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#### I'm Bored!

Now that we are coming off of a holiday recess, I am reminded of the days of no school and the statement we learned as kids in our house to never say: "I'm bored". As soon as that was said, one of two things would happen. Either we would be told to go outside and find something to do, or we were given a chore to do. I think that was a pretty clever way for my mom to get some help done around the house. Of course, we learned quickly not to say those two words, but rather find something to occupy ourselves.

When I think back on the days of being "forced" to solve boredom, which is really a state of mind and choice rather than an actual activity, we found a way to occupy our time that either was a form of work, or a form of play. If we weren't given a chore that was to be accomplished, we learned to use our imagination and build a fort and fight the enemy, or start a whiffle ball game, and create rules that would work with just two or three people. In other words, we learned that it is good to "get something done" or rely on creativity to solve a problem.

In school we try to do the same. Providing opportunities to challenge students in the academic world is essential to growth. Placing a problem in front of a student that has multiple pathways to a solution is like stretching and strengthening a muscle that needs to be worked out. Creating an environment that is safe to fail and grow from that failure is a life skill. It builds resiliency and creativity. Students learn the tools and resources that they have available to them, while also using a process that will work in many other aspects of their life. Learning then becomes less about the grade, rather it becomes more about the usefulness of what is learned, and how to apply that knowledge.

I look forward to the coming months to see how our students grow and build their skills for their future. And, if your kids are home, take my mom's advice.... Tell them "Don't say you're bored unless you're ready to do a chore."

Sincerely,

Todd G. Green, Superintendent of Schools

#### Got a question or Concern? Who do you contact?

#### **Chain of Communication for Information**

In the interest of promoting effective communication with our stakeholders, we have developed a checklist outlining the personnel to contact with a question and/or concern. Most often a question, or concern can be answered in a face to face discussion with the individual most closely in contact with the situation. In order to facilitate the use of this checklist, when you contact office personnel you will be asked if you have contacted the staff member most immediately involved in or responsible for addressing the question or concern. If you have done so and did not receive a response or resolution, then



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING:	CONTACT 1	CONTACT 2	CONTACT 3	CONTACT 4	CONTACT 5
ACADEMICS	Teacher	Principal	Superintendent	BOE	
AIS	Teacher	School Counselor	Principal	Superintendent	BOE
SCHEDULES	Teacher	School Counselor	Principal	Superintendent	BOE
CURRICULUM	Teacher	Principal	Superintendent	Review Policies	BOE
BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE	Teacher	Assistant MS/HS Principal or Elemen- tary Principal	Principal	Superintendent	ВОЕ
CLASSROOM PROCEDURES	Teacher	Principal	Superintendent		
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Teacher and/or Spe- cial Education Pro- vider	Committee on Special Education (CSE) Chair	Principal	Superintendent	ВОЕ
BUDGET	Business Administra- tor	Superintendent	BOE		
HEALTH/ MEDICAL	School Nurse	Principal	Superintendent		
CAFETERIA	Cafeteria Manager	Principal	Business Administra- tor	Superintendent	BOE
ATHLETICS	Coach	Athletic Director	Principal	Superintendent	BOE
CO-CURRICULAR	Club Advisor	MS/HS Assistant Principal	Elementary Principal or MS/HS Principal	Superintendent	
TRANSPORTA- TION	Bus Driver	Transportation Supervisor	MS/HS Assistant Principal or Elemen- tary Principal	Superintendent	ВОЕ
FACILITIES/ BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	Director of Facilities	Superintendent	ВОЕ		
BUILDING USE	Secretary to Buildings and Grounds	Director of Facilities	Superintendent	ВОЕ	
BOE POLICIES	Principal	District Clerk	Superintendent	ВОЕ	
TECHNOLOGY	Computer Resource Manager	Superintendent	ВОЕ		
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	After School Program Teacher	Program Director	Principal	Director of Cornell Cooperative Exten- sion (CCE) or Super- intendent	

#### **Beaver River Central School Transportation**

#### **Drop-Off Policy**

One Stop – One Alternate

In order to maintain the safety of our students being dropped off by a school bus, the BRCSD Transportation Department is instituting a clear policy on the number of drop-off locations for students. In the past, the School District has allowed multiple drop off locations depending on the day of the week, and other variables. However, we have found that with many locations for drop-off there is an increase in likelihood that a student may be dropped off at the wrong location. We understand that there may be childcare concerns for this year that have already been arranged by families. Therefore, there will be no change for the 2023-24 school year. However, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year the following transportation guidelines will be put in place:

Students will be allowed one primary drop-off location and one alternative (secondary) drop –off location. Both destination will be kept on file in the transportation office.

It will be assumed that each child will be dropped off at their primary location unless, a parent/guardian sends in a note for each day the student is to go to their alternative location.

Only notes given out by the transportation office will be accepted. Therefore, notes are to be written to the transportation office. (A school bus driver will not accept a hand-written note even if it is by the parent/guardian on file)

Understand that it is the parent's responsibility to have an adult present and visible at the drop-off site each afternoon for Grades PK-5. If no one is visible, the student will remain on the bus and return to school.



#### **Elementary Principal**

Dear Elementary Parents and Guardians,

The Elementary School was a vibrant place during the month of December. The elementary halls were decorated for Christmas. We had a Christmas concert for the fifth band and chorale. On the last day of school before break, we had our annual holiday sing-a-long which the music department puts on for the elementary students and staff. After the concert was finished, our Elementary Student Council announced the winners of the Pie-In-The-Face contest. Each year the student council selects one charity to donate the fundraiser to! The change was donated by students and put into a jug representing the staff member they wanted to Pie-In-The-Face.

Character Counts! Is back in full swing in the Elementary School. We had a kick-off assembly in November and our first pillar was <u>Trustworthiness</u>. The students who were nominated by their teacher for being Trustworthy had their picture taken and were given a certificate. The traits for the remainder of the year are:

- December Respect
- January Responsibility
- February Fairness
- March Caring
- April Citizenship

Our Character Counts! Trait for January is <u>Responsibility</u>. Responsibility means putting forward ones's (students and adults) best effort and taking ownership of words, actions, and attitudes. If you can talk about this trait at home and discuss how it is valued at home, school, and work it would be greatly appreciated.

For February, our Character Counts! Trait is <u>Fairness</u>. Fairness is considering different perspectives and advocating for fair treatment for all. Fairness is a hard concept for children because they want to think of fairness as equal. However, we have to teach children that we are part of a community and not a society of individuals. It's important to know that we have to value and be fair to others' perspectives and opinions.

The Literacy Celebration Committee is working on a family event for February. Stay tuned for more details.

Sincerely,

Kombely & Lyman Wright

Dr. Lyman-Wright Elementary Principal







### HOLIDAY FUNI









#### FIFTH GRADE NEWS

We have been busy "Beavers" for the last four months in fifth grade. Students have had several learning opportunities to get engaged and stay engaged in their learning. We traveled to Fort Drum to attend a week-long program sponsored by the DoD called STARBASE. Students had a week filled with challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in science, technology, engineering, and math. As part of our social studies "25 Days of Christmas Kindness"



citizenship unit, students participated in community service and learned about careers by traveling to Croghan. Students helped clean up their community by shoveling snow and picking up litter. During their visit to Croghan, local businesses provided students an opportunity to learn more about the local community and what it takes to provide the much-needed services to the community that our students live in. We also had two special guest speakers, Marcus Hills and Matt Clark from Zehr's Landscaping who did a presentation to fifth-grade students on careers in Landscaping. Students were treated to a trip outside to dig up a real live Christmas tree, that we used as our fifth-grade Christmas tree. Students learned how a landscaper digs up and keeps trees and other shrubs alive until they are sold. We are now

keeping the tree outside and alive until spring when it will be replanted by the students.

As the year moves forward, we will continue providing students with lifelong learning opportunities.





























#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We had a great December, which provided a really good lead-in to the holiday season.

Our winter sports teams are practicing and playing. We have seen boys basketball, girls basketball, girls volley-ball, boys indoor track, wrestling and bowling all working hard at practices and games.

We all enjoyed the High School Christmas Concert, the Elementary and Middle School Christmas Concert, and the Advent Concert. Congratulations to our students, and to our great music directors, Mrs. Virkler, Mr. McGrath, and Ms. Fidler for a wonderful concert season!

Students have started to meet with guidance counselors about next year's schedules and future plans. Be sure to contact the guidance office if you want to be a part of that meeting with your child. Parents in grades 8-11 are especially invited to be a part of these meetings.

Academically, this is an important time of year as we approach the end of the first semester. Students who are struggling in a course can make the changes now to be successful. Please reach out to teachers if there are courses that your students are struggling in. Additionally, students who are doing well in classes need to keep it up, as winter is an easy time to slide academically.

Juniors should be aware that the ELA Regents exam will be on January 23rd in the morning.

Also, the upcoming Junior Honor Society Induction for selected middle school students will be held on February 2nd at 8:45 a.m. in the school auditorium. Look for more information about that.

As we visit classrooms and activities, we continue to be impressed by our students and faculty. We have wonderful students and great teachers. Thank you for your continued support of the school community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rains, MS/HS Principal

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Troy Hebert, MS/HS Assistant Principal

Troy Hebert

Some middle school students made gingerbread houses to display at the Lewis County Historical Society, during the holiday season. The Gingerbread House competition had over 30 entries and hundreds of people voted. This group of 6th grade students earned 3rd place on their entry. Congratulations to this creative group of students on their hard work!!





#### SAFETY NEWS

Welcome back! As we begin 2024, after hopefully a relaxing and rejuvenating time with family, friends and loved ones over the holiday. With the winter driving season in full swing, I wanted to review a few pieces of bus safety. As a reminder, please give buses the room they require as they navigate the parking lots and roadways, especially during the winter months with the potential of increased stopping distances. Rules of the road regarding passing buses with their red lights on, also apply in our parking lots. As we all continue to transition to the new improved traffic flow in the large parking lot, please be mindful of not parking or stopping next to the school building that has now been delineated as a fire lane, or on the end of parking rows. We have many clubs, sports teams, and events that require our buses, and buses from other schools, to drop off and pick up students at the pool door entrance and elementary gym entrance at various hours in the afternoon and early evening. This is an area also used by emergency vehicles to access our school should the need arise and these vehicles also require more room to maneuver.

Recently you will notice two new digital school speed limit signs placed by the Town of New Bremen on Artz Road in front of the school. These signs will help remind motorists of the 20 mile per hour speed limit in this area near school between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on school days. The town has also placed more no parking signs on both sides of Artz Road in this same area to prevent motorists from parking on the shoulder of the roadway. This will help alleviate traffic congestion and the traveled lanes of the road becoming too narrow for emergency vehicles.

An exciting part of being the School Safety Officer is having many opportunities to interact with the students in various ways throughout the day. I have included a picture of one day in an elementary physical education class while they were "making popcorn" under the watchful eye of Mr. Lehman and Mrs. Kuhl. What a fun time as we "turned the heat up" on our "popcorn". As always, we welcome your comments and feedback and look forward to new opportunities this calendar year and a continued safe school year.



#### SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

Greetings from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) office. January is a busy time for us as we begin the annual review process. We meet annually on every student that has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Accommodation Plan. Families are encouraged to attend as a part of the CSE/504 Committee. The purpose of the annual review meeting is to discuss each student's strengths and needs, and update current plans for the following school year.

Janet Andre', the Committee on Special Education Secretary, retired after a 36 year career with BRCS at the end of December 2023. Her knowledge, laugh, and warm personality will be missed! Thank you Janet for all that you have done! A familiar face, Michele Moore, is joining us as our new CSE Secretary. Michele is a 10 year employee at BRCS and worked as the transportation/buildings and grounds secretary. We are looking forward to having Michele as a part of our team. Welcome Michele!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact us. We can be reached via phone, parent square, and/or email.

Eliza Boliver **CSE** Chairperson

#### **Upcoming Events:**

January 23 - 26: Regents Exams January 26: End of 2nd quarter

February 2: Junior Honor Society Inductions

Elementary Report Cards Go Home

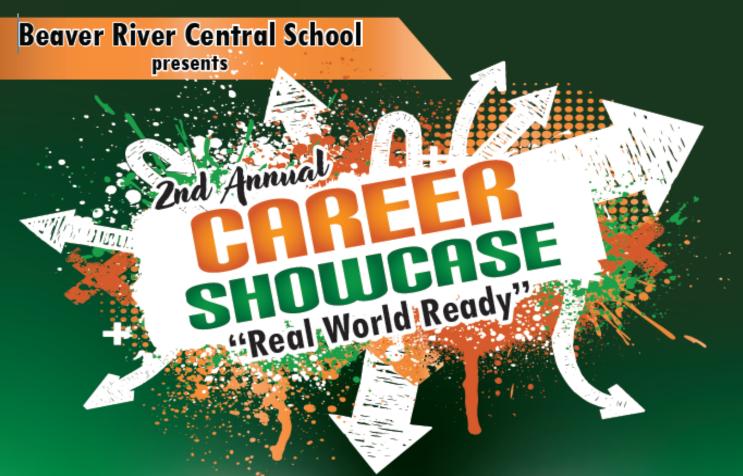
Staff Development 1/2 Day: All students released at 12:45 p.m. February 14:

Song and Sweets Concert 7:00 p.m. February 15:

February 19 - 23: February Break







**Career Exploration** 

AM Session: Business Showcase
• Students in grades 7-12 will
interact with local employers
and explore the many career
options available.

**Career Preparation** 

PM Session: Mock Interviews
• Community business partners
will interview and provide
feedback to better prepare
our students.

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## MARCH 19, 2024 Beaver River High School Gym

For more information, or to register as a participating business, contact: Amy Baker (abaker@brcsd.org) or call 315-346-1211 x142.

## **Beaver River**

#### Central School

Reverse side 1/15 - 1/311/2-1/12 Menu

# January 2024



	Mon	TUE	Wed	Тни	FRI
Breakfast Choices		Mini 2 Cinni's	Hot egg, ham, cheese 3 on English Muffin	Ham & Egg 4 Breakfast Pizza	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese 5 or Peanut Butter
V Hot Entrée Listed 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Assorted Cereal, Nutri-Grain Bar or Cereal Bar	New Year's Holiday	*Entrée Choose 1 *Hanburg on Bun *Hot Dog on Bun	*Entrée choose 1  *Smokey BBQ Chicken Wrap  *Cnspy Chicken Wrap  *(Gr. 6-12) Spicy Chicken Wrap  All w Jethuce, cheese & assorted sauces	*Mexican Taco's w/ Lettuce, cheese, salsa & Sour Cream *Escalloped Potatoes and Ham	*Entrée Choose 1  *Shrimp Poppers String Cheese  *Filet of Fish on Bun Cocktail Sauce Tartar Sauce
1% white Milk Milk All items available A LA CARTE	òN	Chili-n-Beans	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	BRCS Cinnamon Roll	Whole Grain Bread and Butter
Elementary Snack Drink \$.65	Schoól:	Vegetables and Fruit Oven Fries Baked Beans Seasoned Carrots	Vegetables and Fruit Roasted Broccoli Carrot Sticks	Vegetables and Fruit Roasted Com Kernels Refried Beans Seasoned Black Beans	Vegetables and Fruit Cabbage Salad Oven Fries Steamed Fresh Spinach
Breakfast Meal is free to all students Extra items are available		Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices
and priced accordingly  Prepayment for meals are	Mini 8 French Toast	Sausage & Egg 9 Breakfast Pizza	Hot egg, sausage, cheese 10 on English Muffin	Ham & Egg 11 Breakfast Pizza	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese 12 or Peanut Butter
recommended at least by the week or longer period of time Checks Payable to:  BRCS LUNCH FUND	*Ham Patry on Bun *Chicken Patry on Bun *(Gr. 6-12) Spicy Chicken Patry on Bun	*Entrée Choose 1 *Chicken Drumsticks *Cheese Stuffed Ravioli In Sauce	*Rib-que on Bun *Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Grated Cheese	*Baked Mozzarella Sticks *Baked Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce *Oriental Cherry Chicken - Grades (K-5) *Oriental General TSO	*Entrée Choose 1 *Cheese Pizza *White Garlic Pizza *Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza (HSMS) *Macaroni & Cheese
You can make online payments and check your child's		Whole Grain Bread and Butter	BRCS Made Italian Bread	Chicken - Grades (6-12) Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Whole Grain Bread and Butter
www.MySchoolBucks.com An Application for Free or Reduced Meal benefits may be	Vegetables and Fruit Sweet Potato Fries Roasted Broccoli	Vegetables and Fruit Butternut Squash Potato Rounds Seasoned Peas	Vegetables and Fruit Tossed Romaine Salad w/ dressing Roasted Green Beans	Vegetables and Fruit Egg Roll w/ Sweet-n-Sour Sauce Onental Rice Roasted Broccoli	Vegetables and Fruit Tossed Romaine Salad w/ dressing Roasted Garbanzo Beans Seasoned Carrots
completed and submitted anytime during the school year. Call Mrs. Ashley Roes at 346-1211 Ext. 561 for	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	100% Fruit Juice January Birthday Cake	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit

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Lunch Choices	Daily Elementary Choices:	<ul> <li>Hot Entrée Listed</li> <li>Chef Salad w/ Crackers or</li> <li>Wheat Bread</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Yogurt w/ Crackers or</li> </ul>	Wheat Bread	Daily MS/HS Choices:  Whot Entrée Listed Salad Bar w/ Crackers or Wheat Roll	Deli Sandwich / Soup, Crackers Yogurt Parfait w/ Crackers or	Nacho's with Cheese Sauce	Milk Choices: 1% White, FF White or FF Chocolate Milk	All Bread / Buns: 100% Whole Wheat or 51% Whole Grain		**All Students MUST choose (1) Vegetable OR (1) Fruit, May choose up to (2) or (3) Vegetables	Grades K-8: May choose up to (1) Fruit	$\frac{\text{Grades 9-12:}}{\text{May choose (1) or (2) Fruit}}$	Meal Categories: Lunch Meal is free for all students Extra Entree: Elem - \$2.30 MS/HS - \$2.40	4		
FRI	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese 19 or Peanut Butter	*Entrée Choose 1 *Cheese Pizza *White Garlic Pizza *Buffalo Chicken Pizza (HS/MS) *Macaroni & Cheese	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Tossed Romaine Salad w/ dressing Roasted Garbanzo Beans Steamed Carrots	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese 26 or Peanut Butter	*Shrimp Poppers String Cheese	*Filet of Fish on Bun Cocktail Sauce Tartar Sauce	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Cabbage Salad Oven Fries Steamed Trest Spinach Carrot Sticks	Applesauce Peanut Butter Cookie			de la companya de la		Segment con
THU	Ham & Egg 18 Breakfast Pizza	*Entrée Choose 1 *Mexican Taco's w/ Lettuce, cheese, salsa & Sour Cream *Escalloped Potatoes and Ham	BRCS Cinnamon Roll	Vegetables and Fruit Roasted Com Kemels Refried Beans Seasoned Black Beans	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	Ham & Egg 25 Breakfast Pizza	*Entrée Choose 1 *Baked Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce	s (K-5) So s (6-12)	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Egg Roll w/ Sweet-n-Sour Sauce Oriental Rice Roasted Broccoli	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit					Some management of the contraction of the contracti
Wed	Hot egg, ham, cheese 07 on English Muffin	*Entrée Choose 1  *Smokey Chicken Wrap *Crispy Chicken Wrap *(Gr. 6-12) Spicy Chicken Wrap All w/ lettuce, cheese & Assorted Sauces	Whole grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Roasted Broccoli Carrot Sticks	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit	Hot egg, sausage, cheese 24	*Entrée Choose 1 *Rib-que on Bun *Rotini Pasta w' meat sauce	Grated Cheese	BRCS Made Italian Bread	Vegetables and Fruit Tossed Romaine Salad w/ dressing Roasted Green Beans	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	Hot egg, ham, cheese 31 on English Muffin	*Mexican Taco's w/ Lettuce, cheese, salsa & Sour Cream *Escalloped Potatoes and Ham	BRCS Cinnamon Roll	Vegetables and Fruit Roasted Com Kemels Refried Beans Seasoned Black Beans	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices
TUE	Mini 16 Waffles	*Entrée Choose 1 *French Toast Sticks w/ symp and Sausage Patty *Hamburger on Bun	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Tater Tots Warm Apple Sauce Carrot Sticks	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	Sausage & Egg 23 Breakfast Pizza	*Entrée Choose 1 *(Gr. K5)Chicken Nuggets *(MS/HS) Chicken and Cheese	Quesadilla Wrap w/ Sour Cream & Salsa *Beef Goulash	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Tossed Romaine Salad w/ dressing Roasted Cauliflower Seasoned Black Beans	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit	Sausage & Egg 30 Breakfast Pizza	*Entrée Choose 1 *(Gr.K5) Stuffed Cheese & Pepperoni Calzone Pocket *(Gr.6-12) Chicken Pannesan w/ Spaghetti	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Tossed Romaine Salad w/ dressing Roasted Green Beans	Canned Fruit Choices Assorted Fresh Fruit
Mon	15 Mantin	Luther King Day	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	No School		Apple 22 Frudel	*Entrée Choose 1 *Pulled Pork w/ BBQ Sance on Bun	*Popcom Chicken Ranch and BBQ Sauces	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Roasted Cauliflower/ Broccoli Sweet Potato Fries Cabbage Salad	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices	Cherry 29 Frudel	*Mini Com Dogs *Boneless Chicken Wings w/ Ranch & BBQ Sauces	Whole Grain Bread and Butter	Vegetables and Fruit Seasoned Carrots Seasoned Green Peas Mashed Potatoes / Gravy	Assorted Fresh Fruit Canned Fruit Choices

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