



RED REVIEW

Winter 2026

This Isn't Goodbye Yet



This winter has been one for the record books. With bitter cold temperatures and heavy snow, we've weathered one of the toughest seasons in recent memory. Through it all, our students, staff, and families have remained flexible and resilient—a true testament to the strength of our Bellevue community.

For me, this winter also brings a personal milestone to share. After 33 incredible years in public education, I've made the decision to retire at the end of this school year.

This was not an easy decision, but it is one filled with gratitude. Serving as your superintendent has been one of the greatest honors of my career. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated staff members, supportive families, and an exceptional community. Our students are the heart of everything we do, and it's been a privilege to watch them grow and succeed.

As I reflect on my time here, I'm also filled with confidence and excitement for what lies ahead. I'm pleased to share that the Board of Education has selected Nate Artino as the next superintendent of Bellevue City Schools. Nate currently serves as our high school principal and has been a dedicated leader in our district, building strong relationships with students, staff, and families. His deep understanding of our schools and commitment to student success make him well-prepared to lead Bellevue City Schools into the future. I am confident our district will continue to thrive under his leadership and is in very good hands.

I've always believed that Bellevue City Schools is a special place, and that belief has only deepened throughout my time here. From new programs to student achievements and community partnerships, there are so many great things happening across our district.

As you read through this edition of the newsletter, you'll find exciting updates, including new kindergarten registration age requirements, a generous endowment scholarship established by 1941 graduate Alfred Bryson Wise, and highlights from the outstanding *Percy Jackson* musical performed by our students. These stories showcase the spirit, talent, and generosity that define our school community.

As I look ahead to these final months in Bellevue City Schools, I'm eager to fully embrace the days ahead — from time in our buildings to cheering on students at performances, athletic events, award ceremonies, and graduation. It's a joy to celebrate all the moments, big and small, that define our Red Pride.

Troy Roth
Superintendent

Kindergarten Countdown Starts Now

Big news for future Redmen! Thanks to a new Ohio law, kids who turn five by the first day of school are now eligible for kindergarten. That means even more bright-eyed learners can kick off their educational journey with us. We can't wait to meet the Class of 2039 and get them started on something amazing.



KINDERGARTEN HERE WE COME!

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD
6 TO 7:30 PM
BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This program is for parents and their children who will be **5 years old by August 24, 2026.**

Variety of hands-on activities for children and parents!

Parents who attend this event will be able to schedule an appointment for Kindergarten Screening, which will be held on **May 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Bellevue Public Library.**

No registration required.

Ohio's New Property-Tax Laws and the Impact on Bellevue City Schools



In December 2025, Ohio lawmakers passed new property-tax legislation aimed at providing homeowners with tax relief and greater financial predictability. While this change may come as welcome news

to property owners, it's important to understand how it could impact school funding, particularly for districts like Bellevue City Schools that rely on local tax revenue to support day-to-day operations.

Historically, increases in property values during countywide reappraisals often resulted in more funding for schools. These adjustments helped districts like ours keep pace with rising costs, including staffing and classroom resources. However, the new law significantly limits how much school funding can grow in response to property value increases.

What does this mean for our district?

For Bellevue, the new legislation reinforces the importance of proactive financial planning and continued community partnership. Without the same growth in funding during reappraisal years, we may need to rely more on voter-approved levies to maintain the high-quality programs and services our community expects. It also places a greater emphasis on the timing of county updates. Sandusky County will see changes in 2026, followed by Huron County in 2027.

As always, Bellevue City Schools cannot raise taxes without voter approval. We remain committed to responsible financial management and to maximizing every taxpayer dollar. We will continue making financial decisions with students at the center—ensuring every choice we make supports their growth, well-being, and future success.

As always, I welcome your questions about school finances and how these legislative changes may affect our district. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at (419) 484-5000.

Together, we can continue to ensure Bellevue students have the opportunities and support they need to succeed, now and into the future.

Tammy Flicker
Treasurer

Percy Packs the House

The gods of Olympus weren't the only ones bringing the thunder this winter. Our Middle School Drama Club lit up the stage with their electrifying production of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*. With over 60 students powering the magic both onstage and behind the scenes, it was a dazzling display of talent, teamwork and pure heart. Thanks to our amazing community for packing the house and proving once again that the arts are alive and thriving in Bellevue.



Artino Named Next Bellevue Superintendent

Bellevue City Schools is excited to announce that Nate Artino will become the district's next superintendent following the retirement of Troy Roth at the end of the school year. A graduate of Bellevue City Schools and a lifelong member of the community, Artino brings a deep personal connection to the district along with years of dedicated service. He has spent the past 14 years as principal of Bellevue High School, where he has led academic and operational growth while fostering a strong, supportive school culture for students and staff.

Throughout his career, Artino has focused on building relationships, improving communication, and using thoughtful innovation to strengthen school operations and student outcomes. His experience overseeing instructional programs, professional development, and initiatives tied to graduation, attendance, and student engagement has prepared him well for districtwide leadership. Bellevue City Schools look forward to this next chapter and is confident that Artino will continue to lead with care, clarity, and a strong commitment to the standards and values that make Bellevue a great place to learn and grow.



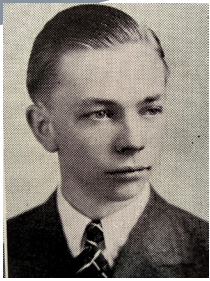
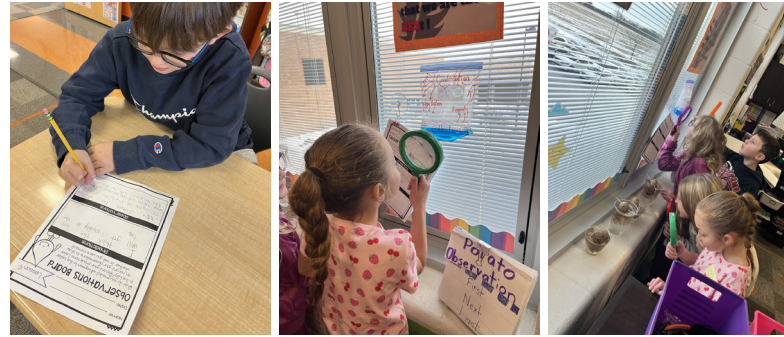
BMS Rises to the Challenge

Brains were buzzing at the Huron County Academic Challenge, and Bellevue Middle School came ready to compete. Sixth and seventh grade teams each clinched second place while our eighth graders locked in third against schools from across the county. Quick thinking, teamwork and some serious brainpower made this a competition to remember.



Spud Science

Science is sprouting in second grade! Students got hands-on with the water cycle by building their own mini models and observing changes up close. Then came the real dirt work as they started a potato growing experiment from scratch. With magnifying glasses in hand and curiosity in full bloom, these young scientists are learning that great things grow with patience and observation.



1941 Graduate's Gift Leaves Impact

Talk about leaving a legacy. Thanks to a jaw-dropping gift from 1941 BHS graduate Alfred Bryson Wise, our seniors will now have access to at least \$76,000 in scholarship funds every single year. Starting with the Class of 2026, this endowment will

support future grads with a 2.8 GPA or higher, forever. We are blown away by his generosity and excited to honor his legacy through the success of our students.

Spanish 4 in Action

Learning a new language never sounded so fun! Spanish 4 students took on the childhood classic game Telephone, this time entirely in Español. Between the laughs and the linguistic mix-ups, they leveled up their vocab while exploring games from around the globe.



Flashlights and Fairy Tales

Miss Rickel's kindergarteners turned down the lights and turned up the fun with flashlight reading. Snuggled up with stories and glowing beams, these young readers made literacy shine in the coolest way. Who knew learning could be this bright?



Math Class, But Make It Art

In Mrs. Slauterbeck's 5th grade class, math turned magical as students folded, layered, and glued their way to dazzling radial relief sculptures. After learning three mesmerizing origami techniques, their creations blossomed into colorful bursts of symmetry. What started as a break from numbers became a full-on celebration of imagination, artistry, and the wonder hiding in every fold.



Kowaleski Honored

Bellevue Middle School PE/Health teacher Aaron Kowaleski is celebrating a well-earned honor after being recognized by the Bellevue Lions Club with its Saluting Education, Fostering Growth and Excellence award. Congratulations to Mr. Kowaleski for the positive impact he makes every day!

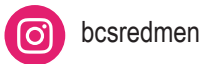


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Winter Athletics Update

Bellevue athletics are enjoying another strong winter season marked by historic milestones and postseason momentum. The Lady Red basketball team continues an impressive run as Kaitlyn Turinsky became the program's all-time leader in rebounds and blocks while also joining the 1,000-point club. The team looks ahead to another tournament opportunity. Bellevue also made history this winter with its first girls wrestling team, highlighted by a successful all-girls schedule and senior Jersey Mayes earning multiple podium finishes with a chance to compete at the OHSAA State Tournament. On the mats, the Redmen wrestling team claimed the Bob Bailey Team Championship as Owen Sterritt reached his 100th career win, while the boys basketball team kept the Rivalry Rock in Bellevue with two wins over Clyde and prepares for a postseason district push.

