



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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BCCS November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

This week marks the last week of the first quarter for the 2024-25 school year. As the days get shorter and nights grow longer....and colder.... school-age students tend to have more difficulty getting up in the morning. This can create a bit of a challenge with preparation and being on time for school. A few considerations include:

- establishing routines in the home that make daily school readiness a priority
- having students at school 15-20 minutes before start time especially if parents intend to have them eat breakfast at school
- having students' school materials/resources packed and ready to go when they enter the building

Character Traits Celebrated

The character trait BCCS highlights during November is APPRECIATION. A demonstration of appreciation from one person to another person is often considered an expression of *gratitude*. Most often, appreciation acknowledges the good in people. Incidentally, showing appreciation is known to reduce stress and is a fundamental principle in building positive personal relationships: an important pillar of our school's mission. As members of the BCCS school community, we are to look for opportunities that bring appreciation into the culture of our school. Soooo, let's seek ways to show our appreciation of one another.

School Events and Activity Highlights

Reminders

- Friday, November 8th
 - Report Cards Sent Home
- Daylight Savings Time Ends This Weekend
 - Official Time is Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 2 am
 - Clocks fall back one hour
- BCCS Annual Food Drive Contest:
 - Timelines Nov 1-Nov17
 - What: Non-perishable food items
 - Sponsor: Student Council
 - Recipient: Buist Community Center Food Pantry
 - [List of needed items](#)
- Blood Drive
 - **next week Wednesday, November 6 from 1-5 p.m.**
 - use the following [link](#) to sign up or contact Mr. Emmelkamp at bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
 - Mid High After School Tutoring
 - Jazz Band

Nov 27 No School Thanksgiving Break ...*Happy Thanksgiving*

- Monday, Dec. 2nd Return to School

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1-22 BCCS Annual Hat and Mitten Drive

Student Awards and Recognitions

October Character Trait Recognitions/Responsibility and Self Discipline

Elementary

Bristol Martin, Hazel Gillissen, Royce Campos, Asher Beute, Iliana Domingo-Velasquez, Eli Hubbel, Lucas Buete, Lillian Lubbers, Jeremiah Leon, Soraya VanNoy, Nathan Commans, Gideon Torres, Melanie Donegan, Luna Gillikin, Koda Rodriguez, Russell Lubbers, Nora Gillissen, Jael Torres, Cohen Aniol

Middle School

Deyton Hielkema-Vernor, Iva Covert, Micah Barker, Maxwell Brown, Aidan Heintz, Joshua Hoort, Isaac Higley, Serenity Malecki, Za'Khi Green, Hannah Bunnell

High School

Torstin Edwards, Lia Franson, Amelia Pike, Ava Syswerda, Ian Emmelkamp, Annika Emmelkamp, Amelia Pike, RJ McCarthy, Tate Anderson, Tyler Ganka, Elina Wiersma, Tyler Ganka, Anna Hoort, Rhys Houda, Ellie VanDussen, Nolan Bolt, Gloria Gomez

Students of the Month/October

K-2 = Riley Milburn

3-5 = Soraya VanNoy

6-8 = Leiah Barker

9-12 = Amelia Pike

Student Council Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

- Silliest
- Fanciest
- Most Creative

***Your creativity and skill is recognized!*

PTO Fall Sub Sale Classroom winners

- K-3 = 1st Grade \$884.00
- 4-5= 5th Grade \$1492.50
- 6-8 = 8th Grade \$709.50
- 9-12 = 12th Grade \$938.00

Our total sales were \$6,428.50 and our profit was \$1,929.15. PTO uses this money for school/PTO activities for the year. We appreciate everyone that participated in this sale.

Counselors Corner

Community Service - All students are required to complete 45 hours of community service as a condition of graduation from BCCS. With the upcoming holiday season, students are reminded to look for opportunities for community service. See Mrs Cravino for the service forms.