

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark DiStefano, Superintendent

It is hard to believe where we are on the calendar! This month goes by far too fast. We have many things to celebrate as we close out this school year and there is barely enough time to do it. In this month's edition, let me start by sharing a shout out to the class of 2024 and their many accomplishments! If you pay attention, you will notice and appreciate the amount of earned recognition these students have received and come to realize that they are forging forward into positive and productive citizenship to serve our community and society in a multitude of wonderful ways. In addition, this time of year, we are working diligently at various levels to support our students who are wrapping up this current chapter of their educational journey. Our 5th graders throughout the district will bid farewell to their elementary experiences at the end of the month and prepare for the move to the middle school years, and our 8th graders will also celebrate closing the chapter on their middle school experience. Among the gearing up, recognitions, and ceremonies, this month we also celebrate our staff! It is national teacher appreciation week the first full week of May and as a BDFam, we also celebrate all of our staff during this time. If you find a moment to thank a teacher or someone working in the education field, regardless of their role, please do. It takes a village and so many people in and around our community work with children in a shared commitment to help support the best possible future and outcomes for our society.

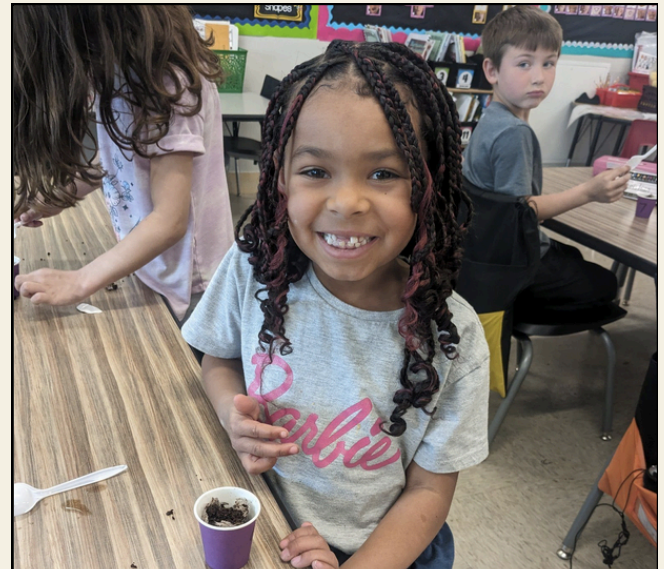
On a final note, and on behalf of our district, I would like to celebrate all of you. Whether you are reading this as an involved and engaged parent, family member, public citizen, city official, staff member, or otherwise...you have chosen to stay in the loop and invest your time and energy in what happens in BDUSD. The "spirit" of the Unifier is to bring people together with common information and purpose. The fact that you have taken the time to read this month's edition reflects that "spirit" and for that, we celebrate. Go Beavers!

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY DISTRICT FACILITIES

The Board of Education thanks all the community members who completed the district's community-wide facilities planning survey regarding Beaver Dam Middle School, Washington Elementary School, and District-wide Improvements. The survey is a vital part of gathering feedback from taxpayers to inform the School Board's ongoing facility planning.

Check out our Facilities Planning FAQs at <https://bit.ly/4aNvAsu>.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3LXHOVr> to stay informed.



Kindergarten students at Jefferson were very excited to plant their radish seeds!

BOARD MEETING RECAP

At the April Board of Education meeting the board approved the following items:

- Resolution Authorizing the Establishing of a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund46)
- Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan
- Authorization to Establish a Bank Account
- Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal
- Renewal of Teacher Contracts 2024-2025
- Board Policy Updates

Monthly Board Business Meetings can be viewed LIVE on the district [YouTube channel](#) (Beaver Dam Unified School District). In addition to LIVE access, you may also view previously recorded meetings and other district events on our YouTube channel.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services

As the school year is beginning to wrap up, student activities and celebrations are doing the opposite, ramping up! May has many important events to celebrate the work of our students throughout the year. These may include academic achievement awards, scholarship awards, community service projects, graduation ceremonies, sporting events and Teacher appreciation week. It is important to recognize the individuals and groups who work hard to make these events possible.

Funding sources for these events come from several different areas and are carefully planned each year. Many of these resources are allocated in school budgets a year prior to the event occurring, while others are the beneficiary of generous donors or hard-working students raising money via service offerings. Regardless of where the funds come from, there is accountability and reporting requirements in place to ensure that expenditures are managed appropriately.

FACILITIES & SAFETY

Mr. Marshall, Facilities & Safety Officer

As we wrap-up the school year, the Facilities Department is preparing to complete a list of projects over the summer. Projects include some heating and ventilation upgrades at Jefferson Elementary, air handling and fire system updates at Prairie View Elementary, various small-scale projects at other schools, as well as routine parking lot, fencing, roofing, and concrete work district-wide. In addition, our custodians will be busy with their annual deep cleaning of all of our school buildings. We look forward to a great end to the school year!

HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. White, Director of Human Resources

Congratulations to our 2023-24 Retirees! This year's retirees have given over 170 years of dedication and commitment to our students and families. THANK YOU to:

Kelly Braker*** - Speech & Language Pathologist
District

Sue Carran** - Special Education Teacher Assistant
Prairie View Elementary School

Patty Ehlenfeldt* - Special Education Teacher
Lincoln Elementary School

Steve Kuenzi** - Social Studies Teacher
High School

Bill Loss - Principal
Middle School

Teresa Ploch*** - Music Teacher
Elementary Schools

Becky Wheeler* - Tutor
High School

Kathi Wiedenhoelt* - Advanced Learning Coordinator
District

Terri Wilber** - Secretary
Washington Elementary School

*10-19 years **20-29 years ***30-39 years

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Sponholz, Director of Student Services

As we welcome the blossoms of May, we're thrilled to share some incredible celebrations within our school district community. This month, we're proud to highlight two initiatives that have brought immense joy and support to our students.

Firstly, in partnership with high school employability skills classes and our esteemed Food Service partner, Taher, we've launched a remarkable project aimed at providing weekend meals to students experiencing homelessness. In just two short months, this initiative has seen tremendous success, offering vital support to those in need. We're thrilled to announce that due to its overwhelming positive impact, we're committed to continuing and expanding this program in the coming year.

Additionally, we're thrilled to share the success of our post-prom night hosted at the YMCA, partially made possible through grant funds. This event not only provided a safe and enjoyable space for our students to celebrate, but also saw a remarkable increase in attendance, more than doubling from the previous year. We're excited to build upon this success and further enhance the experience for our students next year.

These achievements reflect our ongoing commitment to guiding and empowering every student within our district. Thank you to everyone involved for making these initiatives possible, and here's to continued success and growth in the months ahead!

TEACHING & LEARNING

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning

We would like to take a moment to celebrate our students, families, educators, and community. Our school district has a host of offerings that take collaboration and hard work among multiple parties. This includes:

- More than 40 advanced course offerings at Beaver Dam High School in addition to Youth Apprenticeships and other career connection opportunities.
- Districtwide programs to support learners of the English Language, advanced learners, and students who need extra time and support to meet learning goals.
- Volunteer programs such as our Partners Are Learning (PAL) opportunity that matches volunteers with students for one-to-one support.
- Co- or extracurricular opportunities such as clubs and sports that support learning outside of the classroom.

All of these opportunities benefit our students, making the collaboration and hard work well worth it!

SHOUT OUTS

NATIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' DAY

National School Principals' Day is May 1. Our Principals are outstanding at what they do each day to encourage and guide students to achieve at the highest level. THANK YOU to Mr. Tronsen (High School), Mr. Loss (Middle School), Mr. Peters (Jefferson Elementary), Mr. Tramburg (Lincoln Elementary), Mr. Krause (Prairie View Elementary), Mr. Wilson (Washington Elementary), and Mrs. Jansma (Wilson Elementary).

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES' DAY

National School Nurses' Day is May 8. We are so grateful for our amazing School Nurses who do so much for the health and wellness of our students. THANK YOU Kristin Chitko (High School), Vicki Hamer (Middle School, Mary Hughes and Sarah Kuhnz at our elementary schools!

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. A huge SHOUT OUT to all of our teachers and staff who go above and beyond every day to inspire students to be successful.

NATIONAL SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS' DAY

National Speech Pathologists' Day is May 18. THANK YOU to our caring and dedicated Speech Pathologists Kelly Braker (JE), Catherine Ernst (JE/WI), Taylor Habermann (WA), Mara Jonet (LI), Nicole Lang (HS/MS), Carmen Scott (PV), and Ashley Wolosek-Raatz (PV).

WALL OF FAME AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2023 Wall of Fame Award recipients! Dr. Alan Ehrhardt and Playground Movement-Beaver Dam were honored as Friends of Education. Watch the Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony at <https://bit.ly/3w8tTHz>.



Mark DiStefano (Superintendent), Dr. Alan Ehrhardt, Bev Beal-Loeck and Laura Goral (Playground Movement-Beaver Dam)

FREE SUMMER MEALS

FREE Summer Meals will be provided Monday-Thursday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm from June 10 - July 25 (excluding July 1-4). They will be served at Swan City Park (near the splash pad on E. South Street). A FREE meal is available to anyone 18 years & younger.

Free weekly meal pick-ups will also be available at the High School on Thursday from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm for weekend meals. We will switch to a week's worth of meal pick-ups from July 25 - August 26. Weekly sign up is required for this. Watch for more details in district Skyward emails.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

June 10-July 25 (no classes July 1-5)

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/33IOGmO>. We are hiring Summer School Teachers and Teacher Assistants. Please apply on WECAN at <https://wecan.waspa.org/>. Contact Katelyn Dwyer, Summer School Coordinator at (920)885-7380 x4302 or dwyerk@bdusd.org with any questions.

Calendar of Events

Visit bdusd.org for the most current listing of events and activities

May 1

- 8:30 am-1:30 pm: Blood Drive (*High School*)
- 6:00 pm: FFA Awards Banquet

May 2

- 7:30 pm: High School Marching Band Concert (*HS Auditorium*)

May 3

- 6:00 pm: Hispanic Movie Night (*High School*)

May 5

- 8:00 am-12:30 pm: Something Special from Wisconsin Breakfast (*High School*)

May 7

- 7:00 pm: Grades 7 & 8 Band Concert (*MS Auditorium*)

May 9

- 7:30 pm: High School Choir Concert (*HS Auditorium*)

May 10

- 7:30 pm: High School A Cappella Concert (*HS Auditorium*)

May 13

- 6:30 pm: Monthly Board of Education Meeting (*Educational Service Center*)
- 7:30 pm: High School & Middle School Orchestra Concert (*HS Auditorium*)

May 14

- 6:30 pm: Middle School Choir Concert (*HS Auditorium*)

May 15

- 7:00 pm: Senior Awards Night (*HS Fieldhouse*)

May 27

- No School-Memorial Day

May 30

- 6:00 pm: 8th Grade Celebration (*HS Fieldhouse*)

May 31

- Last Day of School

June 2

- 1:30 pm: High School Graduation (*HS Fieldhouse*)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

>>> *School Starts AUGUST 27* <<<

Online Registration opens July 8.

Registration assistance for families who do not have access to a computer or internet at home, or need assistance with the online registration process, may attend registration at the High School. Registration assistance is available for all families, grades K-12.

On-site Registration

Location: High School

- July 24: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- July 30: 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- August 8: 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

MORE DATES:

Freshman Orientation

- August 12: 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Middle School Open House:

- August 20: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Grade 6 Orientation:

- First Day of School

All Elementary Schools Open Houses:

- August 21:
 - ~ 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm (Kindergarten & New Families)
 - ~ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Grades 4K & 1-5

Homecoming Week:

- September 22-28

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Click [here](#) to check out Community Flyers on our website. It includes flyers for community activities and events such as youth athletic groups, dance programs, BD Library events, and much more!

RESOURCES

FAMILY

- [Central Wisconsin Community Action Council](#)
- [Church Health Services](#)
- [Clothes for Kids](#)
- [Dodge County Food Pantry](#)
- [PAVE](#)
- [St. Vincent de Paul Society](#)

Visit bdusd.org for a full list of resources

MENTAL HEALTH


- [Affiliated Counseling Center LLC](#)
- [Alarus Healthcare LLC](#)
- [Church Health Services](#)
- [Dodge County Human Services and Health Dept.](#)
- [SSM Health Behavioral Health Services](#)

Visit bdusd.org for more resources

BILINGUAL FAMILY SERVICES

Mrs. Ramsdale serves as the district's Bilingual Family Liaison and works to ensure that all of our students and families receive the support they need in our schools and in the community.

To learn more about our bilingual services please contact Mrs. Ramsdale at (920)885-7300 x1306 or ramsdaleb@bdusd.org or visit the district's ELL Resources webpage at <http://bit.ly/3UUMuxZ>.

Beaver Dam High School Blood Drive

Wednesday May 1, 2024
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Gym
500 Gould Street
Beaver Dam



35th Annual Breakfast
SUNDAY, MAY 5
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Beaver Dam High School



TICKETS:
Adults \$10.00
Youth (ages 5-11) \$5.00
Age 5 & Under: FREE



Presented By:
Beaver Dam Agribusiness Association
Beaver Dam FFA

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Beaver Dam FFA Bedding Plant Sale

MAY 2 - 16



HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Parking available in the lot off McKinley Street (by the Tennis Courts)

#BDFam

WALK IN INTERVIEWS

Join the BDUSD Team!




1st Wednesday of the Month
8am-12pm

BDUSD DISTRICT OFFICE
400 E. Burnett St.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

No appointment necessary
Stop at the Front Desk

BEAVER DAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT


WE ARE HIRING

APPLY ON WECAN:

- HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER
- HIGH SCHOOL DEAN OF STUDENTS
- HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER
- MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER
- SUBSTITUTES: CLERICAL, CUSTODIANS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS, TEACHERS
- ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
- TEACHING ASSISTANTS
- MIDDLE SCHOOL TUTOR
- ATHLETIC COACHES



BDACF EDUCATION FUND



Please consider supporting BDUSD staff and students by providing a gift to the Beaver Dam Unified School District Education Fund through the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation.

Donations for the 2023-24 school year will be matched, up to \$5,000, by the Heffron Family Fund. Click [here](#) for more information about the Foundation and how to donate.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

SEND IN YOUR NOMINATION
WINNER RECEIVES \$300 FOR THEIR CLASSROOM

SPONSORED BY:
 American Bank

HEFFRON FAMILY FUND PART OF THE BEAVER DAM AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



TEACHER NAME HERE
SCHOOL NAME HERE

Nominate a local teacher to become the Teacher of the Month! Email or mail nominations:

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bdtoyman@gmail.com
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112 Washington St.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Allyssa Gilmore
agilmore@americanbankbd.com
Mail:
American National Bank
Marketing Dept.
115 Front St
Beaver Dam, WI 53916



Enjoy Summer





FACILITIES PLANNING

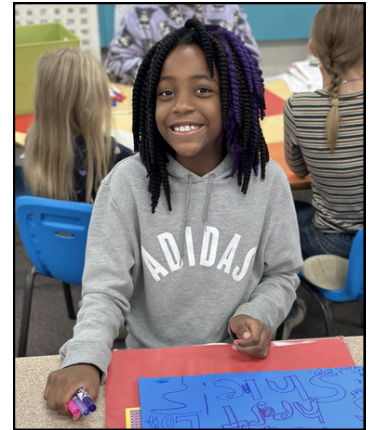
BEAVER DAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

As part of the BDUSD Facilities Plan, the District is exploring options for Middle School replacement.

- The current Middle School building is 100 years old with significant facility needs.
- The current Middle School site is significantly undersized and landlocked; it is in a dangerous location immediately adjacent to Business Hwy 151 (Spring Street) and just east of Hwy 33.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS:

- BASIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:
 - does not address instructional spaces or campus/site challenges
- COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION:
 - does address instructional spaces, but does not improve the campus/site realities
- NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL:
 - address instructional spaces and campus/site challenge



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As part of the BDUSD Facilities Plan, the District is committed to a 3-section elementary school at Washington Elementary School with the addition of Wilson Elementary School students. Washington Elementary School was built in 1949 and is in need of renovation to extend its use for decades to come.

DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- Playground Improvements
- Drop-off / Pick-up Improvements
- Site Safety (Circulation + Fencing)
- Community Recreation
- ADA Access

DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING

- Supporting our next generation of students and teachers.
- Addressing urgent capital needs throughout our district.
- Identifying the best solution for our 100+ year-old Middle School.
- Investing in the future of Washington Elementary School, built in 1949.
- Improving site safety, accessibility, playgrounds, and community spaces throughout our district.

STAY INFORMED



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