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Buckeye Brief

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER OF THE
BUCKEYE CENTRAL LOCAL SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Update



Barbara Green
Superintendent

Dear Buckeye Central Community,

It is an honor to serve as superintendent of Buckeye Central Local Schools. After spending the past year as principal of the middle school, I am grateful for the opportunity to step into this new role. These first few months have

been especially meaningful as I've enjoyed meeting families, students, and staff, and connecting with many of you at school and athletic events. I look forward to continuing this work together as we build on the strong foundation that makes Buckeye Central such a special place.

Our theme for this school year, Unite. Refresh. Refine., reflects both where we have been and where we are going. To unite means to come together as one district—students, staff, families, and community—working toward a shared vision. To refresh is to bring new energy and perspectives to our work. And to refine is to streamline our practices for greater impact, honoring traditions while driving progress forward together.

At Buckeye Central, we prepare students not just for the

next grade but for the future ahead. That means fostering curiosity, creativity, resilience, and collaboration alongside academics. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, or in the community, our students are gaining the skills that will serve them well.

In the months ahead, I look forward to deepening these connections. I'll be hosting a series of community meet and greets throughout the year that will serve as informal opportunities to listen, share ideas, and talk together about the future of Buckeye Central. You'll find the full schedule of events on the back of this newsletter, and I hope you'll join me. Your voices are vital to shaping our shared path forward.

I am grateful to serve in a community that values education and supports our schools. Together, we will celebrate what makes Buckeye Central unique while embracing the opportunities ahead. Thank you for welcoming me into this role—I look forward to a year of growth, connection, and shared success.

Sincerely,

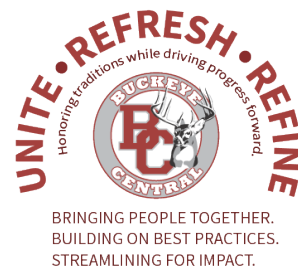
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Unite. Refresh. Refine. Honoring traditions while driving progress forward

This year, our district is embracing the theme Unite. Refresh. Refine. as a way to celebrate who we are while continuing to grow together.

- ➔ **Unite:** We are bringing people together—students, families, staff and community partners—to strengthen the relationships that make our schools thrive.
- ➔ **Refresh:** We are building on best practices and infusing new energy into teaching and learning, ensuring that our work remains engaging and relevant for today's students.
- ➔ **Refine:** We are streamlining systems for greater impact and honoring traditions while driving progress forward, blending the best of our past with a clear vision for the future.

Together, these commitments ensure that we are both rooted in what makes our schools strong and inspired to reach new heights for our students and community.



Treasurer's Update



Nancy Ackerman,
Treasurer

As treasurer of Buckeye Central Local Schools, I am grateful for the trust you place in us to manage district resources wisely. Every decision we make is guided by our responsibility to be careful stewards of taxpayer dollars while ensuring the best possible education for our students.

Through disciplined financial management and careful planning, Buckeye Central remains in a stable financial position. At the same time, we are closely monitoring factors that may affect school funding at the state, federal, and local levels. Recent state budget overrides, ongoing conversations about property tax reform, and other changes within Ohio's education funding system could all have an impact on our district. In addition, we are watching developments in public utility revenue following the Ohio Supreme Court's August ruling regarding the Rover pipeline. Because of the complexity of these calculations, more details may not be available for several months. We remain committed to staying informed and engaged so that Buckeye Central is prepared to adapt and continue advocating for the needs of our students and community.

We are proud of the value our schools provide—through strong academic programs, student opportunities, and services that benefit the entire district. None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our community.

On behalf of Buckeye Central Local Schools, thank you for your continued partnership. Together, we can remain fiscally responsible while keeping our focus where it matters most—helping every student succeed.

Nancy Ackerman
Treasurer

Buckeye Central Continues to Exceed State Standards On the State Report Card



4 Stars on State Report Card

Achievement	★★★★☆
Progress	★★★★☆
Gap Closing	★★★★☆
Graduation	★★★★★
Early Literacy	★★★★☆
College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness	★★★★☆

Buckeye Central Local Schools once again exceeded state standards in the 2024–2025 Ohio State Report Card, performing well across all key areas. The district earned a 5-star rating in Graduation and demonstrated notable progress in Early Literacy, improving from 3 to 4 stars. Although the introduction of a new College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness component slightly affected the overall score, Buckeye Central continues to uphold its record of academic excellence and continuous improvement, maintaining performance levels that exceed state expectations.

Preparing Our Students for the Future

At Buckeye Central, we are committed to preparing every student to be ready for their future. Our Priority Framework guides this work by creating a **NeuroWell Culture**—a school environment that promotes happiness, health and success for both students and staff. In this culture, everyone belongs, engages, and celebrates while learning the skills needed to thrive in today's world and beyond.

Our job is to prepare students to be ready for THEIR Futures:

- Learn how to learn
- Learn what they love
- Learn to manage stress and find joy
- Learn to work on teams
- Learn to have positive relationships
- Learn to have a productive struggle
- Learn the thinking and social skills they need for a post-AI world

Teaching and Learning for Tomorrow

To support this vision, the district is implementing new curriculum that challenges and inspires students:

Expeditionary Learning (English Language Arts):

A knowledge-building curriculum that connects themes across grade levels.



K-2: Building literacy, learning through science and stories, growing as researchers, and contributing to the community.



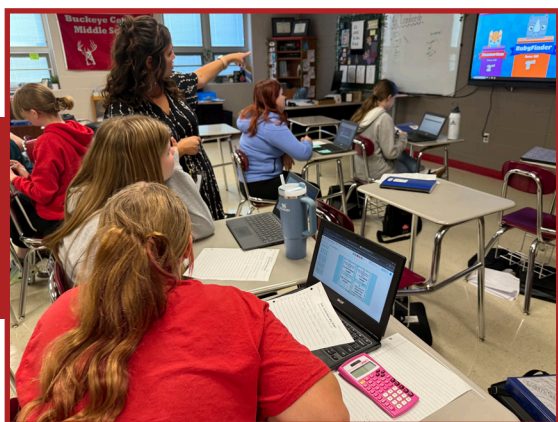
Grades 3-4: Reading closely, researching to build knowledge, considering perspectives, gathering evidence, and presenting to others.



Envisions (Math):

A rigorous math program adopted in middle school that emphasizes problem-solving, deep thinking, and conceptual understanding.

Together, these priorities and curriculum changes ensure that Buckeye Central students are equipped not only with strong academics, but also with the resilience, creativity, and collaboration skills they will need for the future.



Elementary STEAM in Action!

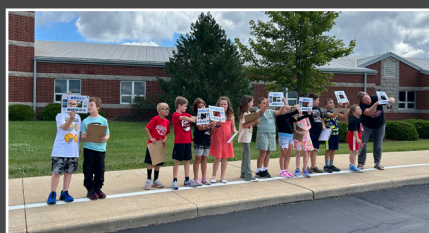
STEAM—science, technology, engineering, arts, and math—helps students build skills they’ll use far beyond the classroom. It encourages creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, and critical thinking, while showing students how different subjects connect in real-world ways. By engaging in hands-on projects, children learn not only the “what” but also the “how” and “why” behind their discoveries.

Kindergartners Practice Letters with LEGOs

Kindergartners used LEGOs to build letters piece by piece, strengthening early literacy skills through hands-on creativity.



Second Graders Share Cloud Data with NASA



Second graders studied clouds, created colorful “cloudscapes,” and collected data to contribute to NASA satellite observations.

Fourth Graders Explore Reactions in STEAM Lab



Fourth graders tested how effervescent tablets dissolved in different liquids, discovering hot water reacted fastest and salt water slowest.

Crawford Soil and Water Teaches Erosion



Ms. Allie from the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District showed students how erosion works through a hands-on experiment.

MORE FROM THE CLASSROOM



Bitty Bucks Preschoolers Explore Self-Identity Through Art

In Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Leitzky's preschool classrooms, students are discovering the joy of self-identity through colorful self-portraits. Using mirrors, each child drew a picture of themselves, proudly becoming both the artist and the subject. Their portraits shine with creativity and show us how they see themselves in their own special way.

High School Students Gain Hands-On Experience in Phlebotomy Program

High school students in the Phlebotomy Tech program at the Crawford Success Center spend Fridays in the lab gaining hands-on experience while working toward industry certification. Part of the TurboCert partnership, the program prepares students for future careers through training in high-demand fields such as phlebotomy, robotics, drone operations, and 5G readiness.

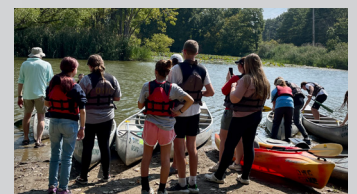


Precalculus Students Solve Sweet Optimization Challenge

Precalculus students used math to design a box from a notecard that could hold the most M&Ms. The winning team's box held 323 candies, showing how problem-solving can be both practical and fun.

Eighth Graders Lead and Learn at Old Woman Creek

Eighth graders explored science at Old Woman Creek while strengthening teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership skills through hands-on activities.



SCENES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



Homecoming

Congratulations to Buckeye Central's 2025 Homecoming Queen, Sophia Martin, and King, Alec Phillips!



BC Marching Show Band Off to a Strong Start: 1st-place finish at the Bratwurst Festival Parade



Buckeye Central Athletics in Action!





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Stay Connected with Buckeye Central

Not a parent, guardian, student or staff member?

Community members can now sign up through
ParentSquare to get district news, sports schedules and
announcements.

Scan the QR code to
join and stay in the loop!



Superintendent Community Meet & Greet Schedule

Join Superintendent Barbara Green for an informal
conversation about our schools. These sessions are
a great opportunity for community members to ask
questions, share feedback, and learn more about
what's happening across the district.

Upcoming Dates:

- 📅 **Wednesday, October 29 — 9:00 a.m.**
- 📅 **Thursday, December 18 — 9:00 a.m.**
- 📅 **Thursday, February 19 — 9:00 a.m.**
- 📅 **Wednesday, April 23 — 9:00 a.m.**

*All events are open to the public and will be held in the
Multi-Purpose Room at Buckeye Central Local Schools,
938 South Kibler Street, New Washington, OH 44854.*

*Please park in the rear of the building and enter the
MPR through the voter registration doors.*