

Bath School Community Newsletter - Summer 2023

Dear Bath Community,

On Sunday May 21, we celebrated graduation day having 130 of our seniors walk across the stage. What a great day honoring our graduates and their families! It was also a special day for those Bath employees who were chosen by each graduate to present their diploma to them on their biggest stage. This new tradition began a couple of years ago and we feel it is incredibly important to have our staff share in the pinnacle of the student's K-12 experience. Of the 130 graduates, 47 will be attending a four-year university, 19 a two-year college, 60 entering the workforce, 2 in the armed forces and 2 undecided. We wish all our graduates the best as they enter the next chapter of their life!

Over the past year, our board of education has re-visited our Master Plan for facilities and contracted with Garmann-Miller in planning for the future. For several years, we have been working with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission discussing our current status with them and best ideas moving forward if we want to explore a new building and take advantage of our credit of \$21 million from our elementary building project from 2012. The OFCC still cannot confirm when we will be eligible for the funded program in order to receive this credit. In our most recent conversations, the OFCC stated that if we want to pursue a new building, we should join the Expedited Local Partnership (ELP) program again. This ELP program is the same program we entered into with our elementary building project where we pay 100% of the construction costs resulting in an increase of our credit from the state. When we become eligible for the funded program, OFCC is responsible for 79% of our building project costs and our local share is at 21% of the costs and we will be able to apply our ELP credit towards our requirement. We continue to pursue this possibility while also making decisions surrounding our Permanent Improvement monies that maintain the current buildings and overall facilities on campus. Our Permanent Improvement monies come from a levy passed back in 1987 and then every five years which gives the district approximately \$615,000 each year to use for any items with a lifespan of five years or more. We dedicate one-third of this money each year to technology leaving us with approximately \$400,000 to spend on buildings and grounds. These monies cannot be used to pay salaries, utilities, etc. Some recent items where P.I. dollars were utilized include replacing sections of our Middle School and High School roofs, completing Phase II of the stadium project installing asphalt and fencing, purchasing new buses, etc. We will continue to work with Garmann-Miller and the OFCC and are now in the process where we need community members to join a committee and become engaged with the Master Plan. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Missy Vandemark at 419-221-0807 or at vandemarkm@bathwildcats.org

Sincerely,

Rich Dackin
Superintendent
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#WildcatNation #BleedBlue



Parents



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Community

2ND GRADE EARTH DAY PROJECT

Second grade students at Bath Elementary participated in a service project where they cleaned up the old playground. This initiative was part of the school’s commitment to creating a safe and healthy environment for all students. The project involved removing trash and debris from the playground and ensuring the area was free of hazards. Students worked together in teams to complete the task, learning valuable lessons about teamwork and community service. The project also taught students about the importance of taking care of the environment and how small actions can make a big difference. By cleaning up the playground, the students helped to create a cleaner and safer space for themselves and their peers to enjoy. Overall, the second grade service project was a great success and demonstrated the positive impact that can be achieved through teamwork and community service. The students should be commended for their hard work and dedication to making their school a better place.



AUTHOR ILLUSTRATOR VISITS BATH ELEMENTARY

On Monday, May 15th Bath Elementary proudly presented author-illustrator Laurie Keller!!! Laurie has written and/or illustrated many children’s books, including Potato Pants!, Do Unto Otters, The Scrambled States of America, Open Wide, and the beloved character Arnie the Doughnut! She is also the Geisel Award-Winning Creator of We Are Growing!! Her illustrations have captured audiences of all ages. Since one of her most well-known books series is about a doughnut named Arnie, our theme this year was “Donut Worry, Laurie Keller is on her way!” In preparation for her visit, all students K-5 heard and read her books and participated in projects to extend those books. Be sure to check out Bath Elementary’s website (http://www.bathwildcats.org/bathelementaryschool_home.aspx) to view many of the special projects which students completed prior to her visit. We were so excited to see all the fun and unique projects that our students and teachers came up with this year.

Bath Elementary has annually brought an author/illustrator to visit our school for the last 25 consecutive years – an accomplishment few schools in the nation could match. The creativity of our students/staff have developed this annual tradition into a very educational and enjoyable program. Original funding for this activity was secured by a Martha Holden Jennings grant written by retired art teacher Linda Lehman. Yearly visits have been funded through proceeds from the Book Sale coordinated with the author/illustrator’s visit and wonderful donations from the Bath P.T.S.



LITERACY CARNIVAL

On May 11, Title One students in first, second, third and fourth grade had the opportunity to participate in an evening of reading fun. The theme of this year’s annual Literacy Night was “Bath Elementary Literacy Carnival”. Students participated in many hands-on activities. They visited carnival-fun packed stations in which they were able to experience literacy being a “thrill of a lifetime”, while they practiced and shared their reading skills with their families. Students read and followed a recipe to create their yummy carnival snack mix, captured floating ducks in the pond to discover words, practiced their hand-eye coordination to create a sand art project, tested their luck at a carnival style “Plinko” game, and topped the evening off with face painting and popcorn. Students received a free book, a goody bag with many prizes, and had an opportunity to win door prizes after spinning the carnival wheel. Thank you to everyone who attended this engaging night of learning and literacy fun!

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

This year’s Spring Arts Festival took place on April 28. It was an exciting night at Bath Elementary. It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to see and observe the art and music talents of our youngest community members. All grades performed songs they had learned in music class throughout the year as well as displayed artwork they had made in art class. The basket raffle was once again extremely popular. We are so thankful for the Interact Club members as well as our community volunteers who helped our music and art teachers put on such a successful night. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy and support our elementary students on this amazing night.



INITIAL STATE TEST RESULTS

We are extremely proud of our students and staff for their efforts all year. The initial results of our spring state testing are a great example of why we should be extremely proud. 87% of our 5th graders passed the Science tests with 39% of them scoring in the highest category of advanced. As for our Math and Reading scores, 86% of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students passed the Math and 83% of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students passed the Reading. Below is a breakdown of how each of the grades did on the Math and Reading tests.

- 3rd Grade:
 - Math: 84% passed with 65% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
 - Reading: 80% passed with 61% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
- 4th Grade:
 - Math: 92% passed with 54% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
 - Reading: 83% passed with 61% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
- 5th Grade:
 - Math: 82% passed with 48% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
 - Reading: 86% passed with 70% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.

NEWSCATS!

Our 5th grade Newscats students did a great job this past school year. They put together recorded video announcements for our students to watch nearly weekly, as well as live video productions streamed to families unable to make it to an event.

Team A - Adalynn Beard, Brisa Garcia, Gavin Shaw, Isabella Reindel, Payton Budde, Preslee Jenkins and Zandy Sites

Team B - Noah Gomez, Evie Wilkins, Ella Mason, Eliza Williams, Caleb Blackston, Avery Jesko and Ava Hensley

HEADING INTO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited that returning students along with new students will be a part of our Bath Elementary School family for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be scheduling each student an individual student/parent orientation time that will take place on August 28 or 29. **We ask that every effort be made to bring your child to their scheduled orientation date and time. It is important for each student and their parent to meet the teacher, drop off and pickup supplies, see their classroom and learn about the classroom expectations.** In addition to this, 1st – 5th students will be assessed the fall DIBELS and STAR assessments and our KG students will be assessed the state required Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. While students are taking these assessments, parents will have an orientation in our gym. Orientations will be limited to the student and their parent(s). Letters stating each child's specific orientation date and time will be mailed on August 7. Student's fees may be paid in the elementary office from 8:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30 beginning Wednesday, August 16 through Friday, August 18. If you have any changes over the summer with phone numbers, your child's health, your address, etc., please log on to your Final Forms account you created and make the necessary changes. This will allow us to stay up to date on all information on all of our students. The Final Forms link can be found by going to the Bath website: www.bathwildcats.org.

Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Chris Renner
Bath Elementary Principal

2nd SEMESTER GOOD CITIZENS

In first and second semester of each year, three students from each of the first through fifth grade classrooms are recognized for being Good Citizens in our school. Congratulations to all our Good Citizens!



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AND 8TH GRADE RECOGNITION

On May 17th we honored some of our highest academic performers in the middle school. Over 100 middle school students were recognized for maintaining a 3.5 cumulative G.P.A. or higher for the first three quarters of the 2022-2023 school year. Judge Todd E. Kohlireser was the keynote speaker for the evening. **Anna Binkley, Kobey Hale, Vivian Padinjarethala, and Malachi Powell** were recognized during our final school assembly for having perfect attendance this school year. **Mara Davis, Gwyn Foust, Aubrey Gerten, Kadyn Hall and Madilyn Steiner** were recognized for maintaining a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. their entire educational career. On May 26th our eighth graders were honored at the annual Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony. One hundred and twenty-three students were recognized for successfully meeting the requirements to pass eighth grade and transition into high school as freshman. **Madilyn Steiner and Jacob Shoemaker** were selected and awarded the Ron Dixon Citizenship award for being outstanding citizens in our school building.



The "A" Team, 8th grade students who have maintained a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. while at Bath

RETIRING STAFF

Mr. Brad Clark is the lone retiree from the middle school staff this year. Mr. Clark began his 36-year career in education at Upper Scioto Valley Schools with a stop at Elida before coming to Bath Local Schools during the 1997-1998 school year as the assistant principal in the middle school. In total, Mr. Clark spent 26 years at Bath, serving 22 of those years as the middle school principal. The staff of the middle school will sincerely miss Mr. Clark and we thank him for his service to the Bath School System.

#WILDCATWAY

This school year our staff focused on recognizing and rewarding students for positive behavior. Our staff created a P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) system built around the core values of our school seal. Each day our staff looked for students who demonstrated exceptional leadership, responsibility, respect, and integrity. Numerous students were recognized over the course of the school year for exceptional behavior. Small rewards, staff vs student games at school assemblies, a principal's lunch at Beer Barrel Harding Highway, and gift cards to Walmart and Sam's Club were all utilized to highlight and promote positive behavior in our building. The staff plans to continue, refine, expand, and develop this program in the coming years. We have some outstanding young people in our school district, doing things the *#WildcatWay!*



Middle school students help raise money for the Zack Carlson family promoting the #WildcatWay

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

LifeWise Academy, a voluntary religious release program, began the week of January 30th and finished the first week of May. This program continued to grow and ended with over 100 middle school students being enrolled. Information can be found at <https://www.lifewisecademy.org/> or the Bath LifeWise Facebook page.



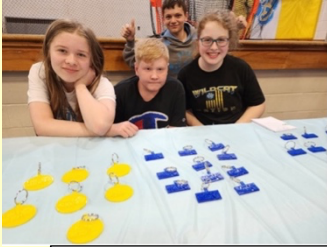
SUMMER INFO

Our district transitioned to FinalForms at the beginning of 2023, replacing OneView for all our student forms. If you have any changes to your student's information or transportation needs for the upcoming school year, please log into your FinalForms account and make those updates. BMS students will also be required to sign a few select forms in FinalForms. Once you complete the parent portion of the forms, your student will be issued an email notice to sign these required forms. Students can access their school email from our website: www.bathwildcats.org by locating the Student Email Login link.

We wish all our students a fun and safe summer break!

CAREER EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Grade 8 students and staff held the second annual Business Fair in April. Students were tasked with coming up with an idea for a product and researching it. Students then set price points and created a range of products to sell to our community. Collectively, students sold over \$5,000 worth of product this year. This exercise helps to promote entrepreneurship and small business. Students used their own money to make an investment into the inventory and were permitted to keep their profit. Additionally, our eighth-grade students once again had the opportunity to visit GROB Systems in Bluffton to tour and learn about their apprenticeship program. Superior Federal Credit Union and OSU Lima set up their Real Money, Real World exercise in the gym during the last week of school to help teach our students about financial responsibility and money management.



Students showing off their products at the Business Fair



Real Money, Real World

BMS ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULARS

Middle school sports teams wrapped up their seasons with successful campaigns. The eighth-grade softball team concluded their season with a 12-5 record, a marked improvement over the previous year. The seventh-grade team finished with an 8-3 mark. The middle school baseball season wrapped up the year on a seven-game winning streak to finish with a final mark of 10-9, including winning the Elida Middle School baseball tournament. On the track we had over 45 athletes compete with many of those being seventh graders. Numerous runners, jumpers, and throwers set personal records over the course of the season. **Penny Francis** broke the middle school record in the 1600-meter run. **Gwyn Foust** broke the middle school girls records in the 200-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash. Penny and Gwyn each qualified for the middle school state meet by having times in the top 24 in the state of Ohio. They competed in Hillard with some of the best in the state of Ohio at the end of May.

Our band and choir programs rounded out the year with final concerts, Band-O-Rama, and a wonderful dinner theatre event.



Gwyn Foust sets 200m. hurdle record



Wildcats took it back to the 80s for dinner theatre.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AT BMS

The middle school office will re-open on Tuesday, August 1. Schedule pick up and school fee days for students in grades 6-8 will be on Wednesday, August 16, Thursday, August 17, and Friday, August 18. Schedules and fees will be paid in the middle school gym between the hours of 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00. Student orientation days will take place on Monday, August 28 (last names A-K) and Tuesday, August 29th (last names L-Z). Orientation times will be from 8:00-11:30 in the morning and 12:00-3:00 in the afternoon.



HEADING INTO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Our district has implemented a new online registration software program entitled Final Forms to take care of registration, open enrollment, and all student updates. The Final Forms Parent Portal can be found on the Bath website, www.bathwildcats.org. Parents were emailed a link to their parent account May 1st but can also set up a new account to complete their 23/24 SY forms. The website will guide you through several steps to input all information needed by the district. Please provide ALL information that is asked for, as this information is used to update our files. Final Forms is where you will need to input any changes that have occurred over the summer or throughout the year.

The high school office will re-open on Tuesday, August 1. Schedule pick up and school fee days for high school students will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 16, Thursday, August 17, and Friday, August 18 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Mandatory student orientation will take place on Monday, August 28, 2023 (Last names A-K) and Tuesday, August 29, 2023 (Last names L-Z) from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy the remaining days of the summer break, and we look forward to seeing students back at the end of August.

CLASS OF 2023 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD RECIPIENTS

B.E.A.- Allyson Brostrom & Rachel Clark

Bath Scholars-Ava Clay, Elena Oliver, Kira Stall, Rachel Clark, Makaila Luersman

Frederick Kenney Memorial Scholarship-Ricky Deppe

Ryan Young Memorial Scholarship-Cohen Callahan, Rachel Clark, Kyla Falke, Emma Gast, Elena Oliver, Chloe

Poling, Alexandria Renner, Treg Sibert

Bath Music Association-Juliette Duncan (Band) & Emma Cales- (Vocal)

Guadalupe Rodriquez- Alexandria Renner & Cade Price

BHS Legacy- Rachel Clark

Ron Dixon- Alexandria Renner

Kyle's Heart- Rachel Clark, Kyla Falke, Emma Gast, Elena Oliver, Alexandria Renner

Remembering Laura-Treg Sibert

Kathy Wangler-Kyla Falke & Ava Clay

Kody Knight & Bryan Taylor- Morgan Leindecker & Rachel Clark

Mary E. Brenneman- Abigail Rakay, James Shields, Madelyn Tracy

Interact Scholarship- Rhiannon Horstman & Madelyn Tracy

Lima Optimist Youth Appreciation Award- Elena Oliver

Lima Exchange Club ACE Award-Madison Snay

Lima Exchange Club Youth of the Year Award- Rachel Clark

Gleaner Life Insurance Society Scholarship Foundation Award- Allyson Brostrom

Charles River- Treg Sibert

Lima Junior Service League- Chloe Poling & Makaila Luersman

St. Rita's Volunteer Scholarship-Allyson Brostrom

Ohio Means Jobs Scholarship- Daxton Truman

United States Air Force Enlistment- Zak Kennedy

Rhodes State Certificate (Ohio Software Certificate)- James Shields

GROB Apprenticeship Program- Mason Mayer

Eagles Scout Cords- Zak Kennedy, James Shields

Bonnie Eddy Educational Book Grant- Chloe Poling

Ohio State Scholarship- Emma Kelley, Devin Gross

Medical Mutual Scholarship Fund- Alexandria Renner

Ohio Association of School Business Officials- Morgan Leindecker



STUDENT – ATHLETE COMMITMENTS TO COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Blaine Albright – Indiana University (baseball)

Rachel Clark – Bluffton University (basketball)

Kyla Falke – Bethel University (soccer)

Peyton Newbury – University of Northwestern Ohio (bowling)

Elena Oliver – Malone University (basketball)

Cade Price – Bluffton University (baseball)

CLASS OF 2023 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Elise Branim**- Ohio Northern Presidential Scholarship
- Allyson Brostrom**- Gleaner Scholarship
- Ava Campbell**- AU Grant, Gold Grant
- Rachel Clark**- Natural Applied Sciences Division, Austin E. Knowlton
- Addison Connor**- CEAS General Scholarship, Cincinnati Century Scholarship, Ohio College Opportunity Grant
- Kyla Falke**- President's Academic Scholarship, Bethel Academic Scholarship, Dependent of the Missionary Church Scholarship, Lima First Community Church
- Steven Hittle**- Alfred Tennyson Summer Scholarship
- Emma Kelley**- Author and Marion Rudd Scholarship, Lima First Choice Scholarship
- Makaila Luersman**- Grand Lodge Scholarship
- Lorien Mason**- Allen County Alumni Scholarship, Place Scholarship, Roy Roeder Scholarship, First Choice Scholarship
- Jaden Mattie O'kief**- Full scholarship to Ohio State University
- Elena Oliver**- FCA Scholarship
- Chloe Poling**- BGSU Academic Scholarship
- Alexandria Renner**- BGSU Academic Scholarship, Smith Jones Foundation Scholarship
- Kilee Shaffer**- Allen County Agriculture Society, BGSU Academic Scholarship
- James Shields**- Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, Perkinsville Community Church, Shawnee Achievement Scholarship
- Treg Sibert**- ENGIE-Axium Undergraduate Endowment Scholarship
- Madison Snay**- Presidential Award
- Madelyn Tracy**- BSGU Academic Scholarship
- Brooke Vanhorn**- BGSU Academic Scholarship

SPRING ATHLETICS

ALL-WBL HONORS

1ST TEAM

- Blaine Albright** (Baseball)
- Claire Armentrout** (Softball)
- Elena Oliver** (Softball)
- Kyran Johnson** (Track-100m dash)
- Ethan Cole** (Track-300m hurdles)
- Brady Hale, Ethan Cole, Dalton Woodruff, Kyran Johnson** (4x100m and 4x200m relay)

2ND TEAM

- Ethan Cole** (110m hurdles)
- Skyler Lhamon** (Baseball)
- Anne Oliver** (Softball)
- Tatum Walsh** (200m dash &

3RD TEAM

- Ava Gibson** (Softball)

Honorable Mention

- Daniel Bolon** (Tennis)
- Ezra Bolon** (Tennis)
- Rachel Clark** (Softball)
- Quintin Collins** (Baseball)
- Brennon Ryan** (High Jump)
- Jacob Wireman, Landen Jones, Connor Raines, Jaden Ryan** (4x800m relay)
- Hailey Hale, Dakota Bassett, Isabella Bartlett, Tatum Walsh** (4x400m relay)

ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

- 1st Team- **Blaine Albright** (Pitcher), **Elena Oliver** (catcher), **Anne Oliver** (outfielder)
- Honorable Mention- **Skyler Lhamon** (Pitcher), **Quintin Collins** (DH)

STATE QUALIFIERS

- Daniel and Ezra Bolon** (Boys' Tennis- Doubles)
- Tatum Walsh** (400m dash)

ALL-OHIO

- Blaine Albright**- 1st Team
- Elena Oliver**- Honorable Mention





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A note from the
BATH ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



The Bath Sports Booster Club will host the 5th Annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, October 28th at The Allen County Fairgrounds. This annual fundraising event is our main fundraiser for the year. This allows our volunteer group to help support the needs of the Bath Junior High and High School student athletes and athletic programs. This event has raised nearly \$100,000 over the last four years and has allowed the Boosters to help provide funds for team uniforms, sports software, team equipment, field upgrades, training assistance, the stadium field turf project and much more!! Tickets will be \$75 with one meal included for each ticket holder. Tickets will be available starting in late July. Winners do not need to be present. However, you do have to be present to purchase raffle basket tickets, 50/50, pull-tab chances, auction items and to be part of the fun. Thank you for always supporting our Bath Student Athletes. GO WILDCATS!

Please visit our Bath Sports Booster Club Facebook page for more information. If you would like to help volunteer or have more questions, please contact us through one of the Booster Board members (Troy Welsch, Shawn Goetz, Jason Robey or Megan Opperman) or through Facebook messenger.