



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

On behalf of all BCCS Faculty and Staff, Happy Spring Break, and for those celebrating the season, Happy Easter! As always, it's hard to believe we are in the last quarter of the school year. Officially, the 4th quarter began on Tuesday as we moved the date from Friday given the unexpected snow day. The April newsletter will be sent out upon return from Spring break, though the following presents some upcoming school events and timely informational items for your awareness and understanding.

## **BCCS Enrollment 2024-25**

While most current BCCS Families have submitted enrollment forms for the 2024-25 school year, some students have not turned in their forms to lock-in the place for next year. By school policy, for existing students to reserve your spot for next school year, re-enrollment forms must be submitted to the school by April 15. Any forms submitted after that time are subjected to the possibility of a lottery should the requests exceed the limit of 22 students per grade level.

Below are the enrollment policies and incentive program docs for your information.

*\*\*\* Please Note: Mrs. Boersma will directly contact the parents of students who do not have forms submitted by Monday April 8th. \*\*\**

- [2024-25 Open Enrollment Announcement](#)
- [Enrollment Initiative Program](#)
- [Enrollment Administrative Guidelines](#)

## **BCCS 2024-25 Kindergarten Round-Up Open House for New/Prospective Students**

Please feel free to share BCCS New Family Open House and Kindergarten Round-up information to family and friends you believe may be interested and would be a good fit to our small, but mighty school community ...April 17.

- [K Round-Up](#)
- [BCCS 24-25 Open House](#)

*Please Note: existing families need not attend unless you have a Kindergarten student starting next year. All participants need to complete a registration for the event. SEE QR code or the direct link [HERE](#)*

## 2024-25 GSRP PreSchool Open House

BCCS parents and guardians are encouraged to consider the GSRP Preschool program for 4 year olds, and are asked to share the open house information with prospective families. GSRP has been a welcome and wonderful addition to BCCS. The open house will be held on the BCCS campus see and share flyer [LINK](#)

Dates

- Thursday April 25 from 4:15-5:45 pm
- Friday, April 26 from 9-11:00 am

## State Testing Update

State testing ramps-up just after break. A Letter from the state Superintendents can be found here [LINK](#) , and most pressing/timely information for mid-high students is below.

### State Standardized Testing Grades 8-12

*Thursday, April 11th: All 11th grade students will take the ACT WorkKeys Test*

*Tuesday April 16: All 8th graders will be taking the PSAT*

**Wednesday, April 17:** All 9th - 11th graders will be taking the SAT/PSAT on Wednesday, April 17.

- 9th and 10th grade students will take the PSAT in individual classrooms.
- 11th grade students will take the SAT in the Art Room.

**\*\*\*\* 12th grade students have no school at BCCS on April 17, but are expected to attend KCTC**

**\*\*\*\* 11th grade students will be dismissed from school late morning (around 11:30 AM) for the remainder of the day after the test is completed.**

Important Notes:

Testing begins at 8:00 AM, so please have students at school by 7:45 AM. Each student needs to bring a fully charged Chromebook, chromebook charger, chromebook case and an approved calculator for this test.

## K-5 Grand Friends Day

After a few year hiatus, BCCS brings back our annual K-5 Grand Friends/Special Guest Day. Information was sent home with K-5 students today and can also be found at this [LINK](#). Please have information turned in by the deadline of April 12, and please be respectful of the number of participants (no more than two per family) because of our parking restrictions.... sorry.

Schedule

*Date:* Friday, April 19

*Times:*

- K-2 9:00-10:15
- 3-5 12:30-2:00

## BCCS Annual Festival Of The Arts

What an outstanding day for BCCS. Many students participated in sharing their visual and performing arts talents...we have some talented students, folks. Oh and appreciation to staff member participants, too!

The school will post the complete video of the festival as soon as it is edited.

Here is the performing arts program for your awareness [LINK](#)

Also check out our facebook and instagram as we'll post pictures soon.

Special THANKS to organizers Mrs. Walenta and Mr. Emmelkamp and shout outs to Mr. Machiela and Mr. Boersma for handling all the video and sound duties.

## Calendar Reminders ...

- No School Friday, 3/29
- Spring Break : 3/29- 4/7
- School Resumes 4/8
- 11th Grade WorkKeys Test 4/11 (see testing information below)
- Enrollment Forms Due 4/15 (see below)
- PSAT and SAT 8-11 4/16 &17
- 2024-25 Kindergarten Roundup/ Open House 4/17 (see below)
- K-5 Grandfriends Day Friday, April 19 (information forthcoming)

## BCCS Student Recognitions and Awards

### Reading Month Recognitions

#### Readers of The Week

#### Kindergarten

- Cohen Aniol
- Riley Meyer
- Harper Veldheer
- Hazel Gillissen

#### First Grade

- Ruby Kuncaitis
- Nehemiah Torres
- Connor Milburn
- Carter Donegan

#### 2nd Grade

- Josiah Miller
- Camden Bunnell
- Henry Weincek
- Angela Palasek

#### 3rd Grade

- Melanie O'Brien
- Jael Torres
- Nathan Commans
- Sam Buck

#### 4th Grade

- Zack Miller
- Natalia Rinvelt
- Chiara Kish
- McKenzie Minnie

#### 5th Grade

- Fiona Bolt
- Leila Hubbel
- Erika Harran
- Chase Smith

### MID-High

- Rose Minnie (10th)
- Gracie Duncan (10th)
- Elijah Verburg (11th)
- Aidan Heintz (6th)

### Door Decorating Contest

- Mrs. Keech, 2nd Grade

### Total Reading Minutes

- 80,730 Minutes (goal 40,000 minutes)
  - *Students earned an Ice Cream Party...well done!*

### **Festival of the Arts Mid-High Winners**

- Visual Arts
  - Amelia Schmidt, pencil portrait entitled *Bloom*
- Performing Arts
  - Zavian VanNoy, original drum solo

### **Yearbook Cover Pages Selections**

- Elementary
  - Theodore Barker, 5th grade
- Middle School
  - Anika Emmelkamp, 8th grade
- HS TBD

**GOOD JOB WELL DONE STUDENTS...and staff!!!**

*In closing.... Our small but mighty school was 'rockin' this week. So many activities/ opportunities for students to be recognized for their achievement/ accomplishments, connect with teacher/staff and one another, and to grow their positive character traits ...sounds like the pillars of our school's mission in action...INDEED. Have an enjoyable and safe spring break everyone. MK.*