



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Good Afternoon, welcome back and hoping all enjoyed spring break. This letter is being sent to inform parents that as of noon today, the school's internet was restored after an unexpected power outage shortly after midnight last night. As a result, we were unable to use the school phones and computers during the outage period. We apologize for any inconvenience in communications to and from the school during that time.

Below are also a couple timely informational items to share.

Solar Eclipse

The solar eclipse is to occur in our area beginning at 1:55 through 4:55 PM. Though we are not directly in the path of a total eclipse, the peak/maximum time is 3:11 pm.

In an effort to keep all students safe while experiencing this unique phenomena, the school purchased and distributed eclipse glasses to all BCCS K-12 students. Students are also given instruction in how to use the glasses when looking at the eclipse.

Please note:

- At no time should people in our area look at the eclipse without using the protective glasses
- We are not in the path of the total eclipse, therefore at no time is it safe to look at the sun without properly using the protective glasses.

How to Use Eclipse Glasses

- Hold the eclipse glasses with two hands
- Stand with the front of your body toward the Sun, but look down
- Still looking down, put the eclipse glasses onto your face
- When they are securely fastened, raise your head and look up at the Sun
- Do not walk around with them on your face, because you can't see anything through the protective glasses.

Middle Cross Country Practice

For those students attending the Middle School Cross Country Practice, Mrs. Arrindale will take the students outside for a portion of the practice to safely view the eclipse using the eclipse glasses. The remainder of the practice will be held inside for the safety of the students.

State Testing Update

A Letter from the State Superintendent can be found [HERE](#), and most pressing information for upcoming mid-high students is below.

State Standardized Testing Grades 8-12

Thursday, April 11th: All 11th grade student 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 will take the SAT in the Art Room

Important Notice:

- **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.**

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

BCCS annual Granfriends/Special Friends Day is scheduled for Friday, April 19. Information was sent home with K-5 students prior to spring break 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. Thank you for your understanding!

Schedule

Date: Friday April 19

Times:

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

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.

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 the end of the day today, 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

Please feel free to share BCCS New Family Open House and Kindergarten Round-Up information to family and friends you believe may be interested in joining our school community Date: 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 embedded in the flyers or the direct link can be found [HERE](#)

2024-25 Pre-School Open House

BCCS parents and guardians are encouraged to consider the GSRP 4 year old preschool program housed on our campus. Parents are also 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

Festival of the Arts

As promised, the links for the BCCS 2024 Festival of The Arts can be found [Here](#). There are two links, one for the elementary acts and one for Mid-High acts. What a great event...Good Job, Well Done Students and Staff!

In closing, the April Newsletter will be sent home Friday the 12th. There will be much information shared about upcoming state testing for grades 3-11. As always your continued awareness, understanding and support is needed and appreciated. MK