



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

What an amazing week this has been at BCCS. We are a *small, but mighty school that* continues to demonstrate our character on so many levels.

First, on behalf of the BCCS Faculty and Staff, a note of sincere *appreciation* to the PTO, parents and students for the *care and kindness* expressed during this year's National Teacher Appreciation Week. The outpouring of posters, cards/notes, food, gifts and general salutations has been simply amazing. THANK YOU!!

On Wednesday and Thursday our HS students participated in a community service project. In coordination with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, our students spent the day at Saugatuck and Holland State Parks helping them get rid of Garlic Mustard Plants: a highly invasive species that wreaks havoc on other native plants (see [LINK](#)). The BCCS students were recognized and appreciated for their service and their display of *cooperation and teamwork*.

This year's participation in the annual Walk-A-Thon sponsored by PTO was outstanding! As of 8:00 this morning, our school had raised \$10,131.60 (and climbing), surpassing our goal of 10K. The Walk-A-Thon itself was a blast, as the students and staff engaged in many fun activities...good time had by all. We are grateful to the members of the BCCS Educational Community for the acts of *loyalty, cooperation and teamwork*. AND, a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Arrindale and the PTO for organizing the event. The contest winners and final tally will be announced next week.

This following presents timely informational items and reminders of upcoming school related events and activities for your awareness.

BCCS Parent/Guardian Surveys

At this time, *at least one parent of each student* is asked to complete the annual Culture and Climate Survey. Each year BCCS collects perceptual /opinion information from all stakeholders: parents, staff, and students. In general, analysis of survey data is part of the school improvement process. It helps to determine school effectiveness and is a vital part of school improvement planning and development.

Please complete the survey by **Friday, May 17**.

[2023-24 BCCS Parent Survey LINK](#)

****Your opinions are important to our school!*

Summer Programs.... Round One

As noted in recent BCCS updates, today BCCS is sending out letters to the parents of students *RECOMMENDED* for two of our summer programs:

- **K-3 Extended Year /Early Start**
- **Middle School 6-8 Math**

These are *in-house* programs with services provided at the school on designated dates.

The Parents/Guardians of *recommended* students for these programs will receive a direct email from the school office with specific details about the program offered. Students are recommended based upon their individual needs and parents are highly encouraged to have the child participate if possible. Finally, all parents of those recommended for the K-3 and MS Math Program are asked to please complete the embedded participation survey by **Friday, May 24**.

****Making Personal Connections with students based on academic need!*

Please Note: Next Friday, letters will be sent to the parents of students recommended for the **4-5 Reading and/or Math and MS (6-8) Reading summer programs** using GRASP (Grand Rapids Academic Summer Program) at no cost. The following Monday (5/20) letters will be sent offering **all K-8 non-recommended students an opportunity** to participate in GRASP at a reduced rate (\$10 per booklet) .

For questions, please contact Mrs. Berner, BCCS Director of Student Services, at jberner@byroncentercharter.org

Calendar of Events... Highlights for Next Week

- Monday 5/13
 - MS Cross Country End of Season Event
 - Information sent to parents of CC team
 - 4th Grade Student Band Instrument Fittings 3:15-4:15 (1 of 2 options)
 - Parents to contact Mrs. Holstege with date selected
mholstege@byroncentercharter.org
 - 2nd option on Wednesday, May 22
- Tuesday 5/14
 - 8th-12 grade Career Panel Day 8-11 am
 - Mid-High Extended Day Tutoring
 - Jazz Band Practice
- Wednesday 5/15
 - HS Art Class FT Meijer Gardens
- Thursday 5/16
 - Mid-High Extended Day Tutoring
 - BCCS Spring Band Concert 7:00 at Godwin Heights
- Friday 5/17
 - Popcorn Friday (yearbook) .50 a bag
 - Mid-High After School Sports Club

In closing.....What a wonderful culmination to a busy and productive week. I believe this was the best Walk-A-Thon in my time at BCCS: you could not have asked for a better day; the PTO, Mrs. Arringdale and Mr. Boersma had all the shirts, materials and activities ready to go. The DJ was well received and the games were fun and engaging for all. I also know this was the most money raised at a BCCS Walk-A-Thon in at least the past seven years if not ever.

I want to recognize and thank all of those who took part in organizing this year's event. What a great way to connect our school community for a worthy cause...the kids.

Have a great weekend. MK