



Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

PSO Council is a meeting for sharing information and learning about our schools and our district. We encourage you to engage in responsible conversation and healthy discussion on issues to promote better education for children. Personal agendas are not welcome at Council. We will gladly direct you to the appropriate resource to help you after the meeting. Please respect each person's time on the agenda.

PSO Council President, Megan Sarfi called the meeting to order at 9:33 . The pledge of alliance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02.

Welcome	
OFFICERS	
1st Vice President- Holly Long & Karen Mitchell	<p>Presentation of Slate for 2017-2018</p> <p>President: Philip Shipman 1st VP: Kerry Ely & Denise Gawlik 2nd VP: Jill Gerber Corresponding Secretary: Gloria Joseph Recording Secretary: Kelly Petros (2nd year of term) Treasurer: Kim Policarpo</p> <p>No further nominations. Official election at May council meeting.</p>
2nd Vice President- Rita Miller	Not present. Nothing to report.
Recording Secretary- Kelly Petros	Please sign in. Reminder that the PSO recording secretaries need to remind PSO volunteers, committee chairs & the board to track their volunteers hours. I will need each schools total hours at the beginning of May to report to the school board and for tax purposes.
Corresponding Secretary- Jennifer Schneider	Send information for Newsletter.
Treasurer- Joanna Hamilton	Treasurer's report read by Holly Long. See attached Treasurer's Report.
President- Megan Sarfi	<p>(See Attached Agenda provided by Megan)</p> <p>Thank you for brunch.</p> <p>There was much discussion about parent's disagreement with the new dress code that was published and begins next school year. This dress code was championed by student advisory board that has been put in place by administration. This change was allowed to give some say to</p>

	<p>this board, and the dress code was deemed an area where student input was acceptable.</p> <p>Karen Mitchell expressed the sentiment that parents in the school district do not agree with the dress code. There was absolutely no input gathered from the parents. Parents disagree that this is a decision that the students should have made. The changes in the dress code will make learning more difficult and distracting.</p> <p>Brian suggested that the parents write up their concerns and they will be shared with Joelle. All parents with concerns should email Joelle ASAP.</p>
Superintendent - Joelle Madgar	Not Present. No Report.
Board of Education- Debbie Bernauer	<p>Last week a tentative agreement was reached between Board and Teachers. Still needs to be approved by board.</p> <p>Levy efforts have been tremendous.</p>
Director of Human Resources- Brian Wycuff	No Report.
Treasurer/CFO- Rick Berdine	No Report
Director of Business Services- Chris Coad	No Report
Director of Curriculum and Instruction- Maggie Niedzwiecki	<p>Completed first round of state testing. Free ACT for juniors was completed. Also full round of ELA testing. Results should be back approximately the first week of June.</p> <p>Have a wonderful spring break and Easter.</p>
Coordinator of Community Relations- Cathy Harbinak	<p>Not present.</p> <p>Cathy has retired this year after 29 years.</p>
Director of Pupil Services- Gina Symsek	<p>Changes to gifted program will occur over the next few years. FAQ on website and went home with students from elementary and central earlier in this year.</p> <p>No longer self-contained gifted program in 3rd grade. Will provide ability to service more students and able to provide services for math and/or reading only. Still working through logistics with administrators and teachers.</p> <p>For grade 3 and 4 that are currently in self-contained class will remain in that format for 4th and 5th grade.</p> <p>Plan to provide support for socio-emotional skills.</p> <p>Testing and eligibility: IQ needs to be 127 or higher or 95 percentile on</p>

	<p>approved test. Moving toward universal screening.</p> <p>There was much discussion over parents not being included in the focus groups to decide about changes to the gifted program. Specifically around the 3-4 self-contained classes. Parents disgruntled about decisions being made with out their input. Working to be able to provide switch classes for next year.</p> <p>For gifted program going forward into high school. Students can take honors and AP classes without being identified as gifted in the younger years.</p> <p>See attached FAQ</p>
CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar & Dr. Carla Calevich	<p>Not present. No report provided.</p>
PRINCIPALS AND PSO UNIT PRESIDENTS	
High School- Joe Mueller Principal	<p style="text-align: center;">BBHHS PSO Council Report 4.6.17</p> <p>Here is our Hive Happenings for April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Spring Musical - <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> was last Thurs - Sat. Hopefully, you saw it, as it was an incredible show. Congratulations to our cast, crew and directors for an outstanding weekend! All are keenly anticipating the annual “Dazzle” nominations later this month. Good luck! • ACT Testing - On March 22nd, 289 Juniors took the ACT on-line @ BBHHS. This in-school administration is part of the new state-mandated testing/graduation requirements. Only 5 students were absent from the test! Everyone did an unbelievable job, including those students not testing! With only 1 class testing, there is no need to change the school day for the other 75% of the school. There are a number of ways students and families may use this test, including college admission (all/part), graduation, and exemption from OCBA testing (with a remediation-free score). • Awards - As we enter awards season, we continue to be amazed at our awesome kids. While too numerous to list, they will be outlined at the meeting, as well as on the web page, sign board, Twitter and AM announcements. Just another incredible year! • Mia Zivkovic earned “Best in Show” honors at the Cleveland Clinic Expressions program. This was top honors out of 1500 entries! Her poem was entitled “A World Turned Upside Down” • Our Orchestra & Choir trip to Gatlinburg/Nashville, Tenn. is 4.19 - 4.22.17. Our groups will be performing at a number of venues and touring some of the iconic locations in Music City during their tour.

- Scheduling - We are currently working with the district to finalize HS staffing to complete scheduling for the '17-'18 school year. All students will receive a '17 - '18 schedule at the the end of this school year. Schedules will be 'final,' with changes made only due to misplacement or technical error. Conflicts are currently being resolved by our Guidance Counselors.
- EOC/Graduation Testing - On Monday 4/3 & Tuesday, 4/4, Juniors (11th) and Seniors (12th) started school @ 9:20AM (2-hr. delay), due to Eng. 9 and Eng 10 exams administered to freshmen and sophomores - who started at regular time (7:20am). All other exams will be given in class, during the school day, through early May. All tests will be given on-line. Tests given are: Eng 9 & 10; US Hist and US Govt.; Alg & Geom and Physical Science. Like our ACT testing - testing was very successful!
- AP testing - From May 1 - 12h, we will administer over 1000 Advanced Placement exams to over 500 students seeking college credit for their AP experience. Our **mandatory** pre-AP testing meeting is 4.25.16 @ 2:30PM in the Aud.
- Robotics - Our BBHHS Robotics team has become a national "juggernaut", qualifying for state, national and world competition. They will travel to Louisville, Ky., the last week of April for the World Tournament. Bees Robotics has become one of our signature STEM programs in the district.
- Here are our End-of-Year events/dates:
- 4.28 - Internaitonal Cultural Extravaganza - 4:30 - 6PM - HS Cafeteria
- 5.1- 5.12 - **AP Testing - see above.**
- 5.4 - **Senior Internships** - Begin Wednesday, May 4th. Applications are due 4.7.
- 5.13 - **Riversweep** - Our Environmental Club/service opportunity is Saturday, May 7th, from 8AM - 1PM. We will take 300+kids to the clean the Cuyahoga/canal pathway in The Flats. You should go - it's awesome! Contact Mr. Palumbo or the HS for details.
- 5.12 - Our **Senior cook-out** is Friday, 5.13 during lunch on the Athletic patio.
- 5.13 - **Prom** is Saturday, May 13th, from 7 - 11P at the Embassy Suites, Independence, followed by After-Prom at BBHHS from 12 - 2AM. Contact Nuvia Martin for details.
- 5.18 - **Senior Awards Night - Wed. 5/18 @ 7PM - Aud.**
- 5.22 - Physics Cardboard Regatta IV - Brecksville Rec. 1030AM - 130PM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.22 - Senior "Countdown Clock" - Monday 5/22 @ 2:20PM - Main Lobby! • 5.23 - School Recognition/Awards Program - Tuesday, 5/24 @ 8AM - Gym - Seniors dismissed following program. • 5.25 - Senior Breakfast/ Mandatory Graduation Practice - Friday, 5.27 @ 8AM - no practice=no participation. Commencement tickets (6)/Caps & gowns distributed after practice. • 5.27 - Commencement - 1PM State Theatre, Playhouse Square. Graduates due @ 12:15PM. • 5.31, 6.1 & 6.2 - Final exams, students last day! • 6.3 - Teacher work day • 6.13 - Week of 6.13 - Final Report Cards (Mailed). <p>Spring is always super busy. There are always many other events that are not listed. Please check the web page & Twitter @_BBHHS. Hope to see you at one of these!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow us on Twitter @_BBHHS, or visit our web page. • GBED!
HS PSO – Karen Mitchell	<p>HS Slate</p> <p>Co-presidents: Karen Mitchell and Holly Long</p> <p>1st V.P.: Sheri Dickhaut</p> <p>Treasurer: Lottie Kraguljac</p> <p>Corresponding Secretary: Gloria Joseph</p> <p>No further nominations. Official election to take place at May meeting.</p> <p>Looking for parent volunteers to monitor AP tests.</p> <p>After prom at rec center from 11-2. Looking for volunteers.</p>
Middle School Principal- Todd Rings	Not Present. No Report Provided.
MS PSO- Jennifer Dzina Julie Guardado	The middle school play was very successful. April 28 th 8 th grade social Need volunteers and donations. Malley's online still going on through April 10 th .
Central School Principal- Chris Hartland	Not Present. Report provided by David Martin.
Central PSO-	Clubs are wrapping up. Science club and book club.

Michelle Banks Melissa DeTray	Art show and book fair last month. Variety show May 11 th .
Chippewa Principal- Beverly Chambers	Not Present. Report provided by David Martin.
Chippewa PSO- Kelly Ely & Denise Gawlik	<p style="text-align: center;">PSO Council Report Chippewa PSO April 6, 2017</p> <p>Math Madness - On Friday night March 10th, Chippewa held its first Math Madness night. Chippewa teacher Amber Dickens organized the fun math event with the help of Colleen Toth and Michelle Leizman. Over 50 students and their families attended and took part in a variety of activities including a scavenger hunt, using math to make recipes, learning fun math games with manipulatives donated by former BBH teacher Anne Larsen and her company K-3 Climbers as well as online math games.</p> <p>Gifts & Goals - our Gifts & Goals committee met and preliminarily approved many items requested by teachers and staff including several types of alternative seating options for students, iPads, document cameras and leveled readers. These items will be voted on at our next general PSO meeting.</p> <p>We will also be voting on our new Executive Board at the next PSO meeting. Happily, we were able to fill all positions and there will be a lot of new faces to plan the Chippewa events next year.</p> <p>Upcoming Events After Spring Break - We will be very busy after Spring Break. We are preparing for several events.</p> <p>Earth Week - Chippewa will be celebrating Earth week April 16th through the 20th. The students will be planting seeds, making recycled book marks, and taking part in the Zero Waste lunch competition. Additionally, on April 25th, the classes will take turns visiting an Earth Biodome set up in the cafeteria, we did this last year and it was very well received. Its a large inflatable earth that the students can enter and will listen to an educator discuss the Earth. And on April 28th, a naturalist from the North Chagrin Reservation will bring an owl to visit the students. Third graders will also have a visit from a education specialist from the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Department to learn how to reduce water pollution.</p> <p>Chippewa PSO is working with Bike Brecksville to plan our first Bike Rodeo. The Rodeo will be held at Chippewa on Saturday morning April 29th. Representatives from Bike Brecksville and Bike Cleveland as well as the Brecksville Police will be there to teach kids about bike safety. They will do free safety checks of the kids bikes, check brakes, tires etc. There will also be fun bike activities and free bike helmets for Chippewa students who attend.</p> <p>Our STEM chair has coordinated a visit from a Channel 3 WKYC meteorologist for second graders as part of their weather unit on May 12th.</p>

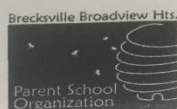
	<p>Our last Science DZ is scheduled for May and will be on the topic of Rocks & Weathering. Thanks to our PSO STEM Coordinator Becky Claridge and the District STEM Coordinator Michelle Leizman for all their hard work.</p> <p>Plans are underway for Staff Appreciation in mid-May as well as several other end of the year traditional events at Chippewa.</p> <p>Parental concern voiced about lack of keyboarding skills.</p>
Highland Drive Principal- Eva O'Mara	Not Present. Report provided by David Martin.
Highland PSO- Jill Gerber Rachelle Reusse	<p>Read by Council Delegate Susie Patton</p> <p><u>PSO Council Notes - Highland Drive Elementary - -April 2017</u></p> <p><u>COSI</u></p> <p>COSI visited Highland again with another successful program, teaching about The Incredible Human Body. They taught about heart rate increase as we danced to an X-box – like interactive dancing program on the screen. We saw different skin types under a microscope and took measurements of our own body parts, comparing them to some of the Guinness World Book of Records measurements. We had numerous volunteers for the National Honor Society and parents as well. Break down and clean up happened very quickly. We have our program scheduled for next year .</p> <p><u>GIFTS AND GOALS</u></p> <p>We have had meetings with our principal and our committee and have completed our first round of Gifts and Goals. Items include Accelerated Reading Programs, books, mice for computers, Hoberman Spheres, a toad habitat and we also included payment for the books for our One Book One School. The Scholastic price was 3.99 per book. We researched and decided to use a new source called Book Pal, where we received the book at a price of \$2.88 each and free shipping. This resulted in a savings of over \$300. The books arrived within a week. We are also working on a second round of items to be approved in April/ early May.</p> <p><u>KALAHARI</u></p> <p>We received \$660 from the BBHCS D from the March date which will result in a payment of \$132 to each school. We are looking at our next dates for next year. Another option would be doing an end of the year celebratory date.</p> <p><u>EARTH WEEK</u></p> <p>Earth Week will be celebrated at Highland on 4/24-28. Our committee chair, Jenn Greiser (who is also a naturalist at Metroparks) has many great ideas and special visitors arranged.</p> <p><u>BOOK FAIR / ART SHOW</u></p> <p>We have the Highland Drive Book Fair and Art show taking place on April 27th. Thank you for Tricia Culotta and Leslie FitzSimmons for their efforts this year managing Scholastic.</p> <p><u>STAFF APPRECIATION</u></p> <p>Staff Appreciation week at Highland will be May 1-5</p> <p><u>CHESS TOURNAMENT</u></p> <p>We have our first elementary Chess Tournament scheduled for May 5th at Highland. Chippewa,</p>

	Highland, and Hilton will participate for this friendly fun event. Everyone wins and receives a prize. Parents are encouraged to participate as well. There is a doubles category for best parent/child combined score. There will be trophies for top scores.
Hilton Principal- David Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSO Council Report</u> Chippewa/Highland/Hilton/Central April 2016</p> <p>(Chippewa) Principal's Spotlight was just completed for the third quarter-recognizing students for academic efforts, being positive role models or leaders in the classroom. Done quarterly. Principal contacts home to share good news. Students receive certificates and group picture is posted on the web site.</p> <p>[Hilton] Random Bee Buck Drawing for the month of March last Friday.</p> <p>(Chippewa) Second grade students performed their musical, "Goal", at Chippewa yesterday afternoon and at the Middle School last night! They were outstanding, as always. Thanks to the teachers and to Mrs. Ferguson and to parent volunteers for their efforts to prepare the show! (Hilton) second graders performed "Hats!" on March 22.</p> <p>(Hilton) very successful Book Fair & Art Show on March 24. Thank you Hilton PSO, volunteers, staff, parents and students.</p> <p>[Chippewa] Earth Week...activities being planned by PSO parents for the week of April 18. Thanks to the PSO parent volunteers for organizing the activities for the week...including the "Zero Waste Lunch" event along with other lunch/recess activities for the children.</p> <p>[Highland] Highland's Earth Week activities are scheduled for the week of the 24th. A sign up genius email has been sent out to our parents for volunteers during the activities. Thanks to Jen Grieser for this effort.</p> <p>Three weeks ago today, Mr. Martin had a very bad day. He played 26 students in a Box Tops basketball game. He lost, by only because he hurt his leg. Final score 72-70.</p> <p>All schools successfully administered the AIR Reading tests on March 28 & 29. AIR Math will take place on May 2 & 3.</p> <p>All school are administering the iReady universal screening...third round...is scheduled to be completed between April 18 and 22 We are confident that we will continue to see growth in our students in Reading and Math.</p> <p>Second grade students in all schools will be taking the COGAT (ability assessment) along with the IOWA (achievement assessment) during the first week of May. Central's fifth graders will take the IOWA this week.</p> <p>Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break which begins after school this Friday! Students return to school on Tuesday, April 18. Enjoy the break with family and friends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As are ALL OF US!!!!!! • We will complete our One Book, One District initiative. Mustard, Catsup, and onion are finishing up the experience. Michelle Abraham's father

	<p>has gifted every student with baseball cards from his prized collection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Highland] We are hosting Jim “basketball” Jones as he talks to our students about bullying at 1:20 on Friday, April 7. [Hilton] “Music in your Pocket Assembly 4/18. • Spring picture Day is going to take place on April 27. • Finally, we have gotten to that time of the year again. The visits from and to Central will start on April 19, to introduce our third graders to their upcoming transition.
Hilton PSO-Christy Crouch	<p>1. Our annual book fair was a huge success this year! We collected \$2405 from the coin challenge--a Hilton record! \$150 went to class pizza parties for the top two classes who collected the highest amounts and \$2255 went to teacher wishlists and other books. Every teacher in our building received all the books on their wishlists PLUS extras, and dozens of books were donated to the library and preschool as well. Scholastic matched our total and donated that amount of books to a school district in need. We sold \$8654.46 at the book fair and took the cash option for \$2163.62 profit. We also received a 10% second fair bonus of \$865.45 because we held a "mini fair" in conjunction with our Holiday Shop in December. That amount was payable in Scholastic dollars, which were in part used to purchase the books for One Book/One District this year.</p> <p>2. We have a couple STEM activities coming up: our last ScienceDZ day for this year will be on May 12 and our first graders will once again participate in the First Grade Math Olympics on May 19.</p> <p>3. Just a reminder that Hilton's 50th birthday party will be on Saturday, May 6 from 1-4 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend! Informational flyers are available and emails will be going out soon, please ask me (See Attached Flyer)</p>
COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES	
Schools Foundation-Rhonda	<p>Sip and support fundraiser was last month and went over well. Do not have final numbers but think around 20K.</p> <p>Last initiative is May 17th scholarships for college seniors to hand out around \$25,000 in college scholarships.</p>
Orchestra Boosters-Melissa Rohrer	Not Present.
Vocal Boosters- Barb Diver	Not Present.
Band Boosters-Michelle Mihalek	<p>February had 65 members go to OMEA and had many superior and excellent ratings.</p> <p>Pancake breakfast was big success. Made about 12K. Money to go to the musical programs in the elementary schools.</p> <p>Jazz band attended Ashland jazz festival.</p> <p>Spring Showcase tonight at 7PM – Free.</p> <p>CJO at the end of this month \$15.</p>

	See Attached flyers
Athletic Boosters- Beth O'Donnell	Not Present.
STEM Coordinator- Cathy Roderick	Not Present.
QUEST- Maria Hearn	Not Present.
PSO Representative to the Safety & Security Committee- Jill Gerber	Not Present.
New Business	None

Agenda



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OPENING

- Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 1st Vice President – Holly Long / Karen Mitchell
- 17-18 Council of State:
 - ❖ President – Philip Shipman
 - ❖ 1st Vice President(s) – Denise Gawlik / Kerry Ely
 - ❖ 2nd Vice President – Jill Gerber
 - ❖ Corresponding Secretary – Gloria Joseph
 - ❖ Recording Secretary – Kelly Petros (2nd year of term)
 - ❖ Treasurer – Kim Policarpo
- 2nd Vice President – Rita Miller
- Recording Secretary – Sue Nall
- Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Schneider
- Treasurer – Joanne Hamilton

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Huge Thank You to the Staff for our wonderful Brunch last month
- Dress Code – Starts next school year ... championed by the Student Advisory Board and supported by the Superintendent and Principals.

PSO High School Report

- President – Alicia / Karen
- 1st VP – Holly Long
- 2nd VP –
- Honorary VP – Joe Mueller
- Recording – Kelly Petros
- Treasurer – Lottie Kraguljac

HS 16-17 Slate of Officers

- ❖ Presidents – Alicia DeSantis / Karen Mitchell
- ❖ 1st VP – Holly Long
- ❖ 2nd VP –
- ❖ Honorary VP – Steve Ast
- ❖ Recording – Kelly Petros
- ❖ Treasurer –

Board of Education

- Debbie Bernaur

Administrative Staff

- Superintendent – Joelle Magyar
- Director of Human Relations – Brian Wycuff
- Treasure/CFO – Rick Berdine
- Director of Business Services – Chris Coad
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Maggie Niedzwiecki
- Coordinator of Community Relations – Cathy Harbinak
- Director of Pupil Services – Gina Symsek
- CAPA Coordinator – Kelly Lazar

Principals and PSO Unit Presidents

- High School – Joe Muller / Karen & Holly
- Middle School, Todd Rings / Jen Dzina, Julie Guardado
- Central School – Chris Hartland / Philip Shipman & Melissa DeTray
- Chippewa – Beverly Chambers, Kerry Ely & Denise Gawlik
- Highland Drive – Eva O'Mara, Jill Gerber & Rachelle Reusser
- Hilton – David Martin, Christy Couch

Committees and Representatives

- Schools Foundation, Foundation Trustee
- Athletic Boosters, Beth O'Donnell
- Band Boosters, Michele Mihalich
- Vocal Boosters, Barb Diver
- Orchestra Booster, Melissa Rohrer

New Business

Adjournment

Dates to Remember

- Apr 6 HS Showcase with Buddy Deshler @ 7pm
- Apr 27 HS Orchestra / Choir Concert @ 7pm
- Apr 28 Cleveland Jazz Orchestra w/BBHHS Jazz Ensemble @ 7pm HS Auditorium tickets \$15 advance / \$20 at the door

- May 4 HS Band Concert @ HS 7pm
- May 13 HS Prom and After Prom
- May 27 HS Commencement @ 1pm
- May 29 Memorial Day, No School

- Jun 1 Last Day of School

Treasurer's Report

BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HEIGHTS PSO COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 6TH, 2017

Balance as of March 2 nd , 2017	\$11,564.73
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Deposits

Council Dues	\$509.87
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Disbursements

Constant Contact	\$85.00
Quick Books Online Fee	\$100.44
Aris Services - Tax Prep Fee	\$1,200.00

Total	\$1,385.44
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Balance as of April 6 th , 2017	\$10,689.16
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Gifted Program Letter and FAQ



BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"where fine education is a heritage"

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Administrative Assistant
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March 13, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is for Parents/Guardians of students in grades pre-K-5. We will be making some changes to the gifted program and how services are delivered. As we have been communicating, we will be making the changes to meet a wider group of students. After several meetings and listening to input from a variety of entities, we have decided to make the following changes to our gifted services beginning with the 2017-18 school year. The changes are as follows:

2017-18 School Year:

- **Third Grade:** Students identified as gifted either superior cognitive or subject specific will receive 'pull-out' services in Math and English Language Arts (ELA). This will occur a couple times per week at the three (3) K-3 buildings. The students will NOT be required to attend Highland as our current service model dictates. The instruction/enrichment during the "pull-out" sessions will be with a gifted intervention teacher. Science Club will be available for students after school.
- **Fourth Grade:** Students in the current 3rd Grade Challenge Class will continue to be in a self-contained class in 4th grade (with the possibility of some students identified in a subject area also being in that class).
- **Fifth Grade:** Students in the current 4th grade self-contained class, will remain together in a 5th grade self-contained class (with the possibility of some students identified in a subject area also being in that class).

2018-19:

- **Third Grade:** "Pull-out" services will continue at each of the three elementary buildings along with Science Club.
- **Fourth Grade:** Daily Math and ELA instruction by a Gifted Intervention Teacher. Identified students will be clustered among the grade level teams. Students will participate in "Lunch Bunch" to support the social/emotional growth of the students. Science Club will be available to students identified in Science before or after school.
- **Fifth Grade:** Current 4th grade self-contained class will remain together in a 5th grade self-contained classroom (with the possibility of some students identified in a subject area also being in that class).

2019 and Beyond:

- **Third Grade:** Pull out services will continue at each of the three elementary buildings along with Science Club
- **Fourth Grade:** Daily Math and ELA instruction by a Gifted Intervention Teacher. Identified students will be clustered among the grade level teams. Students will participate in "Lunch

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Bunch" to support the social/emotional growth our kids. Science Club will be available to students identified in Science before or after school.

- **Fifth Grade:** Daily Math and ELA instruction by a Gifted Intervention Teacher. Identified students will be clustered among the grade level teams. Students will participate in "Lunch Bunch" to support the social/emotional growth our kids. Science Club will be available to students identified in Science before or after school.

The Middle School courses will remain as they currently are being provided.

We want to ensure that all our students have opportunities to be challenged, enriched and serviced in multiple areas of identification. The change in our service model will allow us to accomplish this while still providing the high quality instruction our Gifted students need to thrive. Should you have any questions regarding the changes, please contact my office anytime.

Sincerely,

Gina Symsek, Ph.D.

Gifted Parent Frequently Asked Questions Testing and Eligibility:

Q 1: What is the testing protocol for identifying students as gifted?

A 2: Students will be tested on a cognitive abilities test in a whole grade/class format in grades 2 and 5.

Q 2: Can parents request testing for their child?

A 2: Parents can request testing for their child once per year in the off-year testing years.

Q 3: When will testing occur?

A 3: For students in grades 2 and 5, testing will occur in the spring (specific dates will be confirmed annually).

The testing window dates for this school year (2016-17) are as follows:

Chippewa: May 1-5

Hilton: May 1-5

Highland: May 1-5

Central: April 3-7

Parent requested testing will occur during a specific testing window in the spring (specific testing dates will be confirmed annually).

Q 4: What is the criteria for eligibility to be identified as gifted?

A 4: If a student scores a 127 composite score or higher on a cognitive ability test, he/she is identified as superior cognitive gifted.

If a student scores a 95% percentile or higher on a sub-test (subject area) on a cognitive ability test he/she is identified gifted in that subject area (e.g., Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies).

Q 5: What tests will be used to identify students as gifted?

A 5: An achievement and/or cognitive abilities test that is on the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) approved list of assessments will be used to identify students as gifted.

Delivery of Services/Programming:

Q 11: Is the district required to provide gifted services?

Q 11: The district is not required to provide gifted services, however, we choose to provide students with services because it provides them with an opportunity for courses/instruction at a higher level and for differentiation that meets their needs.

Q 12: What type(s) of services will the district offer?

A 12: The district will be providing 'pull out' services in the areas of Reading/English Language Arts (ELA) and Math to students identified as gifted in third grade. In grades 4 and 5 students will receive services/instruction in ELA and Math in gifted level/accelerated level classes. They will participate in Science and Social Studies with their peers in the general education classrooms/curriculum with differentiated instruction and/or enrichment within the classroom.

In grades 4-8, students in the area of Math will participate in accelerated math courses (if identified superior cognitive or math subject specific gifted).

In Middle School (MS), students will have accelerated Math courses, ELA accelerated courses, and beginning in 7th grade, Science accelerated courses.

In High School (HS), students will have the opportunity to participate in Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors courses.

Q 13: Why is the district changing the delivery of services (grade 3-5) from self-contained to 'pull-out' services?

A 13: The district is changing the delivery of services from self-contained to 'pull-out' to provide more identified students with services (i.e., not only superior cognitive identified students but also students identified in ELA and/or Math subject specific identified students). To provide services to students at all three (3) K-3 buildings for students identified as gifted in third grade. For students in fourth and fifth grade, they will continue to receive direct services in ELA and Math but will participate in Science and Social Studies in the general education classes with their peers.

A 18: 'Pull-out' services will be for students in 3rd grade and will occur a couple times per week for a designated time and day or could be for a given allotted time daily.

Q 19: What is the William and Mary ELA Curriculum?

A 19: The William and Mary ELA Curriculum is a curriculum that the district uses for students in the gifted ELA classes in grades 3-8. It is a curriculum that is an integrated model that presents skills in a higher level of thinking process and rigor/challenge. It incorporates and encourages student to use higher level critical thinking and application skills. (www.education.wm.edu for more information).

Q 20: Why does the district use the William and Mary Curriculum?

A 20: The district uses this curriculum due to it being a research-based curriculum that incorporates and fosters students to use higher level thinking skills and application of skills.

Q 19: Why should parents consider gifted services for their child?

A 19: It is an instructional setting and curriculum opportunity for students that are identified gifted that will provide them with a challenging curriculum to meet their educational needs.

Q 20: Will there be any opportunities that will support the social-emotional needs of students identified as gifted?

A 20: The social-emotional needs of students will be addressed through group activities (e.g., social skills groups, lunch bunch groups).

Q 21: How will students be challenged in Science and Social Studies?


A 21: At the elementary grade levels (e.g., grades 3-5), they will be challenged with enrichment activities within the classrooms and curriculum.

At the MS, they can participate in Accelerated Science courses beginning in 7th grade.

At the HS, they can participate in AP and Honors courses.

If you have additional questions please contact Dr. Symsek, Director of Pupil Services/Coordinator of Gifted Education (440-740-4017) or Mrs.

Band & Orchestra Flyers



BBHHS ORCHESTRA
SPRING CONCERT
 SEASON FINALE 2016-2017

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH
7:00PM

BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS. HIGH SCHOOL
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The final concert of the 2016-2017 season will feature a combined performance of the String & Concert Orchestras followed by three numbers played by the Chamber Orchestra. The finale number features all three orchestras performing Coldplay's top hit, Clocks.

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May 6, 2017 1:00 – 4:00 pm

At Hilton Elementary School

6812 Mill Road

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