



Strengthening the Connection Between Our Schools and Community

Superintendent's Update



Superintendent
Jeffrey D. Harrison

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Another school year has been completed and on behalf of everyone in the BBHCSD, thank you to the community for your continued support during the 2025-2026 school year. Citizens will take great pride knowing that our Bees at all grade

levels have worked tirelessly until the very final days of the year, and our staff successfully mentored our entire student body. A great deal of progress was made during this past school year as well, including the achievements of our graduating Class of 2026.

Congratulations Graduates!

The BBHHS Class of 2026 formally graduated during the 142nd Commencement ceremony of our beloved school district, in a wonderful event hosted at the State Theater in Playhouse Square. Some of the milestones of the Class of 2026 are listed on page 4 of this newsletter, and the BBHCSD encourages you to review. Congratulations to the families and loved ones of the Class of 2026. All the best in your future endeavors as you become contributing members of our community.

Phase II Campus Master Plan Making Significant Progress

With a recent break in the weather, the New Hilton Drive project is moving full steam ahead, as its configuration begins to take shape. Milestones are being met on the project, including:

- New sanitary/runoff pond installation and new water line to the BOE office
- Sanitary sewer tie-in completed
- Storm sewer installation up to the roundabout
- The drive's sub-base has been installed and rolled, and topsoil is being spread on the south side of our property

In the near future, citizens can expect the roundabout to be installed including the necessary infrastructure and electrical associated with



Congratulations to the BBHHS Class of 2026 who graduated on Saturday, May 23rd from the State Theater on Playhouse Square.

the project. In all, the New Hilton Drive project is unfolding as planned and will be ready for next school year.

Thank You Community for Your Engagement

An important piece of our district's strategic plan is continued community engagement, and as we seek to fulfill our mission to **Educate, Empower, Engage**, the district thanks the loyal following of citizens for their involvement. BBHCSD hosted 10 *Bee Engaged Coffee Talks* during this past school year, two *Bee Empowered Key Communicators* gatherings and our annual State of the Schools presentation. Whether you came to all or a few, these meetings are designed to keep citizens informed and educated about our school district. Look for a new schedule in August.

Our vision is to be a destination school district, and with your help, this vision is becoming a reality. Thank you for your continued support. Have a great summer!

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Harrison
Superintendent of Schools



Kick-It with the Bees Launches 17th Campaign in Fight Against Pediatric Cancer

Now entering its 17th year, the Kick-It with the Bees Campaign's annual celebration of perseverance and compassion is on track to surpass \$500,000 raised in the fight against pediatric cancer. BBH Middle School hosted an inspiring kick-off assembly on Friday, April 24th in the school's auditorium which honored the past while boldly pressing on toward the goal of funding life-saving research, and ultimately, finding a cure. This year's theme is "Bee the Sunshine After the Storm," with all presenters and guest speakers encouraging students to recognize how simple acts of kindness, compassion, and support can be a powerful force of light for individuals facing the storms of cancer treatment. BBHMS teacher and champion of the Kick-it With the Bees campaign, Maria Schneider, recognized former "Kick-It Kids" and their families in attendance for their support and resilience. On Monday, June 1st, the entire building once again enjoyed a day of physical activities, food trucks, games, and fun, all in support of the noble and impactful cause of kicking cancer with each dollar raised for lives saved. Congratulations to all!



The BBHCSD's Kick-It Campaign is now in year 17, and has surpassed \$500,000 raised to fight pediatric cancer!



The Reading Olympics at BBHES prompted students to read and explore award-winning literary territory!

BBHES 2nd Graders Go for Gold with Olympic Chapter Book Challenge

BBHES second-grade students recently participated in a competitive, instructional, and fun reading endeavor, cleverly named the Olympic Chapter Book Challenge! Taking place over a 42-day period of time, second graders attempted to read as many chapter books as possible. The challenge began on February 6th and ran through March 19th, with those completing their reading amounts sharing in a Medal Ceremony that took place on March 27th. The nearby picture shows the second graders during that ceremony, reflecting excitement about literacy, all while having fun in a friendly Olympic-like competitive challenge. Great job to all who participated! Great job to all who participated!

Annual High School Cardboard Regatta Teams Students with Physics and Fun

BBHHS Seniors and Juniors dove into this year's annual Boat Regatta, literally and figuratively, as the Brecksville Aquatics Center became alive with school spirit, hands-on science and engineering education, and fun, for the annual Physics Boat Regatta. Hosted by the High School Physics program, students enrolled in the course are tasked with designing, constructing, and then racing their boats, handmade from cardboard and duct tape, against one another. Students cheered one another as teams of three boats and their crew leapt poolside into the cardboard creations and paddled, if remaining intact, from one end to the other. The lessons behind the creation of the boats, including density, mass, and proper balance, and more, made the experience educational. This, tied to a fun day of learning outside of the classroom, makes the Cardboard Regatta one of the most memorable school projects of a student's experience in the BBHCSD. Bravo to the physics staff and team, thank you to the City of Brecksville for hosting, and to the students for the creativity and experimentation. Great job to all!



HS Physics students designed, built, and used their own boats in the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta this spring.





Craig G. Yaniglos,
Treasurer & C.F.O.

A Year in Review: Empowering Our Community Through Transparency

Welcome to the final financial update of the 2025-2026 school year for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District (BBHCSD). As we wrap up the academic calendar, I want to quickly reflect on our steadfast dedication to financial transparency and key component of our operations this year.

A central pillar of our strategic plan is to **educate, empower, and engage**. Because over 70% of our district's revenue comes from your local tax dollars, we take our responsibility as stewards of these funds incredibly seriously. To ensure our taxpayers feel fully empowered and continuously informed, we vastly expanded our communication avenues this year.

Our community can easily get answers to its questions simply by plugging in and staying engaged. Here are a few ways we've connected:

- **Routine Newsletters:** Mailed districtwide to explain complex financial topics and highlight BBHCSD's taxpayer value.
- **"The Ledger and the Leader:"** Our new podcast, available on YouTube and Spotify, offering conversational dives into district strategy.
- **Taxpayer Tuesdays & Coffee Chats:** Bite-sized weekly facts shared on social media and our website, alongside informal, in-person discussions.
- **Board Meeting Transparency:** Providing comprehensive monthly financial reporting and full copies of the check register at every single Board of Education meeting.
- **Community Finance Alliance:** Our newly formed group that is finalizing a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) to help local families while offering donors a great dollar-for-dollar state tax credit.

BBHCSD proactively manages finances and maximizes efficiencies so we can continue providing a top-tier education within our existing resources, just as we have done for years.

My door is always open to you. I warmly welcome phone calls, emails, or in-person meetings to discuss our public funding. Please reach out to me directly, Craig Yaniglos, Treasurer/CFO, at yaniglosc@bbhcsd.org.

It has been a truly successful year. I am so proud to be a Bee and to serve this wonderful community. Thank you for your partnership, and have a safe, relaxing summer!

5th Grade Bees Showcase Talents at Annual Variety Show

The impressive talents of our fifth-grade Bees were on display during the annual Variety Show hosted at Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School on Friday, May 1, 2026. From instrumental and vocal performances to a variety of dance presentations and more, our students demonstrated immense poise in front of hundreds of family members, staff, and friends. A special thank you to all Middle School volunteers for their support and to Jennifer Prochaska and the parent volunteers who helped organize this wonderful annual event. Finally, congratulations to all fifth-grade Variety Show participants for their terrific performances!



Our students' skills were on display during the 5th grade talent show in May at the Intermediate School.



Congratulations Preschool! GOLD AWARD RATING!

BBHCSD's Stepping Stone Preschool recently received a Gold Award rating from the State of Ohio. Thinking about preschool? Make Stepping Stone your home! Visit bbhcsd.org for more information!



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District Spotlight: Class of 2026 Honors and Awards

The BBHHS Class of 2026 was among the most award-winning in recent memory. Please see below for a list of a handful of the recognitions that were earned. A full listing of all Senior Awards for the Class of 2026 can be found under the News section at www.bbhcsd.org.

HUGH O'BRIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD »○○○

Makayla Emch

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS »○○○

Madelyn Manley, Haylie Martin, Nakshatra Mohan, Koen Sustersic

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS »○○○

Lyla Doucette, Parker Ely, Jack Foley, Cadence Guo, Lillie Marsh, Julia Stephan, Ryan Stewart

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS COMMENDED SCHOLARS »○○○

Madilyn Bican, Audrey Cain, Jack DeMario, Gabriella Gawlik, Chris Jung, Donald Karpowicz, Atidya Mohan, Patrick Murphy, Hannah Oswick, Luke Riddles, Amelia Vollstadt, Simon Youssef

INSPIRATION AWARD »○○○

Elizabeth Batcheller

PHI BETA KAPPA RECIPIENT »○○○

Madelyn Manley

OUTSTANDING SENIORS »○○○

The Outstanding Senior Boy and Senior Girl for the class of 2026 are *Elenore Toth* and *Benjamin Mehendale*

