



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BCCS K-12 Students,

What a wonderful first week of school! It has been such a joy to welcome back our returning students and to meet our new friends. Thank you for helping us start the year with so much energy, kindness, and excitement.



School Drop-off/Pick-up Guidelines

As we get back into our daily routines, we wanted to share a few friendly reminders to keep our driveline running smoothly and, most importantly, to keep everyone safe:

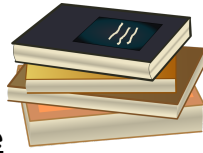
- To help keep cars safe on Burlingame Ave SW, please consider turning right when leaving the lot.
- Keep moving forward (as much as it is safe to do) in the line so traffic does not back up.
- Stay in your vehicle whenever possible to keep the line moving.
- Drive slowly and remember, it's a parking lot full of your children.
- Use the crosswalk if you need to enter the building.
- Only cross the crosswalk in your car if you are directed to do so by a staff member.
- If your student needs to reenter the building please find a designated parking spot and have them utilize the crosswalk on their way into the building.

Your cooperation makes a big difference in helping us maintain both safety and efficiency. Thank you for modeling patience and care for our students.



This year's first blood drive is next week Thursday from 1-6 p.m.!

Blood supplies are **critically low in local hospitals**. **Sign up to help save lives and raise money for BCCS!** Use [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Emmelkamp at bemmelkamp@byroncentercharter.org. We'd love to have you spread the word.



Elementary Curriculum Update

Mathematics - Byron Center Charter School completed a structured, research-informed process to review, select, and adopt a new K-5 mathematics curriculum. The BCCS team worked closely with a Kent ISD Math Consultant utilizing the Curriculum Support Guide and tools from the National Implementation Research Network (NIRN). After reviewing pilot data, alignment to our instructional vision, and evidence of support for mathematical reasoning, communication, and conceptual understanding, our team selected Reveal Math as the preferred resource. Following formal approval from the BCPS Board of Education, Reveal Math was successfully adopted and is being implemented across our elementary classrooms this academic year.

Literacy - To ensure our students receive high-quality, research-aligned instruction, we have implemented 95RAP (a 95 Percent Group product) as our evidence-based Tier I curriculum for Foundational Reading Skills. 95RAP is approved via the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Recommended Literacy Materials List. This explicit, systematic instruction aligns with the Science of Reading and provides our students with a strong reading foundation. Our current K-5 comprehensive reading curriculum, Wonders (a McGraw Hill product), was not included on the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Recommended Literacy Materials List. Using Wonders in combination with our strong foundational reading programs allows us to serve our students effectively. To build upon our foundational reading success, BCCS will engage in a selection and alignment process in the future to identify a new K-5 core literacy curriculum.