partnering with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Summer Feeding Program to provide free meals on Monday - Friday, starting June 10 through August 9, 2024 at BCSD-Heskett Middle School. Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, and lunch is served from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Contact Nutrition Services at 440- 439- 4530 or call The Food Bank at 216- 738- 2067 if you have questions. Please share this information with someone that could use some extra support.



We're here
to help!