

Message from the Superintendent

I am proud of the continued momentum at Bucyrus City Schools and of the partnerships that guide our work. We remain focused on aligning our Learner's Compass with the True North vision: Navigating Students to Career Success, ensuring every student has clear direction, meaningful opportunities, and strong support from our community. Together, we are creating learning experiences that connect classrooms to real-world skills and future careers.

Our progress is on display in our new Advanced Manufacturing and Fabrication Labs, funded through a \$700,000 Career Technical Education grant. In the lab, students lead and learn, with access to robotics, drones, computer-aided design (CAD), and coding equipment and tools. Recently, members of our True North Project Advisory Committee and local business leaders toured the space, awed by what our students are already capable of creating.

The heart of our Learner's Compass is about guiding students toward confidence, purpose, and success beyond graduation. In this issue, you'll find examples of how students demonstrate these core competencies in our classrooms, labs, and learning experiences across the district.

None of this work would be possible without our Bucyrus Strong community. I am grateful to our dedicated educators who give their best selves each and every day and to our committed community partners for their steadfast support of our students. We are preparing learners not just for the next grade level, but for life after high school.



Robert Britton
Superintendent
Bucyrus City Schools

DECA Team Earns Honors and International Recognition

Students showcased their business acumen at the District DECA Competition at the University of Findlay. The DECA program has earned the prestigious Thrive Level Chapter Recognition for the 2025-26 school year and will send seniors Layla Swerlein and McKenzie Rowland to the International Career Development Conference this spring.

*Pictured left to right:
McKenzie Rowland,
Layla Swerlein*



Elementary Students Spread Joy

There were smiles for miles during our second-and third-grade students' musical performance in December as they filled the stage with holiday cheer.



100 Cheerleaders. One Team. Go Redmen!



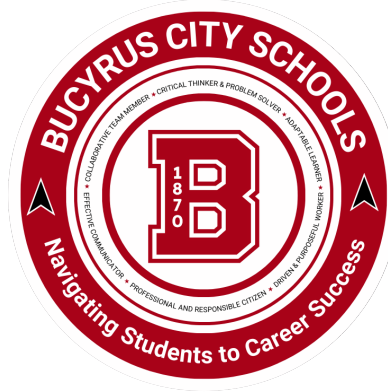
100 cheerleaders in grades PreK-6 joined the Bucyrus Varsity and Middle School cheerleaders during the Bucyrus vs. Buckeye Central varsity basketball game. The Mini Cheerleaders performed a dance, quarter cheer, sideline cheers, and stunts while proudly cheering on the Redmen.

CLASSROOM LEARNING IN FOCUS

Navigating Students to Career Success

WHAT IS OUR LEARNER'S COMPASS?

Guided by our vision of *True North: Navigating Students to Career Success*, Bucyrus City Schools is redefining career readiness through a seamless PreK-12 system of career-connected learning. This district-wide approach inspires, equips, and empowers all learners to navigate their futures with confidence, purpose, and skill.



**BUCYRUS CITY SCHOOLS
TRUE NORTH**

LEARNER'S COMPASS

-  **COLLABORATIVE TEAM MEMBER**
-  **CRITICAL THINKER & PROBLEM SOLVER**
-  **ADAPTABLE LEARNER**
-  **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**
-  **PROFESSIONAL & RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN**
-  **DRIVEN & PURPOSEFUL WORKER**



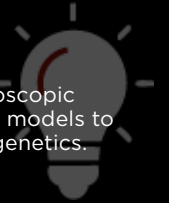
COLLABORATIVE TEAM MEMBER

From powerful rhythms to beautiful melodies, the High School Band Concert showcased students and staff working together to deliver moving performances! We are proud of our student musicians and directors for all the hard work that made this concert a success.



CRITICAL THINKER & PROBLEM SOLVER

Bucyrus science students dove into hands-on labs that brought anatomy and microscopic biological processes to life. These interactive lessons used everything from skeletal models to gummy bears to help students master complex concepts like osmosis and human genetics.



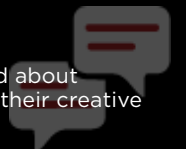
ADAPTABLE LEARNER

Fifth-grade students stretched their thinking as they learned from Ohio University meteorology students, engaging with new tools, asking thoughtful questions, and adapting their understanding of science through real-world applications.



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

In December, fourth graders put on their teaching hats to share what they learned about Christmas in Mexico, Italy, Germany, and Sweden with eager first graders, honing their creative and communication skills.



PROFESSIONAL & RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

The Bucyrus High School Players Show Choir, directed by Mrs. Kaitlyn Dunfee, visited three local nursing homes in December as a way to give back to and share their talents with the local community.



DRIVEN & PURPOSEFUL WORKER

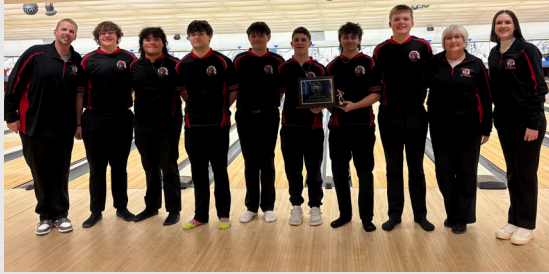
The Shark Tank project connects middle school students with high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs through real-world, hands-on learning. This project builds confidence and communication skills for our middle schoolers and leadership and employability skills for our high schoolers.



REDMEN RECAP

Undefeated & Unmatched

The Bucyrus Redmen Boys Varsity Bowling Team capped an undefeated season by securing the Bowling N10 Championship.



The 8th Grade Lady Redmen Basketball Team closed out an undefeated 15-0 season by clinching the N10 Tournament Championship.

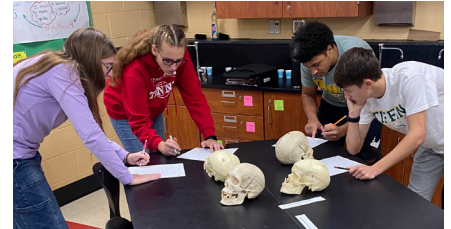


Wins at a Glance

-  Brody Higginbotham, Boys Bowling set school single-game record (299), 1st Team All-N10, and Bowler of the Year
-  Ben Jones, Boys Bowling 1st Team All-N10
-  Will Kuhn, Boys Bowling 2nd Team All-N10
-  Dustin Feck, Boys Bowling 2nd Team All-N10
-  Bryce Phillips, Boys Bowling Honorable Mention All-N10
-  Girls Bowling Team Three team records broken
-  Joe Powers, Boys Bowling Northern 10 Coach of the Year
-  Hayden Butcher, Football (LB) Honorable Mention All-Ohio, Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
-  Grady Weber, Wrestling Reached 100 career wins
-  Ethan Corfman and Calen Redmon, Middle School Wrestling OAC District Champions, Qualified for OAC State Tournament

Powered by Partnerships

Strategic partnerships expand learning opportunities, support students and staff, and responsibly leverage resources that further extend the value of our taxpayers' investment in our schools. As a result of these collaborations, students and staff have gained access to hands-on experiences in advanced manufacturing, engineering, and career development—experiences that would not otherwise be possible and prepare students for success beyond graduation.



Community Partnerships at Work:

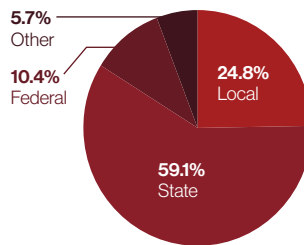
- **\$700,000 State of Ohio CTE Equipment Grant**
Advanced manufacturing & fabrication labs
- **Bucyrus Elks Lodge #156**
\$4,000 Gratitude Grant supporting student-athletes
- **The Ohio State University Mansfield Engineering Club**
Hands-on engineering experiences for students
- **Regional Manufacturing Coalition (RMC)**
Workforce-aligned learning opportunities
- **Team NEO**
District-wide career connections training
- **True North Project Advisory Committee**
Local business and industry collaboration



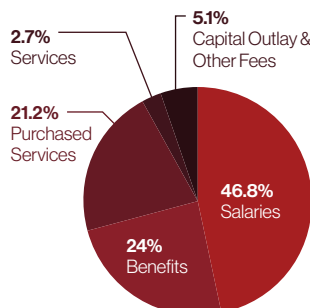
"We are so grateful to our partners. This kind of hands-on learning brings classroom lessons to life. Now, our students can see how creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving directly apply to future careers. It's inspiring to see them work like engineers." -**Kelly Stine**, Career Exploration Teacher

Message from the Treasurer

Revenue Sources



Operating Expenditures



Our goal at Bucyrus City Schools is to operate efficiently, spending the vast majority of our expenditures where they matter most—in the classroom. Currently, 62.4% of district funds are spent directly on instruction, reflecting our focus on supporting student learning while being responsible with public dollars.

It is important to note that a significant portion of our district's funding comes from the State of Ohio. This state support helps reduce the burden on local taxpayers; however, discussions around school funding continue at the state level. We will continue to advocate for maintaining strong support for our schools and our students.

As always, we are grateful for the support of our local taxpayers and community. We take our responsibility as good stewards of these resources seriously and remain committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students.



Lisa Thoman-Cha
Treasurer
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Mark Your Calendars

MARCH 2-6 — Literacy Week

MARCH 5 — Elementary School Author Visit
(T.L. McBeth); BES Family Literacy Night

MARCH 6 — BSS Spring Picture Day

MARCH 10 — BSS Spring Picture Day

MARCH 19 — End of Third 9 weeks

MARCH 20 — No School (Teacher Work Day)

MARCH 23 — No School (Spring Conference)

APRIL 3-6 — No School (Spring Break)

Registration Open Now!

Preschool and Kindergarten

**Early registration is
important!**

Preschool AM, PM,
and Full Day
**Preschool spots are
limited**

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