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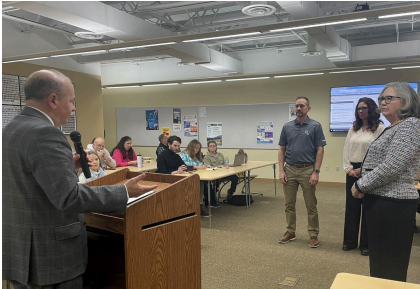
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THE BARONS BUZZ

A DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

JANUARY 9, 2026



A New Chapter for the Buckeye Valley Board of Education

As we settle into the new year, the Buckeye Valley Local School District would like to extend gratitude to the outgoing Board of Education members, Mr. Tom Ailabouni and Mrs. April Scowden. Thank you for your dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the students, staff, and families of Buckeye Valley. Your contributions have helped shape the district, and the community appreciates the time and energy you have invested in BV.

The district is excited to welcome the newly elected members, Mrs. Laura Bain and Mrs. Jeni Reely, to the Buckeye Valley Board of Education. The district also congratulates Mr. Donald Dicke on his re-election to a second term. All three members were sworn in at the organizational meeting on January 7th by State Senator Andrew Brenner.

The Board of Education also elected Mrs. Mary Kate Pembroke to serve as Board of Education President for 2026, and Mr. Troy Jeffrey was elected to serve as Vice President. Mr. Donald Dicke will serve a three-year term as the Delaware Area Career Center representative. The Board of Education will continue to work with district leaders, staff, and the community to support the success of every student in the district.

The BVLS Board of Education consists of five elected, non-partisan positions. Each position is filled by a member elected to a four-year term. Members are elected in alternating election years, with two members elected during one election year and three elected during another.

Thank you again to our outgoing members, and welcome Mrs. Bain and Mrs. Reely!

The Baron Blueprint Podcast

BVLS Community,

The District is thrilled to announce the launch of a brand-new way to stay connected with our district: The Baron Blueprint Podcast, hosted by Superintendent Ric Stranges!

This bi-weekly podcast goes beyond the headlines to bring you the stories, updates, and "blueprints" that are shaping the future of Buckeye Valley Local Schools. Whether you are a parent, staff member, student, or community resident, this is your front-row seat to what is happening in our schools.



What to Expect

Superintendent Stranges will be sitting down with a variety of guests to discuss the topics that matter most to our BVLS community. Tune in for:

- **Behind-the-Scenes Updates:** Get the latest news on district initiatives and future planning directly from the source.
- **Student & Staff Spotlights:** Hear the inspiring stories of the people who make our district special.
- **Deep Dives:** Comprehensive looks at new programs, curriculum updates, and events.
- **Community Connection:** Conversations with local leaders and partners supporting our schools.

"The Baron Blueprint is about transparency, connection, and celebrating the incredible work happening in our classrooms every day." — Ric Stranges, Superintendent

How to Listen

You can catch the latest episodes on our district website [HERE](#).

Let's build the future of Buckeye Valley Local Schools together!

2026-2027 Baron's Early Learning PreK Peer Model Program Waitlist Sign-up Announced

Families interested in the Baron's Early Learning Preschool Peer Model Program for the 2026–2027 school year should be aware that the online waitlist sign-up will open on **Friday, January 16, 2026, at 12:00 PM**. Peer model spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage families to sign up promptly.

Important Updates for Next School Year:

- Children **ages 4 and 5** may be accepted into the program.
- **PM classes** will be offered to children who will be Kindergarten-eligible the following school year.
- **AM classes** will be reserved for children who are 4 years old.
- To be eligible for the AM class, children must turn 4 years old on or before August 19, 2026.

If your child is currently enrolled as a peer model and will remain in preschool another year, no action is needed. They will automatically continue in the program for the next school year.

Save The Date: BV Summer Enrichment



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for the 4th annual

Buckeye Valley Summer Enrichment

An exciting week of experiential learning!

June 8 - June 11, 2026

More information coming in January.

Bus Driver Positions Open

The Buckeye Valley School District is in need of full-time bus drivers, and we want you! BV offers great benefits, paid training, paid time off, paid holidays, and paid incentives, all while working with your child's school schedule. For those interested in playing an essential role in our students' education, please email our transportation supervisor, Dodi Andrews, at dandrews@mybvls.org to get started!



Upcoming Events

As we kick off the new year, we have several exciting events coming up in the District! Mark your calendars for these opportunities to support our students and get involved.

22nd Annual FFA Alumni Toy Tractor Show

Date: Sunday, January 11, 2026 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Location:** Buckeye Valley High School ([901 Coover Rd.](#))

Come out and support the Buckeye Valley FFA Alumni! This annual favorite is packed with events for the whole family.

- Pancake Breakfast: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (\$6.00, includes toy show admission)
- Farm Toy Show: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (\$2.00 admission, children 12 and under free)
- Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Free!)

Whether you are looking for a specific piece to collect or just want to browse, we hope to see you there!

BV ShowCase 2026

Date: January 17, 2026 **Time:** 7:00 PM **Location:** Buckeye Valley High School ([901 Coover Rd.](#))

Visions will present the BV Showcase. It will feature seven competitive show choir groups from around Ohio! Come enjoy an evening of music and choreography as we host talent from across the state. It's a fantastic opportunity to support our students and experience a high-energy competition right here at home.

Save the Date: BV Athletic Boosters Annual Pancake Day

Date: Saturday, March 7th

Be sure to Save the Date for a community favorite—the Buckeye Valley Athletic Boosters Annual Pancake Day! It's a wonderful tradition that brings our community together to support our student-athletes. Mark your calendar now, and stay tuned for more details on times and activities!

BVHS Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 22, 2026 **Time:** 7:00 PM **Location:** Ohio Wesleyan University Gray Chapel

We look forward to honoring the class of 2026 as our seniors cross the stage and begin their next chapters. More details regarding graduation will be shared with parents and Seniors in the coming weeks. Students are reminded to check their BV emails regularly for updates.

Stay Connected This School Year



This Week's Building Level Newsletters



BVLS Parent Resources

Below, you'll find a collection of important links and resources—everything from calendars and lunch

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](#)

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

Looking ahead to warmer weather? Spring sports registrations are beginning. **Be sure to check out the BV Community Corner!** 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
