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Preparing for Tomorrow**

**April 2024**

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# Beaver River Central School

## The End Goal

Spring tends to be a busy time for all of us. During this season it seems as that I can only think about what is happening day to day. When the morning comes the following day, I figure out what that day looks like. It reminds me of growing up at home and there were chores to be done. As an adolescent, my focus wasn't really much farther than the *immediate* tasks that had to be completed. Between splitting wood, or mowing the lawn or whatever else was given to me that day to accomplish, I focused on that day only and getting that work done. I rarely realized that those tasks that my dad gave me were really about long term goals. For instance, we never split wood the same morning that we needed to burn it. We were always at least a year ahead of what was needed. During the time, however, it was a task that needed to get done that day, and my dad let me know that task may not result in heat that day, but I would reap the harvest of the work when I needed it.

Also is the case at school. The daily grind of learning, homework, class activities and projects tends to make us look at the day as a list of tasks that need to get done. It's easy to lose focus on the end goal. The daily grind shows us progress, but we also have to be sure to reinforce in school and at home, the importance that the daily work produces a long term harvest of a successful career.

At the district level, I need to ensure that we share our strategic plan, and long term goals regularly. These goals are aspirational, but help inform the daily practice of students and staff. These aspirational goals provide a guiding light for decisions around budget, personnel, and academic focus. It's been a little while since I've put strategic plan information in our newsletter. Below is a visual of the goals of our plan.

## VISION STATEMENT

Each BRCS student graduates BRCS "Real World Ready" and every stakeholder values their experience with BRCS.

### Experiencing Today...Preparing for Tomorrow

#### The Beaver River Experience

- Students
- Parents
- Staff
- Community

#### Real. World. Ready.

- Career/College/Service Ready
- Skills for Success
- Life-Long Learning

Over the past couple of year, we have implemented programs and systems to support both areas:

*The Beaver River Experience*

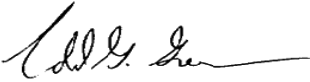
- **Students** - Additional/renewed clubs (Common Ground, Sources of Strength, Chess Club, Creative Writing), Elementary TV presentations, Student led announcements, Students involved in committees
- **Parents** - Wonder Day, Literacy Celebrations, Family Science Night, Grandparent’s Day, Eclipse Event
- **Staff** - District investments (improved contracts, professional development, food at events, HR Support through BOCES)
- **Community** - Various activities (open gym, home and school, eclipse fest, double play community activities, etc.)

*Real.World.Ready*

- **Career/College/Service Ready** - student career plans, career courses, SUNY Jefferson visits, Career Showcase, Senior Walk announcements, career bulletin board
- **Skills for Success** - financial literacy plans incorporated into courses, character counts, culture board in auditorium hallway
- **Life-Long Learning** - Wonder projects shared

We look forward to helping our students become Real.World.Ready, and supporting the experience of every stakeholder!

Sincerely,



Todd G. Green  
Superintendent

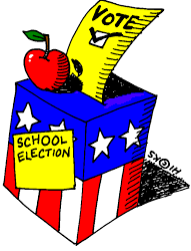


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## Calendar of Events

|                      |  |                      |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Monday, April 1:     | No School - Easter Monday Holiday                    |                      |
| Thursday, April 4:   | Kindergarten Registration                            |                      |
| Friday, April 5:     | Kindergarten Registration                            |                      |
| Monday, April 8:     | Students released                                    | 12:15 p.m.           |
|                      | ECLIPSE Fest   | 1:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. |
| Tuesday, April 9:    | Board of Education Meeting                           | 6:30 p.m.            |
| Thursday, April 11:  | BRCS Theater Dept. presents “Little Shop of Horrors” | 7:00 p.m.            |
| Friday, April 12:    | BRCS Theater Dept. presents “Little Shop of Horrors” | 7:00 p.m.            |
|                      | End of 3rd Quarter                                   |                      |
| Monday, April 22-26: | Spring Recess  |                      |
| Thursday, May 9:     | Character & Quality Awards                           | 6:30 p.m.            |
| Tuesday, May 14:     | Board of Education Meeting - Budget Hearing          | 6:00 p.m.            |
| Thursday, May 16:    | Honors Convocation                                   | 7:30 p.m.            |
| Tuesday, May 21:     | BUDGET VOTE  | 1-8 p.m.             |
| Friday, May 24-27:   | Memorial Day Break                                   |                      |

## School Board Election News



The Beaver River Central School District Board of Education is comprised of seven individuals. The current Board of Education members are Jonathan Beller, President, Todd Lighthall, Vice President and Trustees, Holly Aucter, Stacy Greaud, Jacqueline Pate, Jamie Zehr and Zechariah Zehr.

Any resident of the Beaver River Central School District who meets the qualifications is eligible to run for the Board of Education. The Board member seat term is for three (3) years and there are two seats up for election in the May 21 Budget Vote.

Individuals interested in becoming a candidate for election to the Board of Education may obtain a petition in the District Office during normal business hours. Completed petitions must be returned to the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024. Petitions must be signed with a minimum of 25 qualified voters.

# BUDGET VOTE

### ***BUDGET HEARING***

The *budget hearing* will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Regular Board of Education meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.



### ***BUDGET VOTE***

**May 21, 2024**

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Auditorium



# Elementary Principal

Dear Elementary Families,

I just want to start off by thanking the music department for a great job preparing students for the concert that was held in March. In addition to the 5th Grade Band and Chorale, Mr. McGrath and Miss Fidler also teach general music classes to PK-5. In these lessons the students are learning how to sing, move, and play instruments. The students all go to a music class 1 day out of the 6 day schedule and they love to go.

April will be busy with Kindergarten Registration on April 4 and 5, 2024.

On April 10-12 NYS ELA tests will be administered to grades 3 and 4. On April 15-16 NYS ELA tests will be administered to grades 5.

We will end the month with Spring Vacation on April 22-26, 2024.

As the 3rd Quarter ends and the 4th Quarter begins, classroom teachers and I will begin the process of classroom placements for the 2024-2025 school year. Parent requests for a specific teacher are not allowed; however if there is a specific concern about your child that affects their social/emotional development or you have academic concerns that I, as the principal, need to be aware of please feel free to contact Mrs. Neddo and set up an appointment to discuss those concerns before May 3, 2024.

Sincerely,

*Kambaly J Lyman Wright*

Dr. Lyman-Wright  
Elementary Principal



On April 8, 2024 there are events planned both in the morning and afternoon around the Solar Eclipse. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 PM but will be welcomed back with their families later in the day. There will be a lot of activities for families to enjoy this historical event together.



# SECOND GRADE NEWS

The second grade students have been having fun and working hard! Last month, second graders learned about the Civil War. Mrs. Melissa Widrick from the Jefferson County Historical Society was able to visit our classrooms to teach students about Civil War camp life with a special presentation. Thank you, Mrs. Widrick!

Recently, we read the book *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown. After reading about Stanley Lambchop's travels via the mail, students made their own Flat Stanley's and mailed them out to visit with someone they know. We are now awaiting the safe return of Stanley, and we are excited to learn about the places he has traveled!

In math, students have learned how to do two and three digit addition and subtraction. They have also learned how to count money. We will finish up the school year with units on telling time, measurement, and geometry. Please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts with your second grader!

Throughout the second and third quarters of school, second graders have been learning new phonics skills and becoming stronger readers and writers. We look forward to all that the spring season has to offer!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Beaver River has wonderful students and incredible teachers. We would like to thank the students, parents, and staff for their support. There are some recent and upcoming events that we would like to highlight.

March was Music in Our Schools Month. The Choraleers, Jazz Ensemble, high school chorus, high school band, middle school choruses, and middle school bands all did a wonderful job. March was also Disabilities Awareness Month. Teachers put up posters and made announcements to focus on disability awareness. Students and staff wore different colors each Thursday in March to recognize certain disabilities.

We hosted another Beaver River Career Showcase on Tuesday, March 19. We had great local business response. In the morning, students in grades 7-12 were able to visit with and learn more about these great opportunities beyond high school. Juniors and seniors had the chance to interview with many of these businesses in the afternoon on the day of the showcase.

Just another reminder that Middle School students in grades 6-8 will take their New York State (NYS) ELA test on April 10-11. The test will be completed over two morning sessions. The NYS Math test will be held on May 8-9. Additionally, students in grade 8 only will complete their NYS Science tests on May 13. We hope each of our students will approach the NYS ELA, Math, and Science assessments confidently and positively. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office.

Sincerely,



Daniel Rains, MS/HS Principal



Troy Hebert, MS/HS Assistant Principal

# TRANSPORTATION NEWS

## A NOTE ABOUT PARKING LOT SAFETY:

The school district is responsible for the safe care of our students from the time they enter the school bus in the morning until the time they are returned to their residence in the afternoon, unless otherwise released by parent/guardian permission.

We have noticed that there are a couple of concerns arising during the time buses are loading or unloading **at school**. This is a very busy time and we want to be diligent so that all students are safe. During these times please do the following:

- If you are in a vehicle in the front loop, stay parked until the buses leave the circle and students are clear
- If you are picking up or dropping off your student, please park in the large parking lot, or in the pickup/drop-off line near the tennis courts. Do not come to the circle to pick up or drop off your student when buses are in the front loop
- Never step onto a bus

Bus drivers are trained to ensure that students in grades PreK-5 are to be released directly to an adult at home. If there is a variation to this, the bus driver will radio first for confirmation from the bus garage.

## 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 you should proceed to the next contact (listed below).

| QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING:        | CONTACT 1                                 | CONTACT 2   | CONTACT 3   | CONTACT 4   | CONTACT 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| <b>ACADEMICS</b>                        | Teacher                                   | Principal   | Superintendent                                    | BOE   |           |
| <b>AIS</b>                              | Teacher                                   | School Counselor                                  | Principal   | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>SCHEDULES</b>                        | Teacher                                   | School Counselor                                  | Principal   | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>CURRICULUM</b>                       | Teacher                                   | Principal   | Superintendent                                    | Review Policies   | BOE       |
| <b>BEHAVIOR &amp; DISCIPLINE</b>        | Teacher                                   | Assistant MS/HS Principal or Elementary Principal | Principal   | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>CLASSROOM PROCEDURES</b>             | Teacher                                   | Principal   | Superintendent                                    |   |           |
| <b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>                | Teacher and/or Special Education Provider | Committee on Special Education (CSE) Chair        | Principal   | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>BUDGET</b>                           | Business Administrator                    | Superintendent                                    | BOE   |   |           |
| <b>HEALTH/MEDICAL</b>                   | School Nurse                              | Principal   | Superintendent                                    |   |           |
| <b>CAFETERIA</b>                        | Cafeteria Manager                         | Principal   | Business Administrator                            | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>ATHLETICS</b>                        | Coach                                     | Athletic Director                                 | Principal   | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>CO-CURRICULAR</b>                    | Club Advisor                              | MS/HS Assistant Principal                         | Elementary Principal or MS/HS Principal           | Superintendent  |           |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION</b>                   | Bus Driver                                | Transportation Supervisor                         | MS/HS Assistant Principal or Elementary Principal | Superintendent  | BOE       |
| <b>FACILITIES/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b> | Director of Facilities                    | Superintendent                                    | BOE   |   |           |
| <b>BUILDING USE</b>                     | Secretary to Buildings and Grounds        | Director of Facilities                            | Superintendent                                    | BOE   |           |
| <b>BOE POLICIES</b>                     | Principal                                 | District Clerk                                    | Superintendent                                    | BOE   |           |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY</b>                       | Computer Resource Manager                 | Superintendent                                    | BOE   |   |           |
| <b>AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>             | After School Program Teacher              | Program Director                                  | Principal   | Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) or Superintendent |           |

Website link to Chain of Command document: [https://cdnsm5-ss9.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_290360/File/K-12/ChainOfCommunication\\_Who-To\\_Contact.pdf](https://cdnsm5-ss9.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_290360/File/K-12/ChainOfCommunication_Who-To_Contact.pdf)

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**NOTE:**

The breakfast and lunch menu is not included in this month's newsletter, but can be found on our website by clicking the link below:

[https://www.brcsd.org/district/food\\_services/lunch\\_menu](https://www.brcsd.org/district/food_services/lunch_menu)