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Dates to Remember

- Sept. 15- Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept. 18- E.L.L Parent/Family Night@ High School 5:30-7:30
- Sept. 19- Father's Walk @Glendale 8-9am
- Sept. 19- BHS Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30
- Excel Parent Teacher Conference 3:30-6:30
- BHS Senior Parent Night 5:00-6:00
- School Board Mtg-6:00



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New Faces in Bearcat Country

As we start the 2024/2025 school year, there will be many new faces in Bearcat country. We extend a HUGE WELCOME to our new staff who bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to The Bedford City School District. Thank you in advance for your dedication to fostering a positive learning environment. We are excited to see the impact you'll make on our students' lives. If you see any of the following people around Bearcat Country, please welcome them:

Elizabeth Barrett, Paraprofessional- Bedford High School
Mikayla Batson, Paraprofessional- 1:1 student specific
Meghan Boggess, Math Teacher- Heskett
Devin Brown, Custodial Assistant- Bedford High School
Gwendolyn Carter Hogan, Paraprofessional- Carylwood
Erin Carter, Art- Heskett
Christina Cox, Cosmetology Teacher, Bedford High School
Chelly Clark, Bus Attendant- Transportation
Carmyn Clay, Long Term substitute teacher- Glendale
London Cloud, Paraprofessional- Carylwood
Meg Cloud, Paraprofessional- Bedford High School
Mikayla Cox, Paraprofessional- Glendale
Syreta Edwards, Paraprofessional- Central
AnnMarie Graziani, Paraprofessional- Glendale
Faith Forinash, Music- Bedford High School & Heskett
Stacy Hunsicker, Intervention Specialist- TBD
Margarete Green, First Grade, Central
DeAnna Green, Intervention Specialist, Bedford High School
Kelsey Graham, Paraprofessional- Heskett



Welcome

The New Teachers take a picture on the steps of Bedford High School.

New Faces in Bearcat Country continued.....

Elaine Griffin- Title I Tutor- Bedford High School
Tiffany Harris, Cook- Bedford High School
Treleen Heaton, Cook- Heskett
LaShawnda Jackson, Transportation aide- Transportation
Samantha Jones, Paraprofessional- Central
Sarah Kazsmer, Speech Pathologist- Carylwood
Kaitlin Lightner, Sports Medicine Teacher- Bedford High School
Raven Lewis, Paraprofessional- Heskett
Gwendolyn Lucas, Bus Attendant- Transportation
Jessica MacQuarrie, Speech Pathologist- Central
Natasha Malone, Cook- Central
Laiya Maloney, Paraprofessional- 1:1 student specific
Emily Merle, Sixth Grade Math- Heskett
Aliyah Mitchell, Paraprofessional- Central
Alyssa Morgano, Art Teacher- Carylwood & Columbus
James O'Flanagan, Engineering Teacher- Bedford High School
Sarah Philip, Art Teacher- Central
Christine Pitcock, Paraprofessional- Bear Program
Anisa Rahman, Substitute Bus Operator- Transportation
Jennifer Reed, Title Tutor- Central
Ericka L. Rice-Newell, Bus Attendant- Transportation
Kevin Rettinger, Multiple Handicap- Heskett
Sarabeth Rutkowski, Third Grade Teacher- Columbus
Dwayne Scott, School Bus Operator- Transportation
Courtney Schlabach, Paraprofessional- Glendale
Margaret Sealey, Substitute Bus Operator- Transportation
Khamal Slayton, Culinary Arts- Bedford High School
Ivory Smith, Cook- Bedford High School
Laila Smith, Guidance Counselor- Heskett
Kevin Spatz, Music Teacher- Glendale
Tremia Spoon-Hill, Cosmetology Teacher- Bedford High School
Martiana Stark, Paraprofessional- BEAR program
Kishon Underwood, Paraprofessional- 1:1 student specific
Megan Treharne, ELA- Heskett
Pedro Velasco, Security- Bedford High School
Isabelle Virag, Multiple Handicap- Central
Latoya Wallace, Paraprofessional- Bear Program
Reginald Walker, Assistant Principal- Bedford High School
Taylor Ward, Integrated Science- Bedford High School
Kelsey Washko, Occupational Therapist- Traveling
Joe Zeffer, Intervention Specialist- Bedford High School



Bearcat Senior, Ana Ningler Farone was the inspirational speaker at the new teacher orientation



(L) Communications Coordinator, Jamie C. Cole and (R) Title 1 Coordinator, Mary Catherine Ratkosky welcome Class of 2015 Bearcat Graduate and new employee, London Cloud

Bedford High School Welcomes the Class of 2028

As the 2024-2025 school year begins, The Bedford City School District welcomed our incoming freshmen to Bedford High School with our annual Freshmen Orientation! This event is important in easing the transition from middle school to high school, providing students with the tools and confidence they need to thrive in their new educational environment. Our dedicated staff and upperclassmen volunteered to share tips for success, discuss extracurricular opportunities, and create a supportive atmosphere that diminishes the nervousness that often occurs during a student's first year of high school. Bedford High School's freshman orientation lays the groundwork for Bearcats for years to come. The Bearcat family is excited to welcome The Class of 2028 to High School as they embark on the next phase of their educational journey.



These proud bearcat parents are nervous and excited for their children's freshman year.



These ladies from The Class of 2028 are excited for their freshman year

Prepare for Success: Professional Development Highlights

As the new school year approaches, our dedicated teachers and administrators have been hard at work, gearing up to provide the best education possible for our students. Recently, they participated in inspiring professional development sessions led by Dr. Erica Glover, an exceptional leader in the field of education. These workshops focused on innovative teaching strategies, effective classroom management techniques, and fostering inclusive learning environments. Dr. Glover equipped our staff with fresh ideas and practical tools that they can implement in their classrooms. The enthusiasm and commitment from our educators was evident, as they collaborated and shared insights on how to enhance student engagement and support diverse learning needs.



(L) Dr. Erica Glover is the author of *Centering Student Voice* and an educator committed to equity and inclusion. Throughout her career in education she served as a teacher and administrator. She worked with BCSD Teachers, Students, and Administrators last school year and will continue the work this year.



BCSD Teachers intently listen to Dr. Glover as she provides strategies that will help students' emotional health and academic achievement.

Open House in Bearcat Country

As we kick off the 2024-2025 school year, we are thrilled to share that The Bedford City School District's Open Houses were filled with fun and excitement. Families and BCSD staff arrived with enthusiasm, ready to begin a year full of learning and growth. The positive energy at all seven schools was contagious, as teachers, administrators and the custodial staff prepared each building with engaging activities to foster connection and excitement among our families. Thank you to everyone who participated and made Bearcat Open House 2024 memorable! Let's make this the best year yet!



Central Principal, Jennifer Speight looks forward to collaborating with Bearcat families this school year.



Glendale Principal, Angela Siwik is excited to greet families for the 2024-2025 school year.



Columbus Custodian, Roy Beall grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for Bearcat families.



Heskett English Teacher, Tricia Seuffert and Intervention Specialist, Cheryl Clifford welcome families to the new school 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!

All nominations must be completed
and submitted by October 30, 2024
Visit this QR Code Below





Building A Brighter Future Updates

After eight months of extensive community engagement and input, the Bedford City School District's Design Team submitted the Building a Brighter Future Schematic Design for the new Middle School and PreK-2 buildings to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) for review.

The submission is the result of a comprehensive community engagement and input process that included engaging internal and external stakeholders to understand perceptions. An all-day Visioning Session with a broad cross-section of our communities provided initial feedback. The Visioning Report then helped shape additional input opportunities, including: stakeholders, the Board of Education, Pre-K – 2 staff, Middle School staff, a Town Hall public meeting, a Visual Preference Survey, and an ECO-charrette (lengthy, detailed interactive brainstorming session that generates goals for a project) to define sustainability goals.

The Design Team received feedback from nearly 1,000 stakeholders in creating the OFCC submission. The Construction Manager, Design team and OFCC is expected to review the plan for budget, educational appropriateness, and schedule. The Bedford City School District will continue engaging the community and staff throughout the fall.

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

Bearcat Leadership

Dr. Cassandra Johnson
Superintendent

Tabitha Armstrong
Treasurer

Board of Education

Eva Boyington, President
Sharyn Macklin, Vice President
Anthony A. Akins
Danielle M. Turner Birch
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!