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A DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

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Celebrating Excellence: The 2026 Baron Award ceremony!

On Wednesday, May 20th, the Buckeye Valley community came together for a truly special evening to celebrate and honor our outstanding staff, students, volunteers, and community members at the annual Baron Award of Excellence ceremony. This prestigious honor recognizes individuals who go above and beyond, making a profound and lasting impact across our entire district. Out of many thoughtful nominations submitted by peers, families, and community members, a total of 10 exceptional individuals received the award this year. Our Superintendent, Ric Stranges, and Assistant Superintendent, Rex Reeder, served as the Masters of Ceremonies for the evening, guiding us through a night filled with inspiring stories, laughter, and immense school pride.

Please join us in congratulating all of our incredible winners on this well-deserved honor!



Front Row (L to R): Marie DeJaynes, Evelyn Frost-Schiller, Dawson Ray, Abigail Bales, Olivia Penkal, Tara Jenkins
Back Row (L to R): Tina Darst, Ayden Brown, Andrea Craig, Kathy Windbourne, Chris Jenkins

Buckeye Valley High School 63rd Annual Commencement Ceremony

Buckeye Valley Local Schools is incredibly proud to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of the Class of 2026. This evening marks a momentous milestone for our graduating seniors as they transition into the next chapter of their journeys.

To ensure that all family members, friends, and community partners are able to share in this special occasion regardless of distance, the district will provide a virtual viewing option for the entire ceremony.



You may access the live stream directly at the start of the ceremony by utilizing the link below:
BVLS Commencement Stream Link

We extend our warmest congratulations to the Class of 2026, and we invite our entire community to join us in celebrating their outstanding dedication, character, and achievements tonight.

Barons Give Back: 6th Grade Day of Service



We are incredibly excited to share that our 6th-grade students participated in *Barons Give Back,* our annual 6th Grade Day of Service, earlier this week. During this special school day, our young Barons stepped outside the traditional classroom to volunteer with various businesses and organizations throughout Delaware County. This day provides a powerful opportunity for students to practice teamwork, compassion, and civic responsibility while experiencing firsthand the importance of community support.

This massive community undertaking showed what can be accomplished when we work together. This year's event featured 193 Incredible Students, 28 Dedicated Adult Leaders & Volunteers, and 19 Service Locations spanning Ashley, Delaware, Ostrander, and Radnor. Our students worked hard on a wide variety of on and off-campus projects, including site beautification, school collaboration projects, and creating crafts to support local community members, all while learning about each organization's vital mission. An impactful day like this is only possible thanks to the wonderful organizations that threw open their doors to our students. We extend our deepest gratitude to this year's partners



- Boardman Arts Park
- Buckeye Valley Bus Garage
- Buckeye Valley East
- Buckeye Valley West
- Common Ground
- Deer Haven Preservation Parks
- Delaware Paddle Barn
- Delhi Landscaping
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- DCDL Ostrander Library
- People In Need
- Radnor Historical Society
- Sarah Moore
- Stockhands Horses for Healing
- Tri-Township Fire Department
- Village of Ashley
- Village of Ostrander
- Wornstaff Memorial Public Library

Please join us in congratulating and thanking our 6th graders for making a positive, lasting difference across Delaware County!







Critical Facilities Committee Meeting Planned for May 27th

Don't miss your chance to help shape the future of Buckeye Valley Local Schools! Superintendent Ric Stranges and our Facilities Committee have been working hard, planning for the district's future infrastructure, including initial recommendations for a brand-new high school. Preliminary design concepts are ready, and now we need your input to help guide the next steps.

We want to hear from our residents, parents, students, staff, and community partners. Your feedback ensures our plans truly reflect the "Baron Pride" we all share! Please join us next week!

Event Details:

- **When:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM
- **Where:** Middle School Library

Come share your thoughts and be a part of this exciting new chapter.

We hope to see you there!

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

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

updates, upcoming events, and highlights from around the district.

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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. In addition to sports, you will 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