



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS Students.

In an effort to maintain effective home school communication, the following update is presented for your awareness and understanding.

Conferences:

Just a reminder that conferences are intended to be one way to receive an appraisal of your children's current educational status. These communications are a vital part of the home school relationship and serve as a mechanism to monitor and adjust the student's engagement in their learning and as a way to improve their performance. Please contact your child's teacher(s) if you need to reschedule and/or are in need of additional information. Your participation is appreciated.

You Help Needed, Please!

- **Middle School Technology Permission Form Deadline:**

Each MS (6-8) student is expected to have a signed Technology Take Home Permission form on file so to be able to take their chromebook to and from school each day. Parents of students who have not returned signed forms have been notified by a school representative. As of Monday, 10/19, students who have not returned the permission forms will be unable to take devices home until a signed document has been received.

- **Kids Hope Mentor Permission Forms:**

The Kids Hope has provided a successful mentoring program to BCCS students and families for many years. As a result of the pandemic, at this time the mentors are not able to meet with students in the school building. However, Kids Hope has graciously offered to continue mentoring through written communication (letters) with the students. The parents of students who have previously been involved with the Kids Hope Mentor Program were sent a letter describing the program from Mrs. Gladys Alofs to include a permission form with a self addressed stamped envelope. Parents are encouraged to sign and return the forms so that their children can continue to receive this support service.

- **Mid-High Progress Reports:**

High School progress reports were sent home last week. The school requests students to have their parent(s) sign and to return the reports to their designated teacher. If your child has not returned the signed report or you have not spoken to Mr. E about receiving the report from your child(ren), please send an email to Mr. Emmelkamp to acknowledge that you received your child's progress report.

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Middle School progress reports were sent home to parents via email as a result of having to move to a distance learning environment. Therefore, a parent's acknowledgement of having received the report is unnecessary.

PTO Fall Fundraiser Pick-up Information

The PTO fundraiser pick-up will be held at the end of the day, Thursday (10/22). During the student pick-up, participating families are to notify the driveline attendants they have fundraiser items to pick-up. PTO will have members to serve as runners who will bring the products to your vehicles and collect any funds as appropriate. Those with larger orders should use a parking space and wait for the delivery of the items. We ask that we all be patient and understanding during this event. We truly thank all who participated in helping the PTO provide the multitude of educational resources and services to our school community.

Helpful Information for the Families of our OnLine Learners

Respond to Teachers Emails: students/parents should check their student's gmail account at least once per day and are asked to respond to BCC teacher emails as requested.

Two-way Contacts: Please have your child participate in the requested 2-way contacts.

- The legislation in the Extended Covid Learning Plan requires BCCs teachers/mentors to hold 2 two-way weekly contacts with each online student.
- Schools are required to report the percentage of students meeting this expectation to the state and post to our website.
- Two way communications are used to determine the amount of funding schools receive for each student.

Progress Checks: The parents of MS and HS online students should routinely monitor/check and have conversations about their students progress in Edgenuity. Students are expected to spend 4 to 5 hrs per day in the program. If help is needed, please contact the Success Coach. Tutors are available 6 days per week.

Calendar Change Update: Unfortunately Edgenuity recently added the BCC school calendar to their program. As a result this pushed students back in their learning progress. Students should do their best to complete the entire curriculum. Please know the late start, the connectivity issues and the delay in adding teachers and in adding the school calendar will certainly be taken into consideration at the end of the marking period by BCCS.

Report Issues: Please continue to report issues with the Edgenuity program. I encourage students/parents to use their assigned teachers when appropriate. To our knowledge, we have successfully resolved almost every issue to date, and we will continue to work diligently and timely in resolution of issues.

Students Recognitions and Awards

BCC School Community is proud to recognize our September **Students of the Month**

K-2 Lillianna Miller

3-5 Erika Harran

6-8 Ruth Apotheker

9-12 Joselyn Van Dussen

Congratulations to our 2020-21 **No Put Down Zone Poster Contest Winners**

K-5: Abigail Uminn (5th Grade)

6-12: Kamren Moomey (Grade 8)

(posters will be matted and displayed in building)

Good Job, Well Done BCCS Students!

Closing

Your continued support and participation is greatly appreciated. This school has much to offer, yet as with all schools, our effectiveness is dependent upon an engaged and participatory school community. We all have important roles to fulfil. Let's all do our part and share the responsibility for a successful educational experience for every BCCS student.

You are appreciated.

W/ Care,

Mark R. Kasmer

Chief Administrative Officer