

Superintendent Update Email

July 2024

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Summertime rolls ahead, and on behalf of everyone in the district, I hope you are enjoying your time away from school. This mid-month report shares several significant items of interest and important reminders. If you're planning ahead, please note that our first day of school

for the 2024-2025 school year is Wednesday, August 21st for students in grades 1st – 12th and Monday, August 26th for all kindergarten students. The BBHCS D has prepared a Back to School Hub on the home page of our website with valuable information, links to school supply lists, registration information, and more. Check it out, as a way to continue to prepare for the upcoming school year.



Important Elementary School Dates

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Elementary School has released some very important dates for students in K through 5, and those are listed here. Please mark your calendar:

- New Family Orientation on Tuesday, August 13th @5:30p.m.
- Meet-&-Greet for Grade 1 families: 8/19 @4p.m.
- Meet-&-Greet for Grade 2 families: 8/20 @4p.m.
- Meet-&-Greet for Grade 3 families: 8/19 @4p.m.
- Meet-&-Greet for Grade 4 families: 8/15 @4p.m.
- Meet-&-Greet for Grade 5 families: 8/16 @4p.m.
- Back to School Bash: 8/30
- Elementary Football Night: 9/6

We look forward to welcoming our elementary students to these opportunities to get to know our school family at this building!

BBHCS D Congratulates Business Plan Contest Winners

The growth and achievement of BBHHS students is the result of the collaborative efforts of the entire BBHCS D community, which includes local businesses and organizations. The annual *Believe in Ohio; Believe in Yourself* Business Plan program is a prime example of this vital partnership and provides interested students the opportunity to craft business plans that demonstrate innovation, critical thinking, and a strong entrepreneurial spirit. Participating students were drawn from BBHHS Economics



classes taught by Mr. John Mutch and worked in groups on their respective business plans during the school year. On Wednesday, June 12th, the top five groups had the opportunity to present their plans to an audience composed of local business leaders and elected officials from both communities at the Brecksville Community Center. A brief question and answer period followed each presentation. A special thank you to Mr. John Klipfell from the Broadview Heights Chamber of Commerce for organizing this year's event and retired BBHHS Economics teacher Mr. Dathan Cole for his support and hosting the awards program. Congratulations to our BBHHS Business Plan Contest winners who collectively earned over \$3,500 in awards! [You can read the full story and a listing of all student winners announced within the last month here.](#)

Middle School Summer Reading

Our Middle School ELA Team continues to encourage our students in grades 6-7-8 to make time to read a little bit each and every day over the summer months. Investing time to read builds confidence, knowledge, increases vocabulary, provides a base for writing, and increases motivation. [Please keep reading this summer, and use this list as a resource for appropriate and helpful materials for your learning development.](#)



BBHCSD Kicks Off Community-Based Master Facilities Committee Work

Finally, the BBHCSD thanks nearly 40 individuals who participated in the first of a series of community-based meetings designed to review options for facilities and campus upgrades along the Mill Road corridor of the BBHCSD. The meeting was kicked-off with plan options designed by district-contracted architecture partners, and discussion of each then followed. We thank both

Mayor Sam Alai from the City of Broadview Heights and Mayor Daryl Kingston from the City of Brecksville, along with members of both community's city councils, past and present, Board of Education members, PSO representatives, and more. Several plan concepts were shown, and small groups discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each, in order to share feedback for potential next steps. Future use of the Hilton Elementary site, athletic amenity upgrades, and traffic flow and connectivity considerations were all shared and discussed. The next meeting for this group will take place later this summer in August during which more plans and details will be shared.

Please keep enjoying your summer, and use the information in this email as an update and resource for making plans for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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