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Buckeye Brief

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER OF THE
BUCKEYE CENTRAL LOCAL SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Update



Dear Buckeye Central Community,

I hope our students, staff and families are enjoying a safe and restful summer. As I reflect on my first year as superintendent, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve

this district and for the many ways I have seen the character, care and commitment that make Buckeye Central such a special place.

Throughout this issue, you will see examples of those qualities in action. From preschool graduation and hands-on classroom learning to student leadership, service projects, community connections and the accomplishments of the Class of 2026, our students continue to show what it means to be Respectful, Responsible and Ready.

This edition also highlights important updates for the year ahead, including our new building configuration designed to better support students at each stage of their educational journey. We believe this change will strengthen instruction, align resources and provide focused support as students grow from preschool through graduation.

As we celebrate the accomplishments featured in this newsletter, we also extend our appreciation to the retiring staff members whose service has helped shape Buckeye Central for years to come. Their dedication, along with the continued partnership of our families and community, reflects the strong foundation that makes our district feel like home.

Thank you for your continued support of Buckeye Central Schools. I look forward to building on the momentum of this first year and welcoming students back for another year of learning, growth and opportunity.

Sincerely,

Barbara Green
Superintendent

BUCKEYE CENTRAL SCHOOLS...



BRIGHT FUTURES



CURIOUS MINDS



STRONG HEARTS



BUCKEYE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Treasurer's Update



Buckeye Central recently reached a significant financial milestone with the payoff of the district's K-12 building project debt.

Originally approved by voters in 2007, the project provided the district with the K-12 facility that continues to serve students today.

In May 2026, the final payment on the building project was made, nearly a decade ahead of the original collection timeline that extended through 2035. In 2016, district leaders took advantage of favorable market conditions to refinance the debt. In May 2026, when the bond became callable, the district exercised its option to pay off the remaining debt. Together, these actions saved taxpayers approximately \$922,600 in interest costs. As a result, Buckeye Central now has no outstanding debt.

The milestone reflects years of long-term planning and responsible financial management by the Board of Education and district leadership.

In addition, the district recently received the Ohio Auditor of State Award, a recognition presented to entities that demonstrate excellence in financial reporting, accountability and fiscal stewardship.

Together, these accomplishments highlight Buckeye Central's continued commitment to managing taxpayer resources responsibly while maintaining a strong educational environment for students.

Nancy Ackerman
Treasurer



2007
Building project approved by voters



2016
Debt refinanced



May 2026
Debt paid in full



\$922,600
Interest savings achieved

\$0

Outstanding district debt



Class of 2026

*Photo credit: Crawford County Now

Class of 2026 Achievement Highlights

Graduates
53

Average GPA:
3.18

43 of 53
Graduates Earned the
OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Graduation Seals
Earned
233

Industry-Recognized
Credentials Earned
12

Honors Diplomas

10 Academic Honors
Diplomas

2 Arts Honors
Diplomas

3 Career Tech
Honors Diplomas

DISTRICT NEWS

New Buckeye Central Building Configuration to Support Student Learning

We are excited to share a new building configuration designed to strengthen student learning, better align support services and create a more focused educational experience at each stage of development.

This updated configuration is a positive step forward for our district. By grouping students in ways that better reflect their academic, social and developmental needs, we will be able to provide more targeted instruction, stronger intervention support and greater continuity as students move through their school journey.

Beginning with the upcoming school year, our schools will be organized as follows:



Early Learning Center | Preschool–Grade 2

Principal: Sue Snyder

The Early Learning Center will focus on the unique needs of our youngest learners, including early academic foundations, social and emotional development, intervention and Title I supports, and strong early learning experiences for students and families.



Intermediate School | Grades 3–6

Principal: Tina Crim

The Intermediate School will provide targeted academic and instructional support during these important learning years, including continued intervention and Title I instruction, Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan support, state testing preparation, progress monitoring and after-school tutoring opportunities.



Junior High/High School | Grades 7–12

Principal: Shawn Ramion

The Junior High/High School configuration will create a more connected experience for students as they prepare for graduation and beyond. This model will support academic and career pathway development, intervention needs, state testing preparation, progress monitoring and greater collaboration among staff across grade levels.

Overall, this configuration will help strengthen instructional continuity, align resources more effectively and provide focused support tailored to students at each level.



Families with questions are encouraged to contact Superintendent Barbara Green: bgreen@bcbucks.org

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Retiree Spotlight

The impact of a career in education extends far beyond the classroom. As we recognize these retirees, we celebrate the difference they have made in the lives of students, families and colleagues throughout their years at Buckeye Central. Their dedication and commitment have helped shape our school community, and their legacy will continue for years to come. We wish them all the best in this next chapter.



Lisa Biglin
Buckeye Central Elementary School
22 years



Barb Christian
Buckeye Central Elementary School
24 years



Diane Ervin
Buckeye Central Preschool & Administrator
10 years



Deb Feichtner
Buckeye Central Middle School
25 years



Terry Oswald
Buckeye Central High School
30 years



Cheryl Rietschlin
Buckeye Central Food Service
23.5 years



Mitch Robinett
Buckeye Central Middle School
25 years

BUCKS AND BUCKETTES IN ACTION

Senior Citizens Luncheon Brings Generations Together

Buckeye Central High School Student Council hosted its annual Senior Citizens Luncheon, welcoming community members for an afternoon of food, fun and connection.

Guests enjoyed a meal from Carle's, played several rounds of SINGO and shared time with students throughout the event. A few lucky winners also took home the flower centerpieces.

More than anything, the luncheon was a meaningful reminder of the strong community spirit that makes Buckeye Central special. The afternoon brought generations together through conversation, laughter and shared appreciation for the place we call home.



Alumna Inspires Students Through Service

Buckeye Central recently welcomed back alumna Jessica Rudolph, Class of 1989, Founder and CEO of My Very Own Blanket.

Rudolph shared the story behind her organization and the impact it has made by providing comfort to children in foster care. Students also had the opportunity to take part in hands-on service, helping continue the mission of giving back to others.

The visit offered students a meaningful reminder of how one idea, rooted in care and purpose, can grow into something that makes a difference. Buckeye Central is grateful to Jessica for returning to where it all started and inspiring the next generation to lead with heart.

Students Earn Ohio Seal of Biliteracy

Buckeye Central students continue to demonstrate the value of language learning beyond the classroom. Congratulations to Ari DeMars, Angela Figueroa and Samantha Auck, who recently earned the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy after successfully completing a rigorous assessment measuring reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in both English and Spanish.

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes a high level of proficiency in two languages and can help students earn college credit, qualify for scholarships and stand out in future career opportunities.

The district also recognizes Phoebe Rafferty, Charly Milligan, Lexi Pope and Jillian DuLaney, who came very close to earning the distinction this year. Congratulations to all students who took on this challenge and showcased their language skills and dedication.



LEARNING IN FOCUS

Bitty Bucks Preschool



Preschoolers Celebrate Graduation Milestone

Preschool students celebrated graduation with their “Little Fish, Big Dreams” ceremony, marking an exciting milestone on their educational journey.

The special event brought together students, families and staff to celebrate the accomplishments and growth of the district’s youngest learners as they prepare to become kindergarteners. Students did a wonderful job during the ceremony and had plenty of fun celebrating with classmates and loved ones along the way.

The celebration was a memorable way to recognize a year filled with learning, friendship and big dreams for the future.

Buckeye Central Middle School

Discover You Day Encourages Connection and Creativity

Students participated in Discover You Day, an annual event focused on social-emotional learning, relationship building and student choice.

Students selected four activities from 14 staff-led sessions, including string art, henna, bracelet making, puzzles, chess, making ice cream, “Ask a Vet,” Legos and Law, dance workouts and more.

The day gave students a fun opportunity to explore new interests, connect with peers and staff and build important skills outside the traditional classroom setting.



Sixth Graders Visit Camp Willson

Buckeye Central sixth graders took learning beyond the classroom during their trip to YMCA Camp Willson. The outdoor education experience gave students the opportunity to explore nature, participate in hands-on activities, and build confidence in a new setting.

Throughout the trip, students strengthened teamwork, made memories with classmates and staff, and enjoyed time together outside the traditional classroom environment.



Eighth Graders Explore Washington, D.C.

Buckeye Central eighth graders brought history and government to life during their annual trip to Washington, D.C. Students explored some of the nation’s most iconic landmarks, memorials and museums while gaining a deeper understanding of American history, civic leadership and the institutions that shape our country. The experience provided lasting memories and valuable real-world learning beyond the classroom.



LEARNING IN FOCUS

Buckeye Central Elementary School



Right to Read Week Brings Books and Games Together

Buckeye Central students celebrated Right to Read Week with a board game-themed adventure that made reading fun from morning bell to dismissal. Each day included a game-themed dress-up day, featured book, activity and snack.

Students also enjoyed a visit from author Earl Musick, who reminded them through his stories that books can be the ultimate adventure. The week continued with Family Game Night, where students and families played games alongside teachers.

To wrap up the celebration, four lucky students who turned in reading logs were selected to pie four brave teachers in the face—a fun finale to a week focused on reading, creativity and school spirit.

Second Graders Explore Bees, Pollinators and Farm Life

Buckeye Central Elementary second graders celebrated the end of the school year with a field trip to Cherry City Apiary and Proving Ground Farm.

Students from Mrs. Schafer's, Mrs. Wilson's, Mrs. Stockmaster's and Mrs. Darling's classes learned about honey bees, how honey is processed and the important role pollinators play in nature and farming.

At the farm, students enjoyed hiking, fishing and seeing a variety of animals up close. The trip gave students a fun, hands-on way to connect their classroom learning to the world around them.



Young Scientists Make a Splash with Sink-or-Float Experiments

Students in Mrs. Biglin's class took part in a hands-on sink-or-float experiment using peeled and unpeeled oranges. Through this interactive activity, students learned how buoyancy works and made connections to how life jackets help keep people afloat.

The lesson provided a fun and memorable way to understand an important safety concept and reinforced the importance of wearing a life jacket.

Students Step Back in Time

Fourth Grade: American Revolution

Buckeye Central fourth graders stepped back in time while learning about the American Revolution. As part of the unit, students wrote broadsides supporting either the Patriots or Loyalists and used coffee to stain their papers for an old-fashioned look. They wrapped up the lesson with cookies, punch and lemonade, along with a video about the Boston Tea Party.



Third Grade: Life in the Late 1800s

Buckeye Central third graders enjoyed a field trip to Historic Lyme Village Ohio where they explored life in the late 1800s. Students rotated through several stations and historic buildings, taking part in hands-on activities that helped bring history to life.

Both experiences gave students a creative, hands-on way to explore history and better understand life during different time periods.



Buckeye Central High School

Teen Leadership Students Attend TLC Conference

Buckeye Central Teen Leadership students attended a TLC conference at Terra State Community College in Fremont, joining peers from other schools who are also part of the program.

Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to collaborate with others, hear from an engaging speaker on resilience and perseverance, and participate in several community service projects. The experience provided valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork and giving back to others.

We are proud of our students for representing Buckeye Central and continuing to grow as leaders both in and out of the classroom.



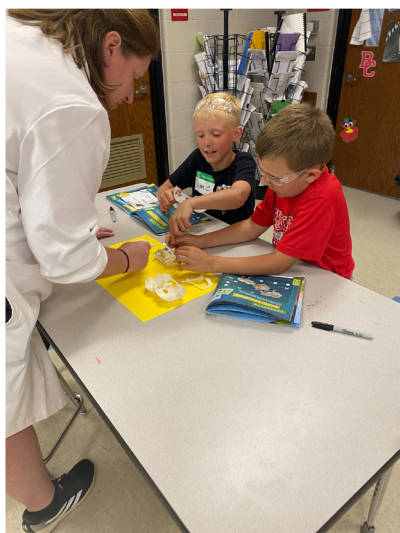
A Summer of Innovation

Summer learning is in full swing at Buckeye Central as students put their creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills to work during Camp Invention.

Campers have tackled hands-on challenges, explored new ideas and collaborated with their peers to bring their imaginations to life. From building and designing to testing and creating, each day has provided opportunities for students to think critically, learn through discovery and have fun along the way.

Through high-energy activities and strategy-based challenges, students learned the value of teamwork, encouragement and creative thinking. These experiences help campers build confidence, strengthen friendships and discover that some of the best solutions come from working together.

We are proud of our young inventors and look forward to seeing how they continue to learn, create and grow throughout the summer.



Food Safety Superior Award

Buckeye Central Schools is proud to share that our cafeteria team has received a 2025 Food Safety Superior Award from Crawford Public Health in recognition of zero violations during inspections. This honor reflects the care, consistency, and attention to detail our staff bring to their work each day.

Beyond serving meals, they help create a safe and healthy environment for our students. We are grateful for their dedication and proud to celebrate this outstanding achievement.





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Collin Perry Caps Outstanding State Meet with Three Top-10 Finishes

Congratulations to Buckeye Central junior Collin Perry on an outstanding performance at the OHSA State Track & Field Championships!

Collin earned a state medal in Long Jump, placing 3rd with a personal-best jump of 22'6". He also finished 4th in the 100M dash and 7th in the 200M dash.

Buckeye Central is proud of your hard work and incredible season!

LOOKING AHEAD

August 2026

- August 6** — Preschool Carnival
- August 9** — Kindergarten Parent Meeting
- August 11** — Grades 7-12 Open House
- August 17** — Teacher Convocation Day and Grades 1-6 Open House
- August 18** — Teacher Professional Learning Day
- August 19** — First Day of School for Students
- August 24** — First Day of School for Preschool Students

September 2026

- September 7** — Labor Day, No School
- September 21** — Late Start Day (2 Hour Delay)

State Test Scores in ProgressBook

This spring's state test scores are posted in ProgressBook. To view your student's scores:

1. Log in to your parent access account for ProgressBook
2. Select "Assessment Scores"

If you do not have a parent access account in ProgressBook, please email Tammy Studer at tstuder@bcbucks.org