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## Baron Buzz-August 22, 2025



# THE BARONS BUZZ

A DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

AUGUST 22, 2025

### Message From the Superintendent--Weather-Related Delay & Cancellation Procedures

Buckeye Valley Community,

I want to take a moment to address today's weather conditions and our decision **not to delay school** despite the presence of fog in some areas of the district.

Our team began monitoring the situation early this morning, around **4:30 a.m.**, following our standard protocol by driving through multiple areas of the district. While some patchy fog was present, visibility remained within **safe driving limits** for both buses and student drivers in most parts of the district.

Please know that we take weather-related decisions very seriously and always prioritize the **safety of our students and staff**. Fog can vary greatly by location and time of day. Based on the conditions observed and the forecast available at the time, we determined that a delay was not warranted today.

That said, I want to assure you that moving forward, we will continue to **err on the side of caution**. Even if a decision isn't made by our early target time, we remain committed to acting in the best interest of our students, staff, and the entire Buckeye Valley community.

Below is a reminder regarding how we make decisions around school delays and closures:

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### Weather-Related Delay & Cancellation Procedures

- The evaluation process begins around **4:30 a.m.**
- The **Superintendent and a designee** drive various areas of the district to assess real-time conditions.
- They consider:
  - Reports from law enforcement and neighboring districts
  - Current and forecasted weather conditions

- The decision to **delay or cancel school is typically made by 5:30 a.m.**

#### **Major Factors Considered:**

- Temperature below **0°F**
- Wind chill below **-10°F**
- **Visible ice** on roads or sidewalks
- **Accumulated snow or ice**
- Visibility of **less than 50 feet**

If we anticipate improvement, a **2-hour delay** may be scheduled. District staff will then reassess conditions before school starts. Families should continue to monitor communication channels in case closure becomes necessary.

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#### **Important Notes**

- **Buckeye Valley Local Schools spans 206 square miles** — the weather can vary significantly across the district. Even if some areas seem clear, we may delay or close for the **overall safety** of all students and staff.
  - We use multiple communication methods to notify families of any changes:
    - **Buckeye Valley Alert System (Parent Square)**
    - Local **TV and radio stations**
    - The **district website**
    - **Twitter/X:** [@BV\\_Barons](#)
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#### **Parent Square Test Call – Saturday, August 23rd at 10:30 AM**

To ensure your **Parent Square account** is working properly, a **TEST CALL** will be sent to all families and staff on **Saturday, August 23rd at 10:30 AM**.

If you do not receive the call, please email [cholewinski@mybvls.org](mailto:cholewinski@mybvls.org) so we can ensure your account is set up correctly.

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Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding as we work to keep everyone safe and well-informed.

**Go Barons!**

**Dr. Ric Stranges**

Superintendent, Buckeye Valley Local Schools

## Safeware Open Enrollment Period Announced

The Buckeye Valley Local Schools Chromebook 1:1 initiative provides all students in grades K-12 with a Chromebook for educational use. Like a traditional textbook, a Chromebook has been issued to each student, and they will keep it for the entire 2025-2026 school year.

Families may elect to purchase insurance on their own, and many families may already have insurance for the Chromebook. For example, homeowners' insurance may cover the cost of the Chromebook in the event of a home burglary.

For families desiring a more explicit device insurance solution, Buckeye Valley Local Schools has partnered with Safeware, which offers coverage against theft and accidental damage for \$27.00 per year.


Be aware that Safeware only covers insurance for the Chromebook currently assigned to your child. If your child is assigned a new Chromebook for any reason, you must notify Safeware of the change to ensure continued coverage on the new device. For more information about Safeware's program for Buckeye Valley families, view the Flyer and District ID [HERE](#). Please note that the enrollment period for the 2025-26 school year is only open until **September 13, 2025**.

### Open Enrollment Portal

Your school has partnered with Safeware a leader in product protection since 1962, to provide a comprehensive plan to protect your student's device.

Enrolling is simple!

**Step 1:** Visit your custom enrollment portal by scanning the below QR code or clicking the link below.  
**Step 2:** Provide your District ID and Device Asset Tag  
**Step 3:** Provide credit card information for payment



DISTRICT ID:  
DIST0011

UNIQUE ID TYPE:  
ASSET TAG

Scan code or visit:  
[partner.safeware.com/openenrollment](https://partner.safeware.com/openenrollment)

2025-2026 Child Check Sreenings Announced



# 2025-2026 Child Check Screenings

A “child check” is a developmental screening for children aged 3 to 5. This screening provides information about current development of motor, language, concept, self-help, and social-emotional skills.

If you have concerns about your child's development, you can schedule an appointment for one of the dates below. Please know this is a free screening.

## Dates of monthly screenings:

- August 18, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- October 6, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- December 1, 2025
- December 15, 2025
- January 12, 2026
- February 2, 2026
- March 2, 2026
- April 13, 2026
- May 4, 2026

For more information about these free screenings, please go to the Buckeye Valley Local Schools Student Services webpage at [mybvls.org](http://mybvls.org), or call one of the following:

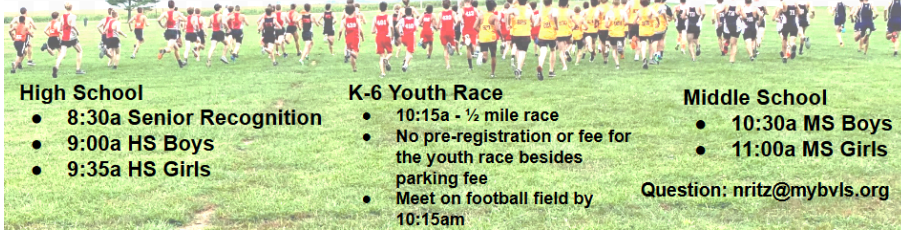
Kiera Cieslik, School Psychologist (740) 747-2266  
LeAnna Ford, Director of Student Services (740) 363-1349





## Buckeye Valley Baron Blast Cross Country Meet Saturday, August 23, 2025

Admission: \$10 per vehicle  
Available on Hometown Ticketing  
BV passes accepted  
*All races will finish on the track*



### High School

- 8:30a Senior Recognition
- 9:00a HS Boys
- 9:35a HS Girls

### K-6 Youth Race

- 10:15a - ½ mile race
- No pre-registration or fee for the youth race besides parking fee
- Meet on football field by 10:15am

### Middle School

- 10:30a MS Boys
- 11:00a MS Girls

Question: [nritz@mybvls.org](mailto:nritz@mybvls.org)

## Stay Connected This School Year



### This Week's Building Level Newsletters

Be sure to stay connected with everything happening across Buckeye Valley! Below, you'll find links to each of our building-level newsletters—your go-to source for important updates, upcoming events, and highlights from around the district.

[BUCKEYE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL](#)  
[BUCKEYE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)  
[EAST ELEMENTARY](#)  
[WEST ELEMENTARY](#)



### BVLS Parent Resources

Below, you'll find a collection of important links and resources—everything from calendars and lunch menus to parent portals. We encourage you to bookmark these pages and refer to them throughout the year to stay informed and connected.

[LUNCH MENUS](#)  
[BARONS ATHLETICS](#)  
[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)  
[POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL](#)  
[LIFEWISE INFORMATION Fall 2025](#)

## Community Corner

**Be sure to check out the BV Community Corner throughout the school year!** New opportunities for students and families are added regularly. You'll find a wide variety of information, including updates from local non-profits, flyers from our Athletic and Music Boosters, PTOs, and other arts and athletic events happening in and around our community. **Don't miss out—check it weekly for the latest updates!**

### [BV COMMUNITY CORNER](#)

Do you have information or a flyer to add? Email Cassie Holewinski at [cholewinski@mybvls.org](mailto:cholewinski@mybvls.org)