BUCYRUS RISING

FALL 2025

Celebrating Progress and Pride in Bucyrus City Schools

Message from the Superintendent

The 2025-2026 school year is off to a positive start at Bucyrus City Schools. I want to thank our students, staff, families and community members for your continued support and commitment to our schools. From classrooms to extracurriculars, it has been encouraging to see students engaged, teachers working hard and families showing pride in our district.

Our students are already setting the tone for a great year. In addition to strong work in the classroom, we've celebrated new athletic records being broken this fall. This is another example of the determination and spirit that define Bucyrus.

This year also marks the launch of **True North,** our district's vision for career-connected learning: **Navigating Students to Career Success.** This PK-12 approach ensures that every student has opportunities to explore interests, develop skills and prepare for future careers. Whether through new STEM experiences at the elementary level, hands-on learning in middle school or career credentials in high school, True North is about giving students direction and confidence for life after graduation.

I look forward to building on this momentum throughout the year. Thank you for standing with Bucyrus City Schools as we continue to grow, improve and work together for the benefit of all students.



Robert Britton
Superintendent
Bucyrus City Schools

Students Recognized for Perfect State Test Scores

Several Redmen students were recently honored with certificates for earning perfect scores on their state assessments.
Honorees include:



- ✔**4th Grade ELA: Leah Hilliard**
- ✔**3rd Grade Math: Charli Butterman, Willa Butterman, Atticus Kimble, Kanna Kobayashi, Mark Sabo, Aria Sefors**
- ✔**7th Grade Math: Hudson Fiske**
- ✔**American Government: Kaden Vaughn**

We are incredibly proud of these students for their achievement and dedication to learning.



Karter Boggs Breaks 25-Year-Old Record

Capping off an outstanding cross-country season, Karter Boggs was named Northern 10 Conference Runner of the Year and set a new school record in the 5K with an impressive time of 15:35, breaking the previous mark of 15:59 set by David Merriman—a record that had stood strong for 25 years.

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Class of 2026 Kicks Off Year with Senior Sunrise



Seniors gathered to celebrate the start of their final year, sharing laughs and making lasting memories together.

BUCYRUS CITY SCHOOLS
TRUE NORTH

Navigating Students to Career Success

Bucyrus City Schools is redefining career readiness for the 21st century. Guided by our True North, a dedicated commitment to student potential, this district-wide approach creates a seamless PK-12 system of career-connected learning that inspires, equips and empowers all learners to navigate their futures with confidence, purpose and skill.

Catalyzed by a Career Technical Equipment Grant, the district is advancing a comprehensive vision for career-connected learning that extends far beyond the boundaries of traditional Career Technical Education (CTE).



Expanding Career Readiness

The program expands the career readiness continuum from preschool through grade 12, ensuring that every student gains the skills and confidence to succeed beyond the classroom.

PK-12 CAREER READINESS CONTINUUM

Elementary (Career Awareness): New STEM "specials" for grades PK-5 introduce foundational STEM concepts, laying the groundwork for curiosity and exploration.

Middle School (Career Exploration): Engaging, hands-on learning focused on coding, drones and robotics and a career exploration course for all 8th-grade students.

High School (Career Preparation and Participation): Students engage in credentialing opportunities in advanced manufacturing and other in-demand fields, preparing them for meaningful careers or post-secondary pathways.





STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATOR EMPOWERMENT

First in Ohio: Bucyrus Equips Entire Staff to Guide Student Careers

In a pioneering districtwide effort, every Bucyrus staff member will be credentialed as either a Career Connections Advisor (teachers/certified staff) or Ambassador (support/classified staff) through a partnership with Team NEO. This empowers all educators to become navigators and mentors in the student career journey, providing a strong network of continuous career advisors.

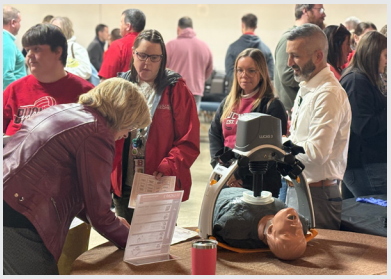
Preparing Bucyrus Staff to Guide Students' Futures

Educators are receiving hands-on exposure to local industries through three dedicated professional development sessions that create real-time connections between teaching and industry needs, bridging classrooms with careers. The opportunity for graduate credit has also been provided, free of charge, through a partnership with Ashland University.

Each session is powered by a collaborative network of nearly 30 business, education and community partners.



First Professional Development Day - Manufacturing & STEM



Second Professional Development Day - Healthcare Careers

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT

STEM—Preparing Students for the Future

STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics—is more than a set of subjects. It's a way of learning that connects ideas to the real world, teaching students to think critically, solve problems and imagine new possibilities.

In alignment with our district's **True North vision,** STEM is not just about the classroom—it's about preparing students for life. As technology transforms nearly every industry, the skills gained through STEM will help students thrive in a future full of opportunity.

We teach STEM for:

- **Real-World Relevance:** Science, technology, engineering and math are intertwined in nearly every career and everyday experience. By teaching them together, students see how learning applies beyond the classroom.
- **Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving:** STEM encourages students to ask questions, design solutions and test ideas—skills that are valuable in any career or life situation.
- **Future Career Preparation:** Many of the fastest-growing jobs are in STEM fields, including some that don't even exist yet. Building STEM foundations now ensures our students are ready.
- **Innovation & Creativity:** STEM sparks imagination and empowers students to design and create solutions to real challenges.
- **Parity & Opportunity**: Every student, regardless of background, deserves access to experiences that open doors to future opportunities.





STEM in Action

This year, students are exploring robotics, coding and 3D printing in grades PK-5, while preschoolers are learning through fun experiments that nurture their natural curiosity and love of discovery.

STEM is the foundation of our True North vision—preparing every student not just for tests, but for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. Together, we are building the future.

District Meets State Standards with 3 Stars on State Report Card

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Report Card Highlights

- ✓ **5 Star Graduation Rate,** significantly exceeding state expectations
- ✓ Middle School earned **5 stars in Gap Closing and 4 stars overall,** significantly exceeding state expectations.

These results highlight important successes and provide a clear roadmap for continued growth. We are committed to building on this momentum and ensuring every student is supported and prepared for future success.

To view the full Report Card, visit reportcard.education.ohio.gov

Message from the Treasurer

Bucyrus City Schools is committed to using taxpayer dollars responsibly. We plan carefully and make decisions with long-term stability in mind for both our schools and our community.

The district's finances remain stable, which allows us to continue supporting educational opportunities for students. As part of our planning, we are preparing for needed facility updates over the next five years. These include replacing chillers at the high school and updating the building automation systems at both the high school and elementary school to keep our buildings safe, efficient and well-maintained.

We are also keeping a close eye on possible changes at the state level, such as property tax reform and amendments to the state budget, which could affect school funding in the future. Our priority is to remain prepared and make thoughtful decisions that support students, the community and the district's long-term financial stability.



Lisa Thoman-Cha
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Mark Your Calendars

NOV 26–28 — No School — Thanksgiving Break

DEC 22–JAN 2 — No School — Winter Break

JAN 5 — Classes Resume

Stay Connected with Your School Each Month!

Parents will now receive monthly e-newsletters from each school building, keeping you informed about upcoming events, classroom highlights and important updates all in one place. Check out previous editions on our website at bucyrusschools.org.

Apple Week in Kindergarten!



Carrie Robertson Memorial Stuff the Bus Event



BHS Academic Challenge Team Earns Win



Fist Bump Friday Brings Energy to Bucyrus Elementary



2025 Bucyrus Homecoming

Congratulations to King Mason Eldridge and Queen Madison Kent.



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