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# Bath School Community Newsletter - Fall

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Dear Bath Community,

Like every child, every school year is unique. Each will have its challenges, and each will have its successes. We hope that the successes will outnumber the challenges for both the children and the district.

## Report Card

One measure of a district's success is the School Report Card. In September, we received the 2022-2023 results. We are extremely proud of those results. Along with Spencerville, and Shawnee, Bath achieved the highest rating among Allen County Schools with a 4.5 out of 5 stars. All three of our buildings demonstrated improvement in one or more areas. The high school was rated in four components and advanced in two. Those two areas were Achievement and Graduation Rate. The middle school was only rated in three components and improved in one, Gap Closing. This improvement was enough to give the middle school five stars in that field. The elementary improved in one of four components, receiving four stars in K-3 Literacy. Because the elementary did so well in all their components, its overall rating was an outstanding five stars.

This impressive performance is a tribute to all staff members who worked so hard to make this happen. It is also a tribute to the students who accepted the challenge and rose to the occasion.

## Security

The safety and security of our students and staff is of utmost importance to those of us who lead the district, and it is one of our biggest concerns.

The entrance to the elementary school has a very good security system already in place. Guests must pass through two check points before they can gain access to the building. Our aging middle school and high school are not so fortunate. There is only one check point that restricts access in each of those buildings. Because we place a high value on the safety of our students and staff, we have contacted Garmann Miller, the architectural firm we have used for permanent improvement projects. They have been tasked with the assignment of improving the security at the entrances of these two buildings. In addition to providing the plans, we have asked them to also provide us with estimates for each of the projects.

## Substitutes

Most every facet of our organization is seeking substitutes that would help us maintain an environment that is conducive to learning. Our children need bus drivers who can take them safely to school and return them home in the afternoon. They need secretaries when they forget something at home or need some other directions. They need teachers and aides who may be working with them all day long. They need cooks to serve them a nutritious meal at lunchtime. Our children need custodians and maintenance workers to keep their environment clean and well maintained.

Just about every day of the year when the students are in school, we will be short of staff. If you would like to help us in our mission to educate the children, please contact us in the Administrative Offices, located at the west end of the middle school.

Sincerely,  
Mike Estes  
Superintendent

## TITLE I PROGRAM AT BATH ELEMENTARY CONTINUES TO SERVE BATH READERS

Our Title One Reading Lab continues to be a support program to supplement learning in the regular classroom. Bath Elementary is a Title One school, which means any elementary student can benefit from Title One services. The purpose of the Title One program is to aid in the development of the school/parent partnership which will help all children achieve the high standards required by the state. Teachers and parents share the responsibility for improved student achievement. The Title One Reading Lab uses research-based curriculum called UFLI Foundations (University of Florida Literacy Institute). This program is an intensive, small group, supplementary literacy intervention for students who find reading and writing difficult. Our goal is to lift the literacy achievement of students who are not achieving grade-level expectations in reading. The use of UFLI will help our students make gains in reading by:

- \*Advancing the literacy learning of students not meeting grade level expectations in reading
- \*Understanding how sounds link to letters, and how letters link to words
- \*Teaching students to decode words, analyze word parts, and write and recognize words
- \*Ensuring students read connected texts daily to support reading accuracy, fluency, and comprehension
- \*Intervening with small groups of struggling readers to maximize growth
- \*Monitoring student progress.

All students were assessed in September using DIBELS Universal Screener. Based on those results, any Bath student who scored intensive began attending the Title One Reading Lab, where they receive 30 minutes of small group interventions with Title One teachers. Time in the lab is in addition to their classroom instruction. Students do not come to the reading lab during classroom instructional time, as Title One services are above and beyond classroom lessons.

This year the Title One staff consists of two full time Title One Teachers, Kristin Walters and Kelley Counts. Additionally, we have four part-time reading tutors serving students this year: Amanda Alger, Catie Burden, Jane Bailey and Marcy Reeves. Together, we hope to make this a positive learning experience with significant academic growth in reading for all our students. Please feel free to contact any of the Title One teachers with questions or concerns regarding your child's reading.

Sincerely,

The Elementary Title One Team: Kristin Walters, Kelley Counts, Amanda Alger, Catie Burden, Marcy Reeves, Jane Bailey and Chris Renner, Bath Elementary Principal

### THIRD GRADE READING ACHIEVEMENT

This year's third graders took the first round of the reading achievement test on October 24 and 25. Third graders will take the second round of reading achievement tests on April 17 and 18. According to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, all students must obtain a minimum score on either the fall or spring reading assessment to move on to the fourth grade. It is important for all students the night before any test to go to bed at a reasonable time. Being well rested helps one to focus through these tests. It is equally important for them to eat a healthy breakfast. Many students form a fear of tests. The best thing we can do as adults is to encourage them to do their best and let them know if they do their best, we will be very proud of them.

#### Ohio Assessments 2023-2024 School Year

AIR-American Institute for Research	
3rd & 5th Grade Language Arts	April 17
3rd Grade Language Arts	April 18
4th Grade Language Arts	April 22 & 23
3rd & 5th Grade Math	May 1
3rd Grade Math	May 2
4th Grade Math	May 6
5th Grade Science	May 7
2nd Grade Iowa/Cogat	May 15-17

### LISTEN TO YOUR HEART

On October 26 all students in grades 1-4 attended the Lima Memorial Health System's *Listen to Your Heart* Program. This was a fun, interactive way to teach our elementary students about heart health and living a heart-healthy lifestyle. Students participated in whole-group activities as well as small group breakout stations that were focused on:

- Early heart attack care and the importance of calling 9-1-1
- Heart-healthy nutrition
- Importance of exercise
- Anatomy of the heart

All students were taught how to conduct basic CPR and received a Listen to Your Heart t-shirt. We would like to publicly thank Lima Memorial Health System and the Bath Township Fire Department staff for putting on a wonderful learning activity for our students.



## **BATH ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF**

This year we welcomed several new staff members to the elementary. Mrs. Caitie Burden, Title I Tutor, Miss Quinnlyn Conley, Fourth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Courtney Conrad, Special Education Secretary, and Ms. Tammy Reichelderfer, playground monitor. If you see them in our community, please introduce yourself to them.



## **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

Every month in the elementary school, we feature a word of the month and encourage our students to practice and exhibit the qualities of these monthly words. One word we practiced this year is respect. Below are tips and activities for teaching respect.

- \*Stay calm and do not overreact if you think your child is being disrespectful.
- \*When your child is disrespectful, look them in the eyes, get down to their level, and explain what they did was disrespectful and hurt your feelings.
- \*Try to find the cause of disrespect. Problem solve with your child ways to fix the issue instead of becoming disrespectful.
- \*Model respectful behavior by respecting your children and those around you.
- \*When disciplining your child, make it a teaching moment.
- \*Apologize to your child when you are disrespectful toward them or when you make a mistake.

### Activities to Teach Respect

1. Look up the definition of respect with your child and write down ways in which you both have been respectful and disrespectful. Talk about how being respectful and disrespectful makes your child feel.
2. Think of someone in your child's life that is respectful and discuss what makes them respectful.
3. Make a banner or poster about respect your child can hang in the home.
4. Write a word for each letter in "respect" that means almost the same thing.
5. Create a "respect recipe" and list all the characteristics of being respectful.
6. Make a collage of images that represent what respect means to your child and discuss the collage.
7. Make a list of respectful phrases like "thank you and you're welcome."

Respect \* Leadership \* Integrity \* Responsibility  
*The #Wildcat Way*

## **THANK YOU BATH P.T.S.**

THANK YOU Bath PTS for providing our school wide unity t-shirts at the elementary! We appreciate this generous donation to all our students and staff. We love to show our school pride the *#WildcatWay*. Please consider joining the PTS. PTS meetings take place in the Bath Community Room the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. during the school year, excluding December and May. You can find more information regarding the PTS on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bathpts/>

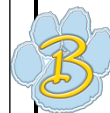


## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Bath Elementary had a 92% attendance rate at our parent teacher conferences. We appreciate all the efforts made to attend conferences this year.

## **SAFETY PATROL**

Bath Elementary continues our safety patrol program. Students from fourth and fifth grade applied for patrol positions. Teacher recommendations were also considered when selecting the patrol members. Safety patrol helps teachers and administrators monitor the student body while entering and exiting the building. The patrol members encourage the student body to make healthy and safe choices. The younger students often slow down as they see a patrol member so that they may receive a high five from an upperclassman. Patrol members also maintain the lost and found area. A big thank you goes out to the leadership of the safety patrol members and their willingness to accept extra responsibilities for the betterment of our student body.  
*#Wildcat Way*





The first quarter of the school year is officially in the books, and we are surging ahead into quarter two. Our students and staff have much to celebrate from quarter one. Check out some of our fall highlights as well as upcoming events as we move into the winter months. Go Wildcats!

### Quarter #1 Assembly

We take time at the end of each quarter to celebrate the accomplishments of our student body. We recognize academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and our *#WildcatWay* student award winners. This past quarter we had 172 students receive a 3.0 GPA or higher for the first quarter. Fifty-six of those students received a perfect 4.0 GPA. These students and their families should be proud of their academic excellence. Well done! Our *#WildcatWay* winners are students who have been recognized by their grade level teachers for exemplifying qualities consistent with the values of our school seal. These students have demonstrated leadership, respect, responsibility, or integrity while here at BMS. Monthly winners are treated to a principal's lunch at Beer Barrel, sponsored by Good Food Restaurants. Our September students were **Aiden Reicheldefer** (8), **Ellie Hendrickson** (8), **Riley Collins** (7), **Shylynn Sealscott** (7), **Alex Jahnz** (6), and **Ava Hensley** (6). Our October students were **Christian Williams** (8), **Hailee Mauk** (8), **Ethan Chang** (7), **Madalynn Duvall** (7), **Mackenzie Lawrence** (6) and **Gavin Shaw** (6).

### Attendance Challenge

School attendance helps student achievement. We understand students will most likely miss some school days due to illness or family obligations. It is vitally important for students to be present as much as possible. Learning on a computer doesn't replace the learning experience that takes place in the classroom with a teacher and peers. We've started a quarterly grade level attendance challenge this year to encourage our students to be here. The sixth grade won our first quarter challenge, winning 7 out of the 9 weeks. They earned a "hot chocolate bar" reward on the last day before Thanksgiving break. Way to show up GRADE SIX!

Our band and choir programs have been busy this fall. Students are preparing for our annual Christmas concert on December 18th. Band members also participated in performing Script Bath with the high school band at a high school football game this fall. Both groups were also important parts at our Veterans Day assembly on November 8th.



The fall sports season wrapped up in late October. The seventh-grade football team finished their campaign with a perfect 8-0 record. They outscored their opponents by a margin of 315 to 32 and finished the year with 5 shutouts. Our girls cross country team also excelled on the athletic field. They won both the Wapak and Allen County Invitational meets in addition to numerous other high finishes. The ladies also had the opportunity to participate in the middle school state cross country meet. **Penny Francis** and **Morgan Schrock** recorded multiple high finishes at big invitationals. Penny broke her middle school record time for the second consecutive year and won multiple invites including the Allen County Invitational.

### QUIZ BOWL EXCELLENCE

The 7th and 8th grade quiz bowl team wrapped up their 2023-2024 campaign with an overall record of 8-2 and a second-place finish in Allen County. Both of their losses came by a single question. Congratulations on an outstanding season! Team members included **Quinn Bantner**, **Lacey Carpenter**, **Katie Gerten**, **Jackson Fruchey**, **Katelyn Shields**, **Conner Sprague**, and **Cambria Whitehead**. Our quiz bowl advisor is Adam Rohrbaugh. Great job Wildcats!



**Katelyn Shields, Rilynne Cash, Vivian Padinjarethala, Penny Francis, Morgan Schrock, Valerie Griffith, Fran Deters**



## NEW STAFF AT BATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

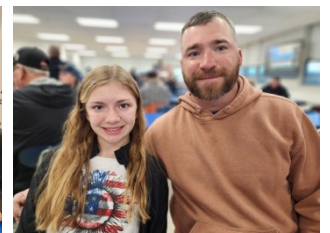
The middle school added some new staff to our building this school year. Mr. Stephen Budwit joined our building as our sixth-grade math teacher. Mr. Budwit is an experienced teacher with time spent at multiple school districts. He was previously teaching fourth grade in our elementary school. Mr. Travis Lepley was hired as our new eighth grade math teacher. Mr. Lepley had previously taught in Lima City Schools and Perry School district for the past 18 years. He has taught everything from 7th grade math to high school calculus. Mr. Lepley and his family reside in Bath. Mrs. Ashley Nickles was hired as our new 6th grade intervention specialist. Mrs. Nickles is also an experienced educator who has taught in multiple school districts. She was employed by Bluffton School District as an intervention specialist the past 12 years. We are excited that Stephen, Travis, and Ashley have joined *#WildcatNation*. Matt Gillett has moved over to the middle school for the first semester teaching physical education. Mr. Gillett has been teaching high school PE, CPR, and strength and conditioning. Additionally, Mr. Andy Herr has transitioned into the middle school assistant principal position to join the front office team. Mr. Herr had been a teacher in the middle school for the previous 16 years.

### STATE TESTING RESULTS

Once again, our middle school returned a solid report card from the Ohio Department of Education. As a building, we received an overall 4 out of 5 stars and received a perfect 5 out of 5 stars in the gap closing category. Our scores from grades 6-8 were some of the highest in Allen County and the Western Buckeye League. In particular, our 7th grade ELA and math scores were higher than every other school in the WBL. State testing is not the end all measurement of academic success for our students, but it is always reassuring to see that we compare near the top with schools in our area and schools that look similar to us across the state. Nice work students and staff! You should be proud of your efforts.

### VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, November 8th the middle school held our annual Veterans Day breakfast and recognition ceremony. We had 56 veterans in attendance and many additional family members and spouses. This day is a reminder that some of the best lessons our students receive don't always happen inside the classroom. We truly appreciate the service and sacrifice our veterans have given to our country. Thank you to our students and staff who help make this day possible.



### 2023-2024 Bath Middle School Testing Schedule

#### 6th-8th grade

Monday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	8th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	8th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6th & 7th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	6th & 7th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Monday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	8th grade Math/Algebra Part 1
Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	8th grade Math/Algebra Part 2
Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6th & 7th grade Math Part 1
Thursday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6th & 7th grade Math Part 2
Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	8th grade Science Part 1 & 2



**Please don't schedule any appointments, vacations, etc. on these days.**

### UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 18	MS band and choir Christmas concert
Dec. 20	Last day before Christmas Break (1 hour early release)
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Break
Jan. 12	No School (staff professional development)
Jan. 15	No School (MLK Day)



## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to introduce our newest staff members at Bath High School:



Mrs. Kate Wiltsie (Intervention Specialist). Mrs. Wiltsie is transitioning from the middle school to our building this year. She graduated from Carroll High School in Dayton and earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton. She also has a master's degree in Curriculum Development from BGSU. Mrs. Wiltsie is in her 19th year of teaching, and this is her 5th year at Bath. She teaches language arts and social studies.



Ms. Julia Miller (Language Arts Teacher). Ms. Miller graduated from Bath (Class of 2015) and earned her bachelor's degree in English Education from Saginaw Valley State University. She also has a master's degree in special education from Grand Canyon University. Ms. Miller teaches CP English 11, CP English 12, and College Credit Plus Courses (COM 1110 and COM 2400). She taught and coached softball at LCC the previous two years.



Mr. Frank Russell (Digital Academy Coordinator). Mr. Russell graduated from Franklin High School and earned his bachelor's degree in social studies education from Miami University. He previously taught social studies at Franklin High School and Northwest Local School District. Mr. Russell currently monitors the Bath Digital Academy, teaches Strength and Conditioning courses, and he is our Varsity head football coach.

## ATHLETIC RECOGNITION – FALL 2023

Congratulations to the following student-athletes who earned All-WBL and All-District, or All-State honors this fall.

### Girls Soccer

**Hailey Hale**- 1st Team All-WBL  
**Faith Clark**- 2nd Team All-WBL  
**McKenna O'Kief**- 2nd Team All-WBL  
**Karlie Wallace**- 2nd Team All-WBL  
**Tatum Walsh**- 3rd Team All-WBL  
**Hadyn O'Donnell**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Boys Soccer

**Sam Burkholder**- 2nd Team All-WBL  
**Landyn Vreeland**- 3rd Team All-WBL  
**Bryce Hoehn**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Girls Golf

**Aubrey Gerten**- 1st Team All-WBL  
**Ava Amstutz**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Boys Golf

**Braden Binkley**- 1st Team All-WBL, District Qualifier  
**Connor Raines**- 1st Team All-WBL  
**Ethan Clayton**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Volleyball

**Claire Foust**- 1st Team All-WBL  
**Claire Armentrout**- 3rd Team All-WBL  
**Madison Ripley**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Football

**Quintin Collins**- 2nd Team All-WBL  
**Mikey Hale**- 2nd Team All-WBL  
**Zach Welsch**- Honorable Mention All-WBL  
**Skyler Lhamon**- Honorable Mention All-WBL  
**Kahne Sullivan**- Honorable Mention All-WBL  
**Vinny Vendetta**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Cross Country

**Jake Wireman**- 1st Team All-WBL, State Qualifier  
**Everett Bensman**- Honorable Mention All-WBL, State Qualifier  
**Kyla Fallis**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

### Tennis

**Anne Oliver**- 2nd place All-WBL (1st singles), State Qualifier (Singles)  
**Kelsie Carlson**- finished 4th place in WBL (2nd singles)  
**Tea Sibert and Allyson Harnishfeger**- finished 4th place in WBL (1st doubles)  
**Olivia Foster and Briley Kaple**- finished 4th place in WBL (2nd doubles)

Be sure to catch our winter sports teams in action this season! You can find our schedules online at <https://schools.snap.app/BathHS>



## MERCY HEALTH FUTURES DAY

On Friday, October 5, Anatomy and Physiology students visited Mercy Health for their hands-on Medical Careers Day. It was an incredible experience, showing students what it would be like to be a medical student and a medical professional. Our 32 students rotated through five stations that gave them hands-on experience in suturing, cadaver work, pathology, ultrasound, and practicing diagnostics with high fidelity simulations.

High school Anatomy and Physiology teacher, Mr. Blevins, said, "This was an absolutely amazing experience for our students. They were able to interact with doctors, nurses, technicians, EMT's, and medical students. Students were able to use the actual techniques and tools these medical professionals are trained with. I am hoping that this is the push some students need to decide to go into the medical field."



## BE KIND, SERVE OTHERS

With over 100 student members, the Interact Club is the largest student organization at Bath High School. The club focuses on service learning and volunteering in our community. On Monday, October 30, a small group of Interact students partnered with the Lima Rotary Club at its annual West Ohio Food Bank event to assist with boxing food items to disperse to families in need throughout the community.

## PEER CONNECTION – LEARNING ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Peer connection is a senior leadership course that focuses on developing personal connections and relationships with other students to create a positive school culture, build self-esteem, promote leadership, and foster academic success. As a course requirement, seniors serve as mentors for freshmen and new students to assist them with the transition to Bath High School.

This fall, the Peer Connectors attended two leadership activities: a Student Leadership Collaborative at Wapak High School and a half-day workshop through Camp Joy. The first event included topics of being yourself, methods for improving anxiety and frustration, building confidence in a positive manner, and understanding that it's good to laugh. The workshop showed students different team building skills and activities to enhance their leadership and communication skills.



## MakerFest 2023

Approximately 120 high school students attended this year's MakerFest at the Allen County Fairgrounds. This is a career-exposure event for high school freshmen and sophomores, giving them a preview of opportunities through area employers. The goal is to give students a glimpse at possible careers, as well as information on curriculum needed in their high school years that will help them reach their career goals.

Each student experienced a rotation of seven different employers or company booths that coincided with their areas of interest. Students were provided opportunities to participate in hands-on activities and demonstrations to get a true feel for what it is like to be a nurse, therapist, machine operator, drone pilot, etc.

## **2023-2024 Bath High School Testing Schedule**

Semester Exams	Wednesday, January 10: Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 Thursday, January 11: Periods 5, 6, 7
ACT for Juniors (state funded BHS & Apollo)	Tuesday, February 27 Tuesday, March 12 make up date
Pre-ACT for Sophomores	Tuesday, February 27
End of Course Exams	Tuesday, April 16 & Wednesday April 17: ELA II Tuesday, April 23: American History & American Gov't Thursday, April 25: Biology Wednesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 2: Algebra I & Geometry
AP English Exam	Wednesday, May 8 at 8am
Final Exams	Thursday, May 9 and Friday May 10 for Seniors Only Thursday, May 23 periods 1, 2, 3, 4 for grades 9-11 Friday, May 24 periods 5, 6, 7 for grades 9-11
AP Physics	Thursday, May 23 at Noon





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## SUBSTITUTES WANTED!!!

We are looking for substitutes in *every* department of our district: sub teachers, sub aides, sub monitors, sub custodians, sub bus drivers and subs in our food service department. All substitutes need a valid background check and most require a sub license from the state. Our administration office will help you obtain the necessary license, and our transportation office will help you earn your CDL to become a substitute bus driver. We are here to help you every step of the way! If you would like more information, please call the Administration Office at 419-221-0807 ext. 6147

#### Starting Sub Rates:

Substitute Teacher: \$115/day  
Substitute Custodian: \$18.69/hr.  
Substitute Bus Driver: \$24/run  
Substitute Monitor: \$13.72/hr.  
Substitute Study Hall Monitor: \$16.49/hr.  
Substitute Teacher's Aide: \$16.46/hr.  
Substitute Food Service: \$13.27/hr.

#### Quick Look at Upcoming Dates:

December 20<sup>th</sup> - One Hour Early Release  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Break  
January 12<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development Day, No School  
January 15<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day, No School  
February 19<sup>th</sup> - Presidents Day, No School  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Staff Development Day, No School  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday, No School  
May 19<sup>th</sup> - Graduation  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School



#### **NEW Online Spirit Store!**

The Peer Connectors have opened an online apparel store! Items will be shipped directly to the buyer. To celebrate this new store, a grand opening sale is happening now through the end of the year, with 25% off your order. Look for the link on our website or shop directly at <http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/ohio/lima/bath-high-school>