



## Barons Buzz-April 10, 2026



# THE BARONS BUZZ

A DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

APRIL 10, 2026

### Spring 2026 Ohio State Tests: Family Reminders and Resources

Buckeye Valley Families,

As we move further into the spring semester, I want to share some important information regarding the upcoming Ohio State Tests (OST). These assessments are an essential way for us to measure student progress toward meeting [Ohio's Learning Standards](#) and to ensure we are providing the highest-quality instruction for every child.

#### Grades and Subjects Tested

Students across the district will participate in the following state assessments based on their current grade level:

- **Grades 3–8:**
  - **English Language Arts (ELA):** All students in grades 3–8.
  - **Mathematics:** All students in grades 3–8.
  - **Science:** Students in grades 5 and 8 only.
- **High School (End-of-Course Exams):**
  - Tests are administered upon completion of specific courses: **ELA II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, and American Government.**

#### Scheduling and Building Information

While the [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#) sets broad windows for testing—typically spanning from early April through early May—each school building within Buckeye Valley creates a specific schedule tailored to its students' needs. Your child's school will communicate the specific dates and times for their building's testing sessions.

#### A "Snapshot" of Performance

It is important to remember that state tests are just one snapshot of your child's academic performance. They provide valuable data, but they do not capture the full picture of your child's unique talents, growth, or daily classroom achievements. We use these results alongside many other measures to support and challenge our students.

#### Receiving Results

We understand that families are eager to see their child's progress. We expect to receive and share official results with you via Parent Square in May or June, in accordance with state reporting timelines.

#### Parent Checklist: Preparing for Success

To help your child feel confident and perform their best, we recommend the following simple steps:

- **Prioritize Rest:** Ensure your child gets a full 8–10 hours of sleep the night before testing.
- **Healthy Breakfast:** Start the day with a nutritious meal to fuel their brain and prevent distractions from hunger.
- **Be on Time:** Arriving at school a few minutes early helps your child stay calm and avoids a rushed start to their morning.
- **Stay Positive:** Offer words of encouragement. Remind them that this is simply a chance to show



what they have learned and that you are proud of their effort.

- **Keep Routine:** Try to keep the week of testing low-stress by maintaining consistent evening and morning routines.
- **Practice Site:** If your child wants to see what the digital tools look like, you can explore the [Ohio Student Practice Site](#) together.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions regarding the testing process, please feel free to reach out to your building principal or my office.

Sincerely,  
Brian Orrenmaa  
Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

### Mock Crash & BVHS Prom Promise 2026

This afternoon, the Teen Institute Club hosted a powerful Mock Crash at BVHS to reinforce the importance of safe driving. Featuring local emergency responders and a helicopter landing, the event served as a sobering reminder to make responsible choices. As we look forward to the BVHS Prom this Saturday, we encourage all students to honor their Prom Promise: stay safe, look out for one another, and enjoy a memorable weekend.



### Celebrating National Assistant Principals Week



At Buckeye Valley Local Schools, we know that behind every great school is a dedicated leadership team working tirelessly to support our students, families, and staff. This week, April 6–10, we are proud to join districts across the country in celebrating National Assistant Principals Week.

Please join us in thanking these incredible professionals who serve our schools every day:

- Scott Thomas – Buckeye Valley East Elementary
- Barb Gall – Buckeye Valley West Elementary
- Mike Davis – Buckeye Valley Middle School
- Travis Rupp – Buckeye Valley High School

We appreciate all they do for the students and staff of BVLS. Their leadership and commitment make a world of difference in our community!

### Join Neighborhood Bridges Today: Be the Bridge for BVLS Families

At neighborhood bridges, Buckeye Valley, we believe in the power of the community showing up for one another. Our mission is simple but impactful: connecting our schools with our community to meet the real, everyday needs of students and families. Whether it's a warm winter coat, a new pair of shoes, or support to help a child participate in a school trip, every need shared is an opportunity for someone to make a difference.

Through neighborhood bridges, these needs are communicated in real time, allowing our community to step in with compassion, generosity, and action when it matters most.

#### Want to be part of the impact?

By subscribing to our emails, you'll receive updates when new needs arise in our district. It's a simple way to stay connected and respond when a student or family could use a helping hand. Because when we come together, small acts of kindness create a lasting impact for a moment, a season, and often... a lifetime.

Join us. Stay informed. Be the bridge. Subscribe [HERE](#)



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Our mission is to bridge communities with schools in providing basic needs, removing barriers, and seeking equity for students so they can engage and succeed in school and life.

### Spring Musical Announced: BVHS Troupe#6950 Presents The Prince of Egypt

Get ready for an epic journey through Ancient Egypt! BVHS Troupe #6950 is proud to bring the breathtaking stage adaptation of the beloved DreamWorks film, The Prince of Egypt The Musical, to our community. Featuring the iconic Academy Award-winning song "When You Believe," this production tells the powerful story of two brothers, Moses and Ramses, divided by a secret past and a destiny that will change the world forever. With music and lyrics by the legendary Stephen Schwartz, this is a theatrical event you won't want to miss.

#### **Showtimes**

Mark your calendars for three incredible performances:

- Friday, April 24 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, April 25 at 7:00 PM
- Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 PM

#### **Ticket Information**

Secure your seats today! Whether you are looking for the best view in the house or a great deal for students, we have options for everyone:

- Reserved Seating: \$20
- General Admission: \$15
- Students: \$10

Come support our talented student performers as they bring this massive story to life with heart, soul, and spectacular music. We'll see you at the theater!



BUCKEYE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
ITS Troupe #6950  
PRESENTS  
DREAMWORKS  
THE  
PRINCE OF EGYPT  
THE MUSICAL

Music & Lyrics by  
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

Book by  
PHILIP LAZEBNIK

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TICKETS  
Scan the QR code or visit  
events.hometownticketing.com  
/boxoffice/buckeyevalley/

\$15 general admission  
\$20 reserved seating  
\$10 students

The Prince of Egypt is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

#### 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](#)

#### BV Community Corner

Be sure to check out the BV Community Corner throughout the school year! New opportunities for students and families are added regularly, and right now is the perfect time to visit, as the **BV Youth Sports Summer Camp sign-ups are now available**. In the Community Corner, you will find links to all of our local Youth Associations, making it easy to find registration information for your student-athlete.

In addition to sports, 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)