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Dates to Remember

- Sept. 15- Oct. 15
National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Oct. 1 - Carylwood One Book One school
- Oct. 2- Homecoming Parade 5-7pm
- Oct. 3 Board Mtg @6
- Oct 4- Homecoming Game against Garfield
- Oct. 5- Homecoming Dance



 BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Reviving Beauty:

Cosmetology is Back in Bearcat Country!

The Bedford City School District is thrilled to announce the successful grand opening of our new cosmetology room. YES! The Cosmetology program is back in Bearcat Country after being gone for nearly 25 years, and the ribbon cutting ceremony was evidence that the program has been missed. The event was filled with excitement, as community members, staff, current students, and former cosmetology students gathered to celebrate this momentous occasion. Bearcats smiled from ear to ear while encouraging our students to dive into their stylish and creative learning journey in a newly renovated space filled with shiny new shampoo bowls, dryers, manicure stations and pedicure stations. The Bedford City School District is thrilled to offer our cosmetology students real-world experiences while empowering them with valuable skills and a head start on their future careers in a state of the art facility.



Members of the Cosmetology Class of 2026 enjoy their new text books.



The newly renovated Cosmetology room has updated styling stations, manicure & pedicure stations, shampoo bowls, dryers, an esthetician room and a classroom.



LtoR - Karla Robinson- CTE Coordinator, Dr. Threat- Exec. Director of Human Resources, Ms. Turner Birch- School Board Member, Angelic Carter- School Board Member, Dr. Johnson- Superintendent Anthony Akins- School Board Member, Sandy Spinks- Council Woman of Bedford

Reviving Beauty:

Cosmetology is Back in Bearcat Country! continued.....



(L)- students from The BCSD Cosmetology Class of 2025 thrive in their renovated classroom.

(R)- The BCSD class of 1971 picture was featured at the grand opening, and Rita Baumgartl points to herself in the class picture.



Building Community Connections - Social Emotional Learning Family Engagement Event

The Bedford City School District hosted The Second Annual Social Emotional Learning Fair. The BCSD's Social Emotional Learning Team organized a comprehensive event designed to support Bearcat families by providing essential resources across various areas, including fire safety, grief counseling, developmental health, and more, while enjoying activities like bounce houses, engaging games, and various vendors. This event not only provided critical support to families but also fostered a sense of joy and togetherness in the community, making it a memorable experience for everyone in attendance.



SEL Team L to R
ValSheka Ballou, Timothy Zuercher,
Faith Gordon, Karri Rolfe, Janeen
Akins, Holly Lynch



Cuyahoga County's
Department of Disabilities
provided a sensory truck, and
these young ladies had fun in it.



Bearcat Families had a
great time!



Columbus' Security
officer, Robbin Oulds
her daughters enjoyed
coloring together.

Celebrating English Language Learners at BCSD Family Night

The Bedford City School District's English Language Learners' (ELL) Family Night is a valuable initiative aimed at supporting our diverse multilingual community. By providing resources such as interpreters for accessing the school website and assistance with essential services like registration and Progressbook (online grading system), the event fosters greater engagement and inclusivity among ESL families. The BCSD aims to create an inclusive environment that helps the members of its ELL family feel more connected but also empowered to navigate available resources effectively.

Celebrating English Language Learners at BCSD Family Night....continued



The ELL Team was delighted to attend. (LtoR) Ryan Muniz, Greg Gardner, Monique Winston, Barbara Davila, Liliana Atala, Barbara Rodriguez.



(M)TESOL teacher, Suzi Sunjevaric had a great time interpreting at ELL night.



ELL families came together to share smiles and laughter while discovering valuable resources to support their language journey!

Steps of Wisdom- The Bedford City School District's Fathers' Walk

Central Primary, Glendale Primary, and Carylwood Intermediate participated in The Bedford City School District's annual Fathers Walk, and it was a resounding success. With nearly 300 dads coming together to engage in a morning of community and support, the event featured inspiring speeches from former Central principal, Terri Lipford, Title 9 Coordinator, Chris Thompson, and Carylwood principal, Dominick Gruttadauria. All of these educators are fathers, and they shared encouraging words of wisdom that resonated with both parents and children alike. The Father's Walk is proof that when fathers show up, magic happens! The enthusiasm and warmth present made the day unforgettable, and we eagerly look forward to continuing this cherished tradition next year.



The Bedford City School District's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

It is time to recognize the outstanding contributions of our Bearcat Alumni. We invite YOU to nominate exceptional Bearcat graduates to The Bedford City School District's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. These honorees embody the spirit of excellence and dedication that enhances our school district and our four communities. Please submit your nominations by October 30, 2024, and help us celebrate those who inspire us all! Together, let's honor the history, legacy of leadership, and commitment of excellence in our Bearcat Family!

The Bedford City School District's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.....continued



Bearcat Excellence: Awards and Achievements

The Bedford City School District celebrated the outstanding contributions of its personnel and community partners during a special recognition ceremony, highlighting their deep dedication to enhancing the Bedford City School District as a thriving learning community, passionately committed to student achievement and reinforcing The BCSD's status as the educational center of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village and Walton Hills. These awards emphasize the importance of collaboration and innovation within the district, showcasing various initiatives that have positively impacted students and the community. This acknowledgment not only reinforces the district's commitment to excellence but also inspires continued growth and achievement among its staff, students and community partners. A HUGE THANK YOU to all award recipients for their unwavering commitment and passion. LET'S GO, BEARCATS!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Transformational Leader of the Year- Erin Black

Maintenance/Custodian of the Year- Eli Connor

Nutrition Services Employee of the Year- Beverly Tokarcik

Security Officer of the Year- Krystiana Collins

Technology Employee of the Year- Karen Sullins

Transportation Employee of the Year- Timothy Walker

Clerical Employee of the Year- Patricia Phillips

Paraprofessional of the Year- Michelle Hopp

Rookie of the Year- Karla Goczo

Teacher of the Year- Raelene Jones

Social Emotional Learning Team Member of the Year- Timothy Zuercher

Community Partner of the Year- Council Woman Candace Hill

Community Partner of the Year- Council Woman Enid Thomas

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**



School Community Resource Room Open to Students, Families, and Senior Citizens

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Sharyn Macklin, Vice President
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Angelic M. Carter

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!

**We're here
to help!**

Our students, families, and all senior citizens in our district are welcome to use the Community Resource Room!