



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents /Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

Today was an exceptionally *grand* day at our small but mighty school. The K-5 students and teachers celebrated their grand/special friends....and, WOW, what a turnout. About 130 grandfriends were treated to music, refreshments and classroom activities. It appeared a good time was had by all, yet I encourage you to check it out for yourselves. After not having an Elementary Grandfriends Day for the past three years, I extend our appreciation for your consideration and support. It was truly a 'GRAND' day at BCCS.

The following is timely information and reminders for upcoming events at BCCS for your awareness and consideration

TESTING 123...Testing 123....

Next week we continue state testing (M-STEP) with grades 3-8 and 11. Parents/guardians are asked to be aware and help your children with preparation to include the shared expectation of being a responsible student during test administration and making a good faith effort.

These tests can seem to be rather lengthy, tiresome and frankly trivial/meaningless to some. The truth is, whether we like it or not, they are a reflection of student *performance* (level of mastery on grade level content and skills) and *growth* (from one year to the next year as compared to similar students) on many levels: individual student, classroom/grade level, and as a school. These tests are also the primary metrics used to rate and compare schools. They are important, and as teachers, staff and parents, we are called to do our part to encourage all BCCS students to put forth their best effort. Your understanding and support is appreciated.

Finally, I extend our sincere appreciation to the 8th-11th grade students who gave their best effort on the PSAT and SAT testing, and the parents for their help with preparation and having every student here on time with their chromebooks fully charged this past week...Thank You!

BCCS tested grade levels and content areas for next week include:

Tuesday, April 23

- M-STEP Testing
 - 3-5 grades ELA
 - 6th grade ELA
 - 7th grade Math
 - 8th Grade Social Studies
 - 11th grade Science

Wednesday April 24

- M-STEP Testing
 - 3-5 ELA
 - 6th grade ELA
 - 7th grade Math
 - 8th Grade Science
 - 11th grade Social Studies

Thursday, April 25

- M-STEP Testing
 - 5th grade Science

Blood Drive

Our **final blood drive of the year** will take place on **Wednesday, May 1st from 1-5**. Our goal is to collect more pints than we have at the previous two drives; **we need your help!** Come be a hero and save lives! Sign up [here](#). **Thanks so much!**

PTO Update

Walk-A-Thon '24: We are asking for your support in the BCCS 2024 Walk-A-Thon as this is our main source of funding for PTO sponsored activities for BCCS Student Teachers and families. Information has been sent home with all students.

If there are any families that know of a business that may be interested in donating to our school fundraiser this year please let us know and we will get you the sponsorship information. We will need that information and money back to the school by **April 26, 2024**.

Please ensure to have student T-shirt orders turned in on or before April 29.

Thank You for your support!!! .

2024-25 Pre-School Open House

The pre-school program on the BCCS campus is holding two open house sessions next week:

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

Information can be found at this [LINK](#)

Other BCCS Activities Next Week

- Pop Can Drive/Prom Committee
 - Monday thru Friday
- MS Cross Country
 - Practice Monday and Friday
 - Meet Wednesday, Riverside Park
- Mid High Tutoring
 - Tuesday and Thursday

- BCCS Jazz Band
 - Practice /Tuesday
 - Hastings Jazz Festival/ Thursday April 25
- 2nd grade FT John Ball Zoo/Friday
- Hat Day \$1 / Friday
- Mid-High After School Sports Club/ Friday

In closing....The 2023-24 band program continues to maintain the tradition of excellence here at BCCS. Today, Ian Emmelkamp, 11th grade, participated the selected Honors Band at Cornerstone College, several MS student will participate in Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, the BCCS Jazz Band is to attend the Hastings Jazz Fest on Thursday, and the Middle School and High School Bands will participate in the state festival on May 2nd in Lowell.

*Good Job, Well Done Mrs.Holstege and BCCS Students.
Have a great weekend. MK.*