



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS.

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last week of the 2020-21 school year. It has been a ride folks! I am grateful for all the efforts by the students, parents, teachers and staff to make this a productive school year and mitigate the impact the pandemic had on our school community. Despite the numerous disruptions related to COVID isolations, quarantines and emergency orders, our small but mighty school had more days of face to face instruction than most schools across the state. We also recorded very few in-school transmissions of the virus. So, in a nutshell, this means that we stayed true to our commitment of in-school attendance whenever possible and at the same time our school community did a good job mitigating the spread of the virus in the school setting. Thank You.

Please review the following EOY (End Of Year) information.

Next Weeks Schedule

Monday and Tuesday, June 7 and 8 : Normal Schedule

Tuesday, June 8:

- Last full day of School
- Last day of After-school Tutoring

Wednesday, June 9

- ½ day of school 11:15-20 Pick-up
- Mid High Exams
- Grab-n- Go Lunches

Thursday, June 10

- ½ day of school 11:15-20 Pick-up
- Mid High Exams
- Grab-n- Go Lunches

Friday, June 11

- last day of school
- ½ day of school 11:15-20 Pick-up
- Mid High Exams
- Grab-n- Go Lunches
- No after school childcare

Summer School Options/Actions Revisited

We know that there exists some learning loss due to the disruptions in the past year and a half. We also recognize the degree of loss varies among the students. Therefore, our teachers have identified students who would benefit from summer programming, and our school designed programs to support the students over the summer months. In particular the K-8 programming is for students identified as needing additional time/support with age-appropriate foundational skill development, and the HS is a credit recovery program. Information was sent home to the parents of each child recommended. Parents are asked to send back the intent forms ASAP. Once the intent form is received the parents of the recommended will receive the following follow-up information from our school:

K-3 Early Start Program: A letter of acknowledgement to those requesting participation.

4-8 GRASP with Tutoring: An email with a survey to identify dates for tutoring.

HS Credit Recovery with Tutoring: An email with a survey to identify dates for tutoring.

- 4-12 Parents please return the google surveys as soon as you are able so that we can secure staff to meet the needs of the requests for tutors

Please know **all K-8** students have the opportunity to take part in GRASP Math and/or Reading: 9 unit programs designed to practice and strengthen the grade level skills from the past school year. The time it will take students to complete varies, yet it is estimated each unit takes between one and two hours to complete. The K-3 programs are in the form of soft cover booklets and the 4-8 programs are available online. If interested in the program for your child contact the school office at office@byroncentercharter.org . Please include student(s) Name(s), Grade Level (current grade completed) and the Content Area(s) desired. As with all the BCCS summer programs this year, GRASP is a free service as long as the student completes the online program or completes and submits the booklets to BCCS (k-3) by August 6.

Expectations for Online Students

Edgenuity Students: **Classes end on the 9th** for students in the fully online program (Edgenuity). The program requires a two day window for teachers to process and post grades. Families are to return the school issued devices on June 10 or 11. Parents may drop-off school technology items at the school office between 7:30 and 3:30. Just a reminder that there are days of school on the 10th and 11th. Parents are asked to help assure all the resources are returned in good order.

****Please Note:** Students are expected to properly care for school technology issued to them, and will be held responsible for any costs associated with the repair or replacement of devices.

Elementary Specific Items

Elementary Virtual Spring Music Program

Enjoy and thanks for the great year! Mrs. York

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CTX1EqOqqc>

Message and Information from Art Teacher

We had a wonderful time in art this year. I've loved working with your children. I'm amazed at how resilient they are and how they've grown as people and artists. I want to share three quick end of the year items.

1. **Art Portfolios** either came home yesterday (6.2) or will come home on Wednesday (6.9). Your child's portfolio contains all of their completed artwork from this year. If a student did not finish a project I already sent it home. With contact tracing and missed school days some students have fewer completed projects than others. This does not necessarily reflect their effort but sometimes reflects their attendance on "Wonderful Wednesday(s)" throughout the year.

2. I look forward to the day we can enjoy an in person art show again but until then please enjoy the following **Virtual Art Shows**. All videos are sharable links. Please feel free to cut and paste in a new email to share with grandparents and family members.

Kindergarten: <https://animoto.com/play/q880XvJGKk8zT51pU1XuzQ>

1st grade: <https://animoto.com/play/By8Msif2gJLaBbFn9EWpGA>

2nd grade: <https://animoto.com/play/wb7111V2czCH0KFsyQgStA>

3rd grade: <https://animoto.com/play/HzfDeqdK1412MvglImmD2MQ>

4th grade: <https://animoto.com/play/KYTkxcNTu1gMKUccokiXGA>

5th grade: <https://animoto.com/play/Mt3Jk5Mc2xQNovLXTFdf7Q>

3. Are you looking for some **Fun Summer Art Enrichment** opportunities? I've decided to offer 4 different special art lessons. Here is the link for more information and to sign up.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfclbptVzbwzeN9hbD-R6bnIV4KN65ecvLM7v3uLERg8IXupQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Krystal Kingsley
BCCS Art Teacher

Mid-High Specific Items

School Issued Technology

Grades 6-12: All students are to return the schooled-issued technology the last day of school. Students are expected to return chromebooks, power chords, headsets and mice in the cases they were issued. All devices are expected to be wiped down (cleaned) and free from stickers, and personal items should be removed from the cases. We appreciate parental oversight and assistance with.

****Please Note:** Students are expected to properly care of the school technology issued to them, and will be held responsible for any costs associated with the repair or replacement of devices.

Mid-HIGH Exam Schedule

| | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 8:00-10:30 | 1st hr | 2nd hr | 3rd hr |
| 10:40-11:15 | 6th hr | 5th hr | 4th hr (Note: KCTC students released) |

Other Announcements

KCHD Request: Kent County Health Department asked schools to share that immunization rates have dropped to an alarming low rate.

Attached you will find the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Parent Letter and the Required School Immunizations Parents Flyer we are asked to share with all BCCS families.

[DHHS Parent Letter](#)

[School Required Immunizations](#)

BCCS Yard Signs: We encourage parents to request a *Proud to be a member of BCCS School Family* sign to post in their yard. This will help show pride in BCCS while generating awareness and interest in the area. If interested, please email the school office (office@byroncentercharter.org). Your consideration is appreciated.

Closing

This week the BCCS faculty and staff had an opportunity to celebrate the members of our school community who will be leaving the school or retiring at the end of the school year. Please join me in sharing our appreciation to Mr. Wittebols , teacher 3rd Grade, Mrs. Schrader, School Nurse and Para Educator, and Mrs. Hicks, Title I Teacher Assistant. These individuals are recognized for their care and contributions to the members of the BCCS Educational Community. We are grateful for their service and wish them well in their future endeavours.

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