

Bedford Elementary School



Pop Tabs Collection Effort



- Third grade students organized a schoolwide service project to support Ronald McDonald House Charities after learning how the organization helped one of their peer's families during a difficult time. Wanting to give back, students encouraged Bedford Elementary to collect soda tabs. Together, our school collected 107 pounds of tabs to donate in support of the important work of Ronald McDonald House Charities.



Grad Walk

Student
Experience

Preparing for
the Future

Social
Emotional
Development

- Students lined the hallways to celebrate and congratulate the BHS Class of 2026 during their graduation walk. Classrooms cheered, waved pom-poms, and showed their Bedford pride as the seniors walked through the building. It was a special moment for our students to recognize the graduates, including some siblings, as they prepare for their next chapter.



June School Highlights

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Field Trips

Student
Experience

Academic
Performance

Extracurricular
Activities

Social
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Development

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- On May 22nd, 3rd grade students visited Old Bedford Village for their field trip. Students learned about life in the past through activities, including candle making and creating a metal craft by hammering a design with a nail. It was a fun experience that connected students to local history.



Environmental Days

Student
Experience

Preparing for
the Future

Academic
Performance

- 2nd grade students enjoyed a great day of outdoor learning. High school students visited to teach them fun facts about habitats, life cycles, pollination, and recycling. This experience gave students the opportunity to learn from older students while exploring important environmental topics.



Touch-A-Truck

Preparing for
the Future

Student
Experience

- On May 21st, 3rd and 4th grade students visited the Bedford County Airport for Touch-A-Truck. Students learned about different vehicles, trucks, and machines, as well as the careers connected to them. They also had the opportunity to explore some of the vehicles up close, making it a fun and engaging learning experience.



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Fire Station Trip

Student Experience

Preparing for the Future

Social Emotional Development

- On May 22nd, Kindergarten students visited the Bedford Fire Station. Students toured the station, sat inside a fire truck, and had the opportunity to hold the fire hose with help from a firefighter. It was an exciting way for students to learn more about the important work of our local first responders.



Classroom Fun

Academic Performance

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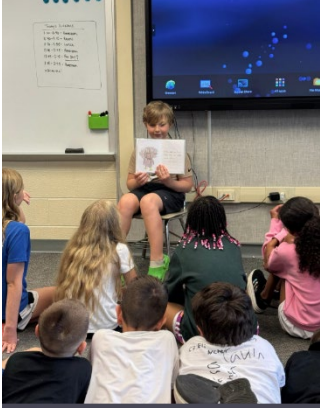
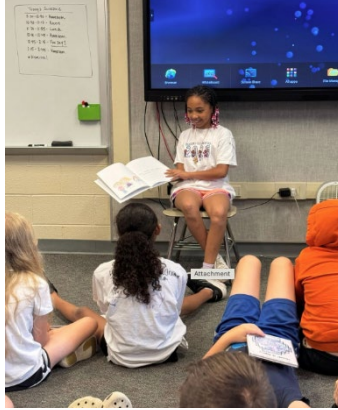
- Ms. Murphy's Kindergarten class showed off the tie-dye shirts they made during the last week of school for Field Day.



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- Each year, our 4th grade students write and create their own books. In Mr. Sharbaugh's class, several students volunteered to share their finished books with their classmates. Below is Cavin Hewitt, Amarrissa Miller, Pierce Ickes, and Madisyn Karns sharing their writing and creativity with the class.



- On May 22nd, Ms. Straub's 1st grade students had a special visit from Corporal Straub. He spoke with students about safety and ways to stay safe in our community. Students enjoyed asking questions and learning more about what it is like to be a police officer.



- Mrs. Miller's 5th grade class enjoyed their last day of school and their final day as elementary students. As they prepare to move on to middle school next year, students took time to celebrate.



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Bedford Middle School



We finished the 3rd round of clubs and that means our Spring Edition of the *Bison Times* was published. Please check the student's hard work in the hand out provided at the Work Session.

Brainfreezerz Treat Truck



- BMS students were treated to Brainfreezerz on May 19, 2026. All students earned this treat as a reward for their efforts during the annual fundraiser and for working hard throughout the school year.



Spring Sports 2026

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Girls Softball

- It was a great season for junior high softball. They had 15 Wins and 6 losses in both A & B games. With a tougher schedule this year, the girls worked hard and gave great effort. One of the highlights for the girls was facing a pitcher who was the Little League World Series dominant pitcher in 2025 from the West Suburban team that was the LLWS Champions. The team had 22 athletes. Highlight wins for the girls, were 2 come from behind wins of 7-4, and 8-6 against Chestnut Ridge to remain 5-0 against Ridge the past few seasons.



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Boys & Girls Track and Field

- Junior High Boys and Girls Track both had successful spring seasons. The girls earned both the Tom Waltman and Bedford County Champion distinctions. The boys earned the titles of Tom Waltman Champions and Bedford County Runner Ups. During the season, there were 27 athletes who were Altoona Championship Qualifiers, 2 Altoona Championship Medalists, and 3 school records broken.



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Boys Baseball

- Junior high baseball had a great season this spring! We were able to increase our schedules to form two squads. This increased the playing time for all athletes in the program. Both squads had a successful season with growth and improvement in the number of reps and wins over seasons in the past. We ended the season with an 18-7 win where all 29 players were able to get in the game to bat and field. The boys enjoyed eating a meal and/or a snack for each game that was sponsored by the parents of the team.



5th Grade Orientation

Preparing for
the Future

Social
Emotional
Development

Student
Experience

- On May 20, 2026, 5th grade students visited Bedford Middle School to participate in 5th Grade Orientation. While at BMS, students toured the building, met their future 6th grade teachers, talked with several current 6th grade students, and were introduced to the Exploratory Classes they will have the opportunity to take while at BMS.



6th Grade SEL Day



- As a team, the 6th grade staff created an SEL day for our students. Students rotated through different activities that were designed to reinforce the characteristics outlined in the district SEL initiative. We focused on the concepts of kindness, teamwork, honesty, self-awareness, growth mindset, gratitude, and finding balance in the digital world.
- Students started the day with a whole group activity that illustrated the importance of communication and working together towards a common goal. From there, students were separated into 7 groups. Throughout the day, the groups rotated through 7 stations that were each designed to illustrate one of the topics mentioned above. Students were also randomly assigned tables to eat at for lunch. Each table contained conversation starters that the students could use to learn something new about the students they were sitting with. Throughout the day, students were encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone and try new things!



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8th Grade Outside Day

Social
Emotional
Development

Student
Experience

- Our 8th graders enjoyed an “Outside Day” on May 21, 2026. Since the weather did not hold out for the day, the many activities were moved indoors. Students had the opportunity to participate in many different activities including ping pong, gaga ball, basketball, board games, corn hole, puzzles, etc.



8th Grade Field Trip

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- On May 22nd, 8th grade students traveled to Washington, DC on Bollman Charter buses. The annual trip was a success. Despite the rainy weather, the trip was a great learning experience for all. Students were able to tour the various Smithsonian Museums, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial. At the Museum of Natural History, students were able to view “Bison: Standing Strong.” This exhibit featured the story of the American Bison, the nation’s national mammal. Students were treated to an annual dinner at the Golden Corral.



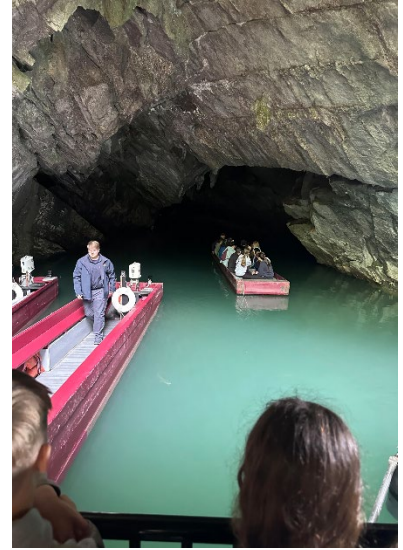
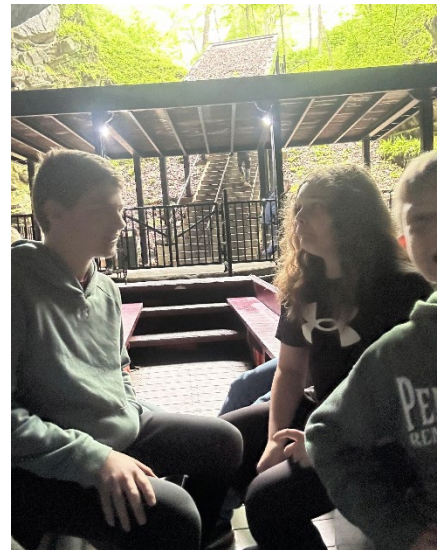
6th Grade Field Trip

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- This year, the 6th grade students traveled to Penn's Cave for their field trip on May 22nd. Students took a boat tour through the caves, a wildlife tour through the grounds on safari buses, panned for gems, and worked their way through an interactive maze. It was a great day for all!



6th Grade Outside Day

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- 6th grade students were able to participate in an outside day on May 26, 2026. Students could move around freely and participate in various activities. Activities included - gaga ball, wiffle ball, tennis, cornhole, volleyball, fishing, coloring with chalk, and board games. The weather was warm and sunny and the students enjoyed a great day!

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Thank You - Trout for Shobers

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Extracurricular
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- Trout for Shobers had amazing support from the community this fishing season. Thanks to the community support, they were able to stock the stream twice this year! The students pictured below are students that caught fish that were tagged by Trout for Shobers. By catching tagged fish, they were each awarded a \$25.00 gift card from Wal-Mart, a Burger King Kid's Meal, and a fishing lure. Pictured below are Zachary Logsdon, Adric Oldham, and Mark Oherrick.



2026 Grad Walk

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Student
Experience

- On May 26, 2026, the BHS graduating seniors visited Bedford Middle School to participate in the 2026 BHS Grad Walk. BMS Students showed their support by holding banners and cheering for the graduates. Congratulations Class of 2026!



Spring Social

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- May 27, 2026, was an exciting day for Bedford Middle School students. We were able to host our annual Spring Social. The weather was beautiful so the social activities took place both indoors and outdoors. Students participated in activities such as coding, board games, puzzles, volleyball, soccer, kick ball, fishing, and many more.



BMS Awards Ceremony



- The Bedford Middle School Awards Ceremony was held on May 28, 2026. Over one hundred 6-8th grade BMS students were honored in the areas of art, music, science, math, social studies, English, Industrial Arts, athletics, citizenship, character, Family Consumer Science, Presidential award, and many more. Bedford Middle School was happy to welcome family and friends to celebrate the students.



Madelyn Mearkle



Mae Turnbull



Grant Koontz



Graham Swanson



Adalynn Decker

Tennis Clinic

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- On May 19th, 2026, Boys/Girls Varsity Tennis Coach Caleb Beidle held the program's annual youth tennis clinic. Players from the varsity teams volunteered to teach the kids new skills, play games, and get them excited about the sport of tennis. There was a great turnout of 35 participants, 27 of which were from grades 2-5.



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May Bison Award Winners



- Three students were recently recognized with Bison Awards for May at the Bedford Middle School. To be eligible for the award you must be “caught” doing a Random Act of Kindness. 36 students were included in this drawing. The winners received a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart. Pictured L-R Zoey LaValle (8th Grade), Jo Ptaszek (7th Grade), Jennifer You (6th Grade) and Officer Joe Kovel.

Food Donation - Real Life Church



- The Backpack Program recently received an exceptionally generous donation from Real Life Church who received this from Convoy of Hope. This donation will allow the program to provide food assistance to families throughout the summer. The donations received filled the storage area from floor to ceiling. Thank you to Real Life Church for sharing with the Backpack Program!



Bedford High School



NHS Visits 8th Grade for Q&A about BHS



- Members of the National Honor Society visited the eighth-grade classrooms at BMS on May 19th to help students prepare for their move to Bedford High School. NHS members shared advice on getting involved through academics, BCTC, clubs, athletics, and leadership opportunities, and discussed tips for success, such as staying organized, managing time wisely, working hard, and building positive relationships throughout the school community. Students also learned about daily procedures, such as lunch and lockers, and were encouraged to take pride in and care for the new high school building as they begin this exciting next chapter.



Row 1: Diego Brana, Rylee Lybarger, Leah Nee, Daisy Keel, Lily Dague, Ellie Rose

Row 2: Ben Fisher, Gabe Bordi, Jack Tew, David Hershey, Carter Koziliec, Parker Klavuhn, Sam Koontz, Joel Eppley, Allison Dunn

Concession Stand Food Tasting

Student
Experience

Extracurricular
Activities

- A group of BHS students participated in a food-tasting event hosted by Nutrition Inc., which will be supplying the food for our concession stand. Students had the opportunity to try burgers, hot dogs, fries, soft pretzels, and walking tacos. The students' feedback was positive, and no one left hungry.



Bison Buddies

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Activities

- The Bison Buddies visited Bedford Elementary on May 21st for their final visit of the year. The book *Rainbow Fish* sparked meaningful discussions about friendship, sharing, and the importance of being authentic. Students then had the opportunity to create, design, and name their own fish while strengthening their communication and social

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skills through a game of Classmate Bingo. The Bison Buddies also led a digital aquatic friend matching game for the first-grade students, creating a meaningful way to celebrate the Bison Buddies connections formed throughout this year.



Photo 1: First Grade BE Students work together on Classmate Bingo



Photo 3: A Bison Buddy makes her choice with Kasey Shuke and Taylor Ruhlman for the matching game



Photo 2: Brittain Wilt reads to his Bison Buddies

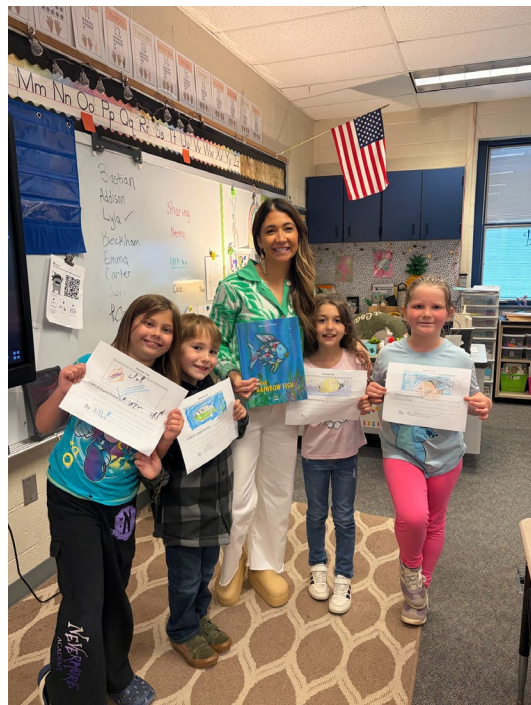
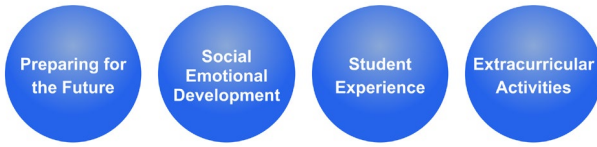


Photo 4: Mrs. Steele and students show their creative fish designs and writing.

Young at Heart Games



- National Honor Society students had the opportunity to further support the Young at Heart Games by assisting with shuffleboard and cornhole on May 18th and 20th. The engagement and relationship-building with members of the senior community created meaningful experiences for everyone involved, with plenty of laughter, connection, and mutual respect shared across both days. NHS will look forward to helping with the Young at Heart Games again next year!



Photo 1: Jonah Topper, Grey Livengood, and Gaston Watkins learn the details of shuffleboard from a Young at Heart athlete



Photo 2: Sophia Diehl and Leah Nee

Latin Students Movie Premiere at Pitt Theatre



- Under the guidance of Mr. Neff, Latin students wrote, directed, and filmed two movies. On May 20th, the students arrived by limo at the Pitt Theatre and previewed their movies on the big screen.



BHS Art (Heart of Art)



- On May 21st, ten high school students traveled to BMS to host a final Heart of Art session for the year. Students helped the MDS and life skills students make sun catchers and shared a snack.



BASD Art Project

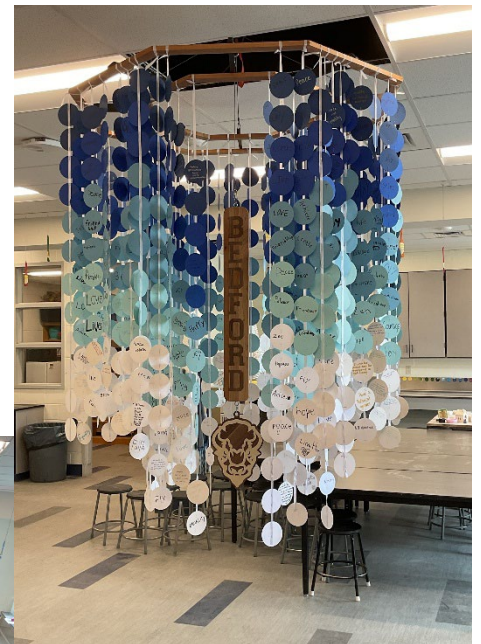


- Below are several photos of Bedford Area School District's mobile created to commemorate the America 250 Anniversary. Our mobile, along with mobiles from other county districts, will be on display at the Bedford County Fair this July.
- Bedford High School art teacher Ali Imler collaborated with elementary art teacher Lauren Logsdon to develop the design. They chose circles to represent the limitless possibilities of America's future, as circles have no beginning and no end. Students from our elementary and high schools wrote their hopes for the future- whether for themselves, Bedford County, or America- on individual circles. Elementary students contributed single words, while high school students shared longer hopes and aspirations.

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- While the art teachers designed the top frame and hanging "Bedford" element featuring the District logo, our talented high school technology education teacher, Cody Buterbaugh, brought the design to life with his amazing woodworking. After students at each school completed their circles, high school art students helped assemble the over 8-foot-tall mobile and transform the individual pieces into the finished work.



Senior Awards/Scholarships (see handout)



- On May 20th, BHS held its annual Senior Awards Banquet. Throughout the course of the evening, our students received approximately \$118,000 through scholarships and awards. Students were recognized for their academic achievements, and the salutatorian and valedictorian were announced.

Underclass Awards



- BHS ended the year by recognizing Underclassmen for their success. Awards presented included subject winners for each grade, recognition of 3-season athletes, and winners of Bison PRIDE, GRIT, and Character awards for each grade. Griffin Bradley was also presented with the Daughters of the American Revolution's 250 America Award.



250 America - Griffin Bradley



Character - Row 1 - Griffin Bradley; Row 2 - (L to R) Eden Locke, Sean Cessna, Eden Pyle, Shane Feather, Mason Emerick, Asher Oldham, Carter Frederick, Sophia Geller, Holly Tran

Graduation



- The BHS Class of 2026 walked through the halls of Bedford Middle School and Bedford Elementary one last time on May 26, 2026.
- The BHS Class of 2026 graduated on May 28th with an outdoor ceremony on the soccer field. We appreciate the extra help from students, teachers, and staff to make this possible.



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