



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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May 2018-19 Newsletter

Greetings to All our BCCS School Family,

Once again, the time is cruising by as we are in the last five weeks of the 2018-19 school year. I am happy to report that the snow day legislation is all but done....meaning the legislation has been agreed upon by the legislature and is waiting the Governor's signature. The bill allows for an additional 4 days of forgiveness. Therefore, I believe it safe to say, barring any major unforeseen issue, the last day of school at BCCS will be Monday June 10. Consequently, the ½ day schedule for exams will shift one day from June 5, 6 and 7 to June 6,7 and 10. I apologize for the delay and appreciate the patience of the members of our school community. Since we are in the final weeks, updates will be sent from classroom teachers and this office (weekly) so to remind of upcoming events.

BCCS Character Traits Celebrated

In the months of May and June, our school community celebrates the character traits of *Loyalty and Citizenship*. It is healthy to be loyal to something greater than oneself such as your faith, your family, your friends, your school etc..... While the true meaning of the word has to do with a legal contract, true loyalty in today's terms comes from the heart. Citizenship is taught at every grade level as part of the social studies curriculum. It is truly important that our youth are informed, engaged and responsible citizens. It is critical for our nation as a democratic republic, but also for a school as a member of the BCCS school community. From communities large and small good citizenship is primary to a well functioning community, and respect between members is most important so all are treated fairly and as equals. At BCCS we are a small but mighty community of learners. So, during the next month, let us find ways to show our loyalty and citizenship to the members of our school community.

News from the Office

Staff Appreciation: We are so very fortunate to have a caring, dedicated and committed teaching and support staff who truly seek to do what is best for the BCCS students and families. The 2019 National Teacher Appreciation Day was Tuesday May 7th which is part of staff appreciation week celebrated at BCCS this past week. I trust you folks took the opportunity to let the staff know they are appreciated. Teaching is truly a labor of love. *Thank you BCCS Teachers and Support Staff!*



Summer School Options: In the next couple of weeks, parents and students will be receiving invitations to participate in summer programs. Most of the programs offered and supported through our school are designated for students who are identified as needing additional time, help and support. Although there are options for every student and we encourage students and parents to consider participation in educational programs over the summer. Here is an option for students completing K-8, additional opportunities for upper grades will be forthcoming.

GRASP: A cost effective K-8 program through Grand Rapids Public Schools designed to provide students practice and maintenance of the important skills from the past year in Reading and/or Math. Participating students receive a booklet with 9 units of activities/exercises to complete and send in. Online packets are also available for students completing grades 4-8. Students receive feedback on their performance, and may earn certificates or medals for their achievement. While students can work at their own pace, there is a recommended time frame (approx. 1 unit per week beginning June 10) and students must have material submitted by August 12. Information about GRASP can be found at this link on the GRPS website <https://www.grps.org/departments/grasp>. Registration forms can be obtained through the school office, requested from your child's teachers or accessed on line @ <http://grasp.grps.org/>.



Concussion Information and Forms on File: In 2013 the State of Michigan sought to assure all families of all school age children received information about concussions. At that time we were the 39th state to enact laws pertaining to concussions. The law, updated in 2017, requires parent/family communication about concussions when students are participating in sports and that all coaches and other adults be trained every 3 years.

The legislature also recommended the parents of **all** students be informed and each student have an acknowledgement form verifying they received the information on file. In an effort to do the right thing for BCCS students and educational community, we are asking the parents/guardians of every child to review the information form to be sent next Friday **and send the signed verification page by the following Monday**. Additionally, all staff will be re-trained this coming year. From this point forward, this will be part of our registration process. Please participate and know the signs/symptoms and how to manage concussions for the safety and welfare your children.



Important Communications

PTO - Ongoing Fundraisers:

- SCRIP (First Thursday of each month in lobby or online at www.ShopWithScrip.com enrollment # 75LEDF88419L4)
- BOXTOPS (put into mailbox in vestibule)
- Family Fare Receipts (put into mailbox in vestibule)
- School Spirit labels - Aunt Millie's products (put into mailbox in vestibule)



Upcoming Events

Field Trips/Experiences

- 5/23 Peer to Peer Whitecaps Game
- 5/30 Kdgn Recycle Center
- 5/31 2nd Grade John Ball Zoo
- 5/31 7th Grade Impressions 5, Lansing
- 5/31 1st Boulder Ridge
- 5/31 3rd For the Kidz Gymnastics

School Activities

- 5/14 Band Concert 7:00 pm:
- 5/21-22 Senior Exams
- 5/23 Graduation 7:00 pm: (corinth Reformed Church)
- 5/24 Field Day: K-5 gr
- 5/27 No School - Memorial Day
- 6/3 KDL Book Mobile Visit K-5



Fundraisers

- 5/20 Culvers Night 5-9 (Support the BCCS Award Winning Band!)



Extra Curricular



- MS Cross Country: Practices are Mon, Wed and Fri 3-4:00
- 5/15 Meets are at Richmond Park Conference Meet (Girls 4:30 and Boys 5:15)
- 5/19 Girls on the Run: 5 K Run Celebration Downtown
- HS Ultimate Frisbee: Grades 6-12 , Fridays (5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31), 3:15-4:15 /Back Field)

Student Awards and Recognitions

Fairness and Courage: Gia Hockenberry, Abigail Friedman, Logan Elliot, Kenzie Miranda, Nevaeh Berry Gunnick, Amanda Boorsma, Kaiden Coffey, Max Ayon, Kylee Szappon, Ruth Apotheker, Kinzie Anderson, Justin McDonald, Elizabeth Brandow, Gracie Leys, Ruby Young, Christian Smigiel, Ava Shrontz, Tate Anderson, Cole McElroy, Daniel Jones, Brooke Stratton, Ben VanDussen, Sadie Uminn, Ian Emmelkamp, Taryn Curtis-Jenison, Ethan Uminn, Sam Burman, Rocco Maggi, Jade Young, Rachel Steffen, Katelyn Howell, David Batt, Alicia Verburg, Emma Wiman, Renee Kleiman, Sara Franson, Joy Rose, Rocco Maggi, Danielle DeYoung, Abby Brooker



Student of the Month

K-2 Micaiah Kraft
3-5 Evie Labardee
6-8 Hannah Schneider
9-12 Nathan Lepzinski



COMMUNITY NEWS

Chamber of Commerce: Byron Center Chamber of Commerce is excited to present *Byron Rules the Roost!* Local businesses will decorate styrofoam chickens to display throughout Byron Center May 11 - June 16 while downtown shops participate by offering sales and promotions. Stay tuned for a list of participating businesses. **Our school is participating - watch for our display coming soon!!**



Kent ISD - Great Start to Quality, Kent Resource Center

Need childcare or preschool? Great Start to Quality can help!

Whether your child needs all day childcare, preschool, or before and after school care, we are here for you. Our free website lets families search for all licensed providers throughout Michigan, complete with ratings. Find the Right Fit! Every licensed program has a profile on:

www.greatstarttoquality.org

Flyers are available in the school lobby.

Attention Bridge Card Holders: Double-up Bucks are at your local farmer's market. When you use your Bridge Card the Double Up Bucks Program will match dollar for dollar up to \$20 for fresh Michigan grown fruits and vegetables. Most farmers markets in Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon Counties are participating. Visit www.doubleupfoodbucks.org or call toll free 1-866-5862796 for more information.