

BRYAN

City Schools

SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

WE ARE #BRYANBUILT



Mark Rairigh,
Superintendent

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THANK YOU! To all of our students, staff, families, and the community we say THANK YOU for a tremendous start to our school year!

We have wrapped up 5 weeks of our school year and have now turned the corner into the official start of *Fall*. It has been a pleasure to witness our students in the classrooms, on the playing fields, and involved with their daily activities.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff continues to be the focus of our daily operations. We are very proud of everybody for continuing to adhere to the mask and distancing mandates. We know that these protocols continue to change the way some of our normal events and activities get carried out, but we are grateful that many of the events have been able to continue on, even if they look slightly different.

One of our favorite events highlighted each year is Homecoming! BCS had the opportunity to celebrate Homecoming the week of September 14-18. The week was a strong reminder that our students, alumni, community, and staff have so many reasons to celebrate being a Golden Bear! This becomes more evident each day that we see our BCS family carry out and reach high levels of

GREATNESS. As we push forward and make achievements each day, Homecoming serves as a humble reminder that our opportunities are the result of the many wonderful people who have made an impact on us in the past. That is not only what makes Homecoming so special, but each day, as we see the foundations of yesterday building the strong futures of tomorrow.

For this we are grateful, and pushes us to remember that in all we do we showcase that we are #BryanBuilt. Great accomplishments and opportunities will continue to thrive when we perform at our best each day!

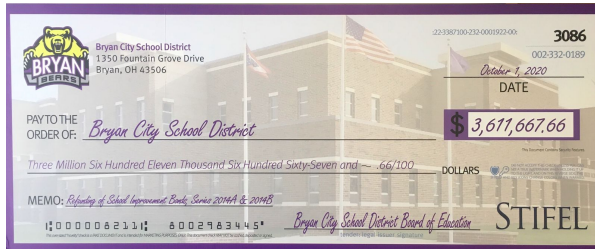
Thank you!
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IMPORTANT DATES

- October 2** - Elementary Mid-Term of Trimester 1
- October 7** - Walk and Bike to School Day
- October 15** - End of 1st Q at MS/HS
- October 16** - No School for Students-Staff PD Day
- October 29** - 3:30-8pm - MS/HS PT Conferences
- November 5** - 3:00-8:00pm - Elementary PT Conf.
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- November 10** - 3:00-6:40pm-Elementary PT Conf.
- November 13** - End of Tri 1 at Elementary
- November 16** - No School for Students - Staff PD

FINANCIAL CORNER

District Finance Updates from our CFO, Kevin Schafer



Fiscal responsibility continues to be at the forefront of operations at BCS. In recent months, the market has displayed very low interest rates, which led BCS to pursue another round of refinancing for the school improvement bonds associated with the new MS/HS and Elementary remodeling building projects. During the refinancing process there was high interest from purchasing agents. This was great news for BCS as the refinancing process led to an added savings of **\$905,537.08**. **This now brings the total savings on the original bonds to \$3,611,667.66.**

We are very pleased to save our taxpayers **\$3,611,667.66** over the course of the bond life. We thank Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated for working with BCS to carry out this savings process.

START WITH HELLO WEEK

During the week of September 21-25 Bryan Elementary is once again participating in **Start with Hello Week**. The Sandy Hook Promise - Start With Hello program - brings attention to the growing epidemic of loneliness and social isolation—which often leads to bullying, violence, and depression—and teaches young people how to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness. Bryan Elementary is participating in this meaningful week that puts a strong focus on the importance of saying hello and making others feel included.

The guidance department and teaching staff are leading students through a variety of daily activities and lessons focused on empathy, inclusion, and effective communication. Please do your part and talk to your student about the importance of saying **HELLO**.....it can go a long way!

FREE LUNCH AND BREAKFAST FOR ALL K-12 STUDENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended their Seamless Summer Program. This program combines features of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to help make it easier to feed children. The program was originally designed to help provide food to students in need during the traditional summer vacation periods. However, this program has been extended **and will provide free, Type A, meals to ALL students until December 31, 2020** or until the USDA runs out of funds. **Beginning Tuesday, September 15, ALL K-12 BCS students will be eligible for a FREE breakfast and lunch each day.** This does not include Ala Carte items and separate/extra milk only purchases. Students will continue to be charged for any extra items beyond the Type A meal. If applicable to you, please continue to send in your Free and Reduced applications so when this program is discontinued your child's status will be approved already.

WANT TO BE A BUS DRIVER?

GET IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT AT BCS!

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT DRIVING A SCHOOL BUS?

COME OUT FOR A TEST DRIVE!



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
9-11AM & 3-5PM
6-12 EVENT ENTRANCE
PARKING LOT**

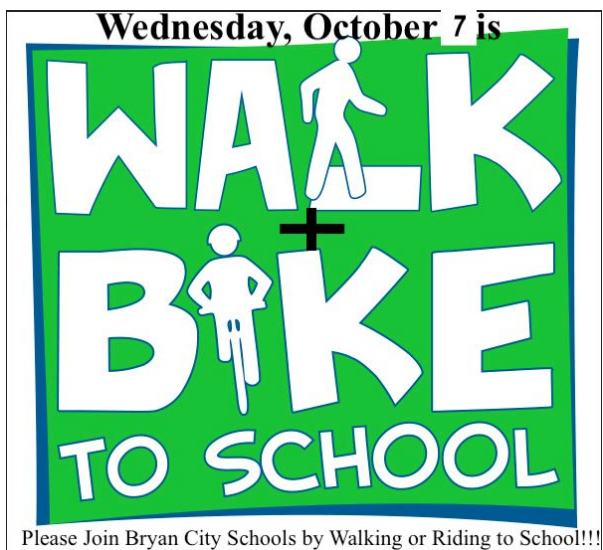
*****\$500 Bonus after 1 yr of Service*****

-Must be 18 yrs old &
have a valid Driver's
License for 2 yrs

FALL PLAY

In the spirit of 2020 the Bryan High School Theatre Department has announced its Fall Play: **THE ONE ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG**

The dates of the play are November 12-15 at the Arts and Ed Auditorium. Stay tuned for ticket information and show times. Until then, please enjoy a viewing of what the play will showcase by clicking [HERE!](#)



For the 2nd year, and hoping for many more, BCS is participating in the national Walk and Bike to School Day! We encourage you and your students to get outside, enjoy the benefits of physical activity, and walk/bike your way to school on **Wednesday, October 7!**

COVID-19 REMINDERS AND UPDATES

"Decision Tree"

Below is a link to the COVID flowchart that was provided to all Williams County schools by the Williams County Health Department. Our district utilizes this flowchart to guide us when we face any student or staff COVID related scenario. Here is a [LINK](#) to the "Decision Tree" flowchart for your review:

BCS COVID-19 District Data

In part with Governor DeWine's school reporting guidance, and to help you stay current with BCS COVID related data, we have added a tracking spreadsheet to our website. This data spreadsheet will allow you to stay current with COVID related information at Bryan City Schools. The information and the guidance we administer for any COVID related situation is done so in correlation with the Williams County Health Department. If a positive case should arise ALL building stakeholders will be communicated the information. Here is the [LINK](#) on our website to the BCS COVID data for your review.

COVID-19 REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Williams County COVID-19 Data

You can stay current with county-wide COVID data by visiting the Williams County Health Department website.

Please visit this [LINK](#) to reference Williams County COVID data:

Ohio School District Statewide COVID Data

Governor DeWine and his staff released a statewide school district COVID data tracker on Thursday, September 17. The data that is displayed on this statewide school district COVID data tracker reflects any data reported from September 7 and beyond. To view the statewide data you can follow this [LINK](#).

Health and Safety Reminders

Daily Health Screenings - Students and staff are expected to take their own temperature before reporting to school and to stay home if above 100F or if experiencing other symptoms.

Wear Masks - Students and staff are expected to wear a face mask in school and on school transportation. Student-athletes are also expected to follow the mask orders set forth in the Sports Order administered by the Ohio Department of Health. Face Shields are only appropriate when the student and/or staff member meet the criteria for an exemption as listed in the Governor's mask order.

Wash Hands - Students and staff are reminded to frequently wash and/or sanitize their hands to help stop the spread of germs

Watch Your Distance - 6 feet of social distancing is recommended as the best practice to help slow the spread of germs and the coronavirus

ANNUAL LEGAL NOTICES

Please click [HERE](#) to view the annual legal notices BCS is required to make available to all stakeholders.