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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Updates from BES!

BES hosted its first Heritage Fest, where families shared cultures from around the world with K-2 learners. Preschool welcomed new students, explored classic fairy tales through dramatic play, and hosted a successful open house for incoming families. Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school with engaging STEM activities and is currently learning about early explorers and map skills. First grade is studying the layers of the Earth and will soon visit COSI for a field trip. Second grade recently completed their insect unit and has begun learning about the Civil War.

What's Happening at BIS!

Students in grades 3-5 are building skills in ELA and math. In ELA, they are identifying the main idea of nonfiction texts, analyzing character traits through dialogue, and exploring poetry through poet's journals while learning figurative language like similes and metaphors. In math, students are strengthening fraction skills by identifying and comparing unit fractions, ordering fractions with like and unlike denominators, and multiplying and dividing fractions while connecting them to whole numbers.

Highlights from BMS:

Behavior Leadership Coaches continue supporting teachers as they implement classroom strategies and prepare for upcoming observations and reflections. Track season is underway, and we're excited to see our student-athletes compete. We also celebrated our first Junior National Honor Society induction, welcoming new members with support from High School NHS students. Congratulations to these outstanding students.

BHS:

We are midway through the third quarter, with parent-teacher conferences scheduled for March 19. March 10 will bring a variety of activities for students, including the ACT for juniors and career exploration opportunities for other grade levels. Winter activities continue to shine, with swim, indoor track, and girls bowling representing the district at state competitions, and our orchestra earning a Superior rating at State. Congratulations as well to the cast and crew of Mamma Mia! for a successful musical production.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Bellefontaine Families,

As we look ahead to the end of winter, I want to thank our Bellefontaine families for their patience and flexibility during snow days, delays, and schedule changes. Your understanding helps us keep learning moving forward despite winter weather.

With spring just around the corner, we look forward to warmer days and the many activities and events ahead for our students. Thank you for your continued support of Bellefontaine City Schools and for the strong partnership we share with our families and community.

CURRICULUM CORNER



State testing for BCS will begin on March 23 and continue into April. During this time, students will participate in Ohio's State Tests, which measure progress toward Ohio's Learning Standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. These assessments provide important insight into student growth and help guide our instructional planning.

Our teachers are providing focused review and targeted support to ensure students feel confident and prepared. Families can help by encouraging consistent attendance, ensuring students are well-rested, and promoting a positive mindset about testing. We are proud of the hard work our students and staff demonstrate each day and look forward to celebrating their continued growth and success.

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CHIEFTAIN HAPPENINGS

District & School Calendar

- **March 9: BCS Board meeting - 6:30 p.m. @ Distance Learning Center in BH**
- **March 9: Waiver Day-no school for BCS students**
- **March 19: District-wide Parent Teacher Conference 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Student Life & Activities

- **March 20: End of 3rd grading period, K-12**
- **March 30-April 3: BCS Spring Break-No School!**

TIDBITS, TIPS AND TRICKS

March is a great time to remind students that learning doesn't only happen in the classroom! Extracurricular activities play an important role in keeping students motivated, connected, and engaged in school.

Here are a few tips to keep students involved and thriving:

🧡 Get Involved: Encourage students to join a club, sport, academic team, music group, or service organization. Participation builds confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills.

🕒 Balance is Key: Help students create a schedule that allows time for academics, activities, and rest. Strong time-management skills support success in all areas.

👉 Build Connections: Extracurriculars help students form positive relationships with peers and staff, strengthening their sense of belonging.

🏆 Celebrate Effort and Growth: Recognizing commitment and progress—both big and small—encourages students to stay engaged.

When students are connected beyond the classroom, they are more likely to stay invested in their learning journey. Let's continue encouraging involvement, school spirit, and well-rounded growth this March!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



BCS is proud to partner with the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities to support students and their families. Service and Support Administrators (SSAs) collaborate with school staff as members of the IEP team, helping connect students with services and resources that enhance learning, communication, and independence. SSAs also assist with transition planning for older students as they prepare for life after graduation, including opportunities in employment, post-secondary education, volunteer work, and life skills development. Through this partnership, families are connected with valuable supports and resources that benefit students both in school and beyond.