



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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May 2022-23 Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

As always, it is hard to believe we are in the final 6 weeks of the 2022-23 school year. Needless to say it is a busy time of year in the school and homes. We call on parents to help us to finish strong by sustaining your engagement in your children's education. Please help to assure students are on time and prepared for school each day, be aware of the school happenings, and support your children with accomplishing the expectations of the school. Your continued support is essential to an effective and productive end to the school year.

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 origin of the word has to do with a legal contract, true loyalty in today's terms comes from the heart. As part of our school's Social Studies curriculum, citizenship is taught at every grade level. It is truly important that our youth are informed, engaged and responsible citizens. 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's find ways to show our loyalty and citizenship to the members of our school community.

From the Office

Teacher Appreciation

Throughout the US, next week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and Tuesday, May 9th, is National Teacher Appreciation Day. BCCS is fortunate to have a dedicated and committed staff. As parents we understand the value of teaching children. Being a teacher is noble, respected, and perhaps one of the most difficult professions. Please join me in celebrating our teachers and teacher assistants this week. On behalf of all members of the BCCS Educational Community, I thank each BCCS teacher and teacher assistant for their dedication and service to the students of Byron Center Charter School. *You are recognized, appreciated and celebrated!*

Parent/Guardian Surveys

At this time we ask that each family to complete at least one Culture and Climate Survey by Monday May 15. The link to the survey can be found below. These annual surveys provide opinion/perceptual data from our stakeholders (Parents, Staff and Students) for school improvement purposes. *Your cooperation and engagement is needed so that we have representation from all stakeholders.*

- [BCCS 2023 Parent Survey Link](#)

Summer School/Programs and Services

At this time BCCS is in process of designation of students recommended for summer programs. Specific information will be shared with families over the next two weeks.

General Description of BCCS offerings include:

As in past years, our intent is to identify students recommended for summer school and organize programming that meets the needs of our scholars.

Tentative Programs:

K-3 Extended Year Early Start

- Based upon Teacher Recommendation
- Two (2) weeks sessions 8:30-11:30 in last two weeks of June and first two weeks of August

3-8

- Based upon Teacher Recommendations
- GRASP Reading and/or Math

6-8

- Based upon Teacher Recommendations
- Online Courses in ELA and/or Math through KISD
- Tutoring and Testing Sessions held at BCCS
- Starts in June and runs thru 2nd week in August

9-12

- HS Credit Recovery
- By Invitation Based upon student need
- Tutoring and Testing Sessions at BCCS
- Starts in June and runs thru thru 2nd week in August

Practicing academics during the summer helps prevent the “Summer Slide” while supporting students' success with the transition to the next year. Parents are encouraged to participate in recommended programs and/or offerings supported by BCCS and area school-affiliated summer programs. *Your consideration is encouraged and appreciated!*

Walk-A-Thon “23

Today we held our 17th Annual school wide Walk-A-Thon. The day featured music, games and competitions including a tug-of-war between staff and the seniors....you know who won...YEA STAFF! On behalf of the BCCS PTO I want to thank the members of the BCCS Educational Community for their generosity and participation. We had 10 local and BCCs family businesses as donors. Preliminary reports indicate we raise upwards of \$7,500. Details of winners and prizes will be shared next week with the students and families...stay tuned and good luck!.

Recognitions and Awards

BCCS Blood Drive Summary

Drive Goal : 20 pints

Donors: 22 Participants

Pints Donated: 20 pints

Impact: 60 patients receive life-saving blood!

Extra Impact: A+, A-, O+, O-, AB+ types donated. Very cool to have 5 types

Annual Total: Three drives with 63 pints donated = 189 patients receive life-saving blood!

THANK YOU to all the students, staff, and parents who made the choice to give 'the gift of life' to local patients!!

March Students Of the Month

- K-2 Eli Hubble
- 3-5 Abigail Wolcott
- 6-8 Hannah Peterson
- 9-12 Lelie Miller

*** Good Job, Well Done!*

March Character Awards

- K - Lileana Lopez
- 1st - Vivienne Rocha, Zayden Redman, Henry Veldheer, Piper Martin
- 2nd - Raelynn Blue, Grant Smith, Judah Beute
- 3rd - McKenzie Minnie, Simon Apotheker, Zach Miller
- 4th - Fiona Bolt, Chase Smith, Erika Harran, Hannah Bunnel
- 5th - Logan Elliott, Noah Fisch
- 6-8 - Elina Weirisma, Sorren Gillikin, Max Ayon, Hanna Peterson, Lacey Elliott, Amanda Boersma, Lexi Beverwyk, Max Ayon, Joseph Lopez, Micah Thompson
- 9-12 - Matthew Nixon, Abbi DeWit, Anna Hort, Ginger Bosscher, TJ Butler, Ava Syswerda, Molly DeVries, Ella Franson, Owen Highley, Ian Emmelkamp, Christa Frank, Paul Hollis, Lelie Miller, Jeremiah Brouillette, Braedon Duncan

***Thanks for demonstrating positive character in action!*

Ship Shape Awards:

- Week of 4/10= 5th Grade
- Week of 4/17= 4th Grade
- Week of 4/24= 4th Grade
- Week of 5/1=3rd Grade

***Thanks for taking care of our beautiful school!!*

School Happenings

State/National Testing Update

With the exception of 5th Grade Science (May 8th) and make-up testing the 'lion-share' of state testing has been completed. All K-8 Students will be administered the NWEA MAP Growth Assessments over the next two weeks.

Please continue to help students prepare for tests and encourage them to give a good faith effort.

Senior Activities

- Senior Tribute @ Golden Eagle Awards Assembly, Today May 5th
 - Senior Last Full Day Friday, May 18
 - 1/2 Day Final Walk Monday, May 22
 - Graduation Thursday 5/25 7pm
 - Senior Party/Event, Friday May 26th, Michigan Adventure
- *** Remember to send pictures for Slideshow and Ceiling Tile information will be forthcoming for those interested***

Calendar Highlights

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Jazz Band
 - Mid-High Tutoring
 - GOTR Girls on the Run.
- Wed Last Competition and RV Park..good luck Golden Eagle: anyone can run!
 - See MS Cross Country Update from Coach Arringdale ([HERE](#))
- 2022-23 Art Club is over for the year, Thank you Miss Pham!

Field Trip Highlights

- 5/8 Monday Art Class Meijer Garden
- 5/10 Wednesday Jrs visit GVSU
- 5/11 11th and 12 Grade trip to Holland Festival **CANCELLED**
- 5/23 Wed 1st grade Dairy Discovery (visit adopted cow)
- 6/5 Monday Kindergarten, Critter Barn

Other Events

5/12 Friday Popcorn

5/13 Prom Studio 18 in Door

5/18 Thursday Band Concert Godwin HS 7:00

5/19 Sr. Last full day (unless have to take exams

5/22 Seniors Last Day/ Sr Walk

5/23-24 Senior Exams (designated students)

5/25 Graduation 7 pm

5/26 Sr. Trip

- Hat day

5/29 NO SCHOOL /Observance of Memorial Day

6/1 PTO Meeting

6/2 Friday K-5 Field day

6/5 Monday K-5 Special Event/ Elementary Recognitions

June 7 Kindergarten Recognition

June 7-9

- ½ days of School 8-11:15-20
- Mid-High Exams

June 9 Last day of school

In Closing.....

*As always your awareness and understanding of school events and academic expectations is a critical part of our school's effectiveness. I encourage parents/guardians to contact the office, or staff member if you have questions about any of the events or expectations of the school. Weekly updates from the office will be sent from this office each Friday through the end of the year. Your awareness, consideration and support is much appreciated. Let's Finish Strong!
Have a wonderful weekend!*

