



SCHOOLHOUSE CONNECTION



We are committed to a high quality education for all students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum, positive relationships with our stakeholders and accountability. Every student will develop the skills and knowledge to succeed in an evolving global society.

Fall 2015

Kim Schubert, Superintendent

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Income Tax Renewal Critical to Funding Stability...NO NEW TAXES

The school district .5% Income Tax levy RENEWAL will be on the November ballot. We are not asking for any new or additional funds at this time, but this continued funding source is critical for our school district. The income tax was originally passed in 2001 and renewed in 2006 and 2011. Due to the past history of support for these issues, it was determined that we would ask the community to renew the income tax levy for a ten year period, as opposed to the traditional five year period. This provides stability in district funding and ensures the voters that the school district will not ask to increase this levy for a ten year period. We have a deep gratitude to the citizens of Bellevue for the support that is provided to us and work diligently to live within our budget without asking for increases in taxes. It is with a sense of pride and commitment that we report to our citizens that we have not received any NEW operating tax revenue from local taxes since 2001 and we continue to operate within our budget. With that being said, we operate on a very conservative budget and rely on our current tax revenue. The passage of this renewal is critical.

Our school district continues to analyze all of our operations and look for ways to be even more efficient for the taxpayers. We are committed to being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

With Gratitude,

Kim Schubert
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Bellevue City School District

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DELAY AND CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Bellevue City Schools will notify parents/guardians via School Messenger with a phone call or text as early as 5:00 a.m. of a delay or cancellation. If your phone number has changed since the beginning of the school year, please update the school office with your current contact information.

Delay and Cancellation information can also be found on local radio and television stations, by calling Bellevue City Schools info line at 419.484.5033 or on Twitter at:

@BCSRedmen @BHSRedmen
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BCS SCHOOL CALENDAR

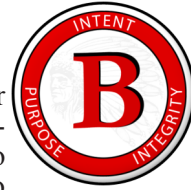
UPDATED

A TWO HOUR DELAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 23RD.

- October 14-15 Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 15-16 No School
- October 23 2 hr delay-Teacher In-Service**
- October 23 End of First Quarter (40 days)
- October 30 Grade Cards Issued
- November 20 Mid Term
- November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
- December 21-January 1 Winter Break

Dear Citizens of the Bellevue City School District,

I am pleased with the smooth start to the school year that we have experienced. The staff of our school district works extremely hard in the summer months to prepare for the opening of school. Their attention to detail and organization are to be commended for the excellent start to the 2015-16 school year.



Showcased in this newsletter is an update of the many projects we have been working on over the summer. The school district is a source of tremendous pride in our community and we do our best to maintain our buildings and grounds for our students and community members. All of the paperwork has been completed and we are currently waiting for the Ohio School Facilities Commission to release our unused construction funds back to the district. We were fortunate to build our new buildings at a time in which construction bids came in under budget which is why we were able to recognize a cost savings to the project. The funds will be used to update the learning environments at Bellevue High School by renovating the academic classroom spaces in the building.

I look forward to a wonderful school year and invite the community to attend the many events that are held each week in our schools. We have extremely talented students who showcase their hard work throughout the year. You can see our school district activity calendar at www.bellevueschools.org. The Bellevue City School District has a long tradition of pride and excellence. I welcome all visitors to our website to check out all of the wonderful programs we offer. We are committed to being the most innovative, student focused public school in Ohio by educating every child, every day with intent, integrity and purpose.

With Redmen Pride,

Kim Schubert
Superintendent

New Hand Rails at BAF Stadium

Community members have mentioned for a few years that hand rails at BAF Stadium would make it easier to get up and down the steps to attend events. We were listening....and we are pleased to invite everyone to BAF to check out the new railings. We hope that the new hand rails will encourage everyone in our community to attend a BHS or BMS athletic event, track meet, band performance or graduation ceremony.



Bellevue High School Improvement Projects

The BHS parking lots and Oakland Avenue received much needed repair and resurfacing over the summer. Bellevue High School renovations continue as we do small projects each year as the funds are available. Air conditioning units will be installed very soon in the high school cafeteria and band room giving our students two more large common areas to escape the heat on hot days. We have had air conditioning for several years in all of the high school computer labs, media center, office area, family consumer science room and marine biology classroom. The plan is to install air conditioning in the gymnasium in the spring of 2016 for physical education classes as well as spring, summer and fall athletic practices, student assemblies, banquets and indoor graduation.



Natalie Danhoff Ohio Teacher of the Year Finalist

Bellevue City Schools Kindergarten Teacher Natalie Danhoff is one of only five Ohio Teacher of the Year Finalists. Bellevue is fortunate to have an excellent teaching staff and Natalie represents the positive aspects of all of them because of her expertise and passion for teaching. One of Mrs. Danhoff's biggest strengths is her ability to work with parents and empower them to become their child's strongest teacher as they work on skills at home. She truly understands the importance of a strong school and home partnership and the students are the ones who benefit by showing consistently high academic growth. Mrs. Danhoff says "We focus on building a community where there's a lot of trust, and they believe, *I can do this*. They have so much to share, and I get to help them discover that".

Natalie Danhoff sets an exemplary standard of passion in the classroom, teaching expertise and professionalism. If selected as Ohio Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Danhoff will advance to the national level and represent not only the Bellevue City School District but also the state of Ohio. The BCS family is very proud of Natalie and feels that she is already a winner no matter the outcome of this award.



AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO NANCY...



Nancy Beier has been the Treasurer for Bellevue City Schools since 2001 and has done a phenomenal job during her tenure in Bellevue. She will retire at the end of the calendar year, leaving the district with a five year positive cash balance.

It is hard to list all of Nancy's accomplishments as Treasurer. Nancy has been a consistent leader in the school district, always showing professionalism and integrity in every situation. She is admired and respected by the entire staff. While she is in charge of the fiscal responsibilities within the district, she always puts the needs of the students first. She was not only integral in the passage of the bond issue, but she also led the district through every financial aspect of the \$28 million dollar project. She is extremely knowledgeable and guided us through all of the financing of the project, saving our tax payers millions of dollars by using Qualified School Construction Bonds as well as the Ohio School Facilities Commission process. She is very dedicated to providing our students with the best possible learning environments while also being a good steward of our taxpayers' money. Nancy values the members of our community and takes the responsibility very seriously of making sure their tax dollars are used efficiently.

Nancy has contributed immensely to making sure that our school district is excellent for our students, staff and community. Her pride in our school district has been a tremendous part of our success.

Nancy Beier's professionalism, integrity, and knowledge has made working with her an honor and privilege. She will be missed when she retires, but we wish her the very best in her retirement.

WE WELCOME TOM SILOY AS TREASURER



The Bellevue Board of Education approved the hiring of Tom Siloy as the next Treasurer of Bellevue City Schools on September 9, 2015. Tom will begin working as the Assistant Treasurer, training with Nancy Beier, beginning on September 28th until her retirement on December 31st. Tom will become the district Treasurer effective January 1st.

Tom received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Toledo with a Major in Accounting and Minor in Finance and Management. He then attended Cleveland State University to complete his coursework for his School Treasurer's License. Tom has worked as an Assistant Auditor for the Auditor of the State of Ohio conducting audits of school districts. He is currently working for the Lake Erie West Educational Service Center as their Staff Accountant.

Tom is very knowledgeable about school finance based on his background of working for the State Auditor's Office as well as in the Treasurer's Office at Lake Erie West ESC. Tom is very ambitious, positive and community minded. The Bellevue Board of Education welcomes Tom Siloy to the office of Treasurer for the Bellevue City School District.

MEET KIMBERLY SWARTZ, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION



I am both excited and proud to serve as the new Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Bellevue City Schools. I attended Bowling Green State University to earn my Bachelor's Degree in secondary education, Marygrove College to earn my Master's Degree in teaching, and the University of Findlay to earn my administrator's license. Before coming to Bellevue, I spent one year as a high school principal for grades 7-12 and nineteen years teaching high school English. Professionally, I am very interested in best instructional practices, teaching with relevance and rigor, and assessment literacy. I am also a strong believer in intentional teaching – all instruction and classroom activities are aimed at specific learning targets. One difficulty facing many teachers is making the instructional shift from "I taught the lesson, but they didn't get it" to "I haven't taught until they've learned." It is my goal to use my past educational experiences to help teachers be the best they can be (instruct with intent, integrity, and purpose) and make this shift in order to boost achievement and reach success with all students at all levels.

The first step we are taking to assess our curricular needs is to measure our teacher effectiveness in regards to teaching Ohio's Learning Standards and utilizing authentic assessments. In order to complete this quality control check, Bellevue City Schools has partnered with Ashland University to complete a curriculum audit. Dr. David Silverberg met with the BCS administrative team in early August to develop a plan for the audit. In September, he met with the BCS teaching staff at all grade levels to discuss what is being taught and how it is being assessed for English, math, science, and social studies. Dr. Silverberg will again meet with both the administrative team and teaching staff in October to go over the results and advise us of our strengths and weaknesses. We are very excited to complete this curriculum audit to determine gaps and identify areas needing improvement. This curriculum audit will not only make our teachers stronger in what they do, but it will also provide direction for the district to ensure that we are providing the best education possible to all students.

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