



Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2014

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, Cindy Ring, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am there was no flag present so the pledge of allegiance was not said.

Welcome	Good morning please help yourself to some refreshments in the back.
OFFICERS	
1st Vice President- Amy Macy	Thank you to those that helped with the Welcome Back Luncheon for Staff.
2nd Vice President- Laura Jonozzo	No Report
Recording Secretary- Sue Nail	Please sign in. All reports can be emailed to suzanne95osu@gmail.com Thank you to those of you that have sent me your notes for today's meeting. If you have not yet done so, please send me those today. Remind your Unit Secretaries that it is their responsibility to record volunteer hours of all PSO members at their units throughout the year.
Corresponding Secretary- Lila Tamulewicz	<p>Welcome Back!</p> <p>A big thanks to Cindy Ring and Jana Vanadia for helping me put together this year's PSO Calendar/Directory. If Cindy hasn't told you already, we went with a new printer, Image Concepts out of Valley View, as they were very accommodating and able to give us a high quality looking calendar at a lower price than last year. There were a lot of challenges I faced while compiling this year's version. A LOT! But we made it through. Going forward we need to look into each school inputting their information in an on-line platform for both the Calendar and Directory where this information can be exported and printed, should we want to do so. My recommendation is that we go to a virtual version only going forward. This "static" version that we produce every year is great, but never in "real time." I understand that this may not be the majority of opinions out there, but I believe this is where we are at as far as information sharing.</p> <p>Any edits that need to be made to the Calendar portion can be done at the school level on their Google Calendars. Directory edits and any calendar edits that you would like me to post on the PSO Council's Calendar Edits page can be forwarded to me. I will need the page number, location and edit.</p> <p>Extra calendars are at the Educational Center and each school main office if you need an additional emergency copy.</p> <p>Feel free to forward me anything you would like me to "get the word" out in the PSO Council Weekly Updates! I apologize that we will not be publicizing any fundraising opportunities unless they are PSO or District related.</p>
Treasurer- Lottie Kraguljac	The 2014-2015 Budget was presented.
President- Cindy Ring	First, I'd like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. I'd also like to welcome any NEW PARENTS that might be here this morning. Please feel free to get some coffee and bakery. PSO Council Board to introductions:

1st Vice President – Amy Macy
2nd Vice President – Laura Jonozzo
Recording Secretary – Sue Nall
Corresponding Secretary – Lila Tamulewicz
Treasurer – Lottie Kragulijac

The PSO Council Budget for 2014-2015 was presented. One late change that was noted was that Constant Contact just sent us a notice that fees will increase \$5 per month. May I have a motion to have the PSO Council budget approved Megan Sarfi; Is there a second? Heather Piasecki. It has been moved and seconded that the PSO Council Budget for 201-2015 be approved. Is there any discussion? Discussion is closed. Those in favor please say “aye”. Those opposed say “No”. The “ayes” have it and the motion is carried to accept the 2014-2015 PSO Council budget as presented.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- **CONVOCATION LUNCHEON:** Thanks to Amy Macy and Cheryl Richardson for giving their time before school started in planning the Back to School Luncheon that was served to all BBHCSD personnel on **Monday, August 25th**. The District with the help of the PSO Council Delegates and PSO Presidents volunteered their help to make this luncheon a success.
- **PSO COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS:** A new format to our PSO Council monthly meetings this year will include the PSO High School monthly meetings. Over the past three years the reduction in parents attending these evening meetings was the reason why the PSO Council along with the PSO High School Officers decided to incorporate the high school meetings with the PSO Council monthly meetings. As most of you probably know, Laura Jonozzo is the PSO H/S President and she also works part-time for the District at the Middle School. In an effort to accommodate her work schedule, I would like to suggest that we allow the high school to go first each month with their report.
- **BBHCSD CALENDAR:** Also big thanks to Lila for chairing the production and distribution of the BBHCSD Calendar (for really the past four years) which is sent out to all parents before schools start.

At the beginning of my term, it was suggested that I seek out (2) additional printing companies to provide us with a quote to produce the 2014-2015 calendar/directory. I referenced the cost from last year’s printer (Mail Hub) to use as my base price. I contacted two vendors, Imagine Concepts. Valley View Ohio, off of Rockside Rd. and Kehoe Printing off of Schaf Road in the old Brooklyn area. Kehoe Printing has printed the School’s Foundation Beach Party programs in the past. After reviewing all (3) printer capabilities Imagine Concepts was selected to produce the BBHCSD calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. Imagine Concepts did provide us with the lowest pricing \$5,357.00.

Imagine Concepts was also selected because they are a full in-house printing company capable of producing the calendar (from input of date, to designing the cover, to handling the mailing addresses, actual printing of the calendar and delivery to the post office). This type of design service would be costly if the PSO and District decided to go this route. Given that the PSO is currently in a position where we do not have anyone volunteering to chair this project next year, I felt a responsibility to also seek a printing company that did have the capabilities to help us out next year.

We are also giving serious thought to only offering this calendar on-line. All families would be able to access this calendar from the BBHSCD.org website. However, we would also need a chair person to handle the gathering of data; input of data; and proofing of data for the calendar.

- **ELEMENTARY NIGHT** at the BEES Football Game is coming up on Friday, September 12th. Show your school spirit and join us on Friday night at 7:00pm and support your BBH football team!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARKET DAY: Remember that our Market Day monthly fundraiser is up and running and pickup day is Tuesday, September 16th at the Middle School at 3:00pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates outlined below: September 16; November 11; December 9; January 20; February 17; March 17; April 21; May 19. • MEMBERSHIP: Membership drives are underway. All units are setup to have members join on-line. • Board of Education – Debbie Bernauer <p>Principals and PSO Unit Presidents (No PSO President's report at September's meeting in an effort to keep this meeting to one hour; all other meetings will include their report). The PSO President's did submit written reports that are included in these minutes.</p>
<p>Superintendent- Scot Prebles</p>	<p>Smooth start to the school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced Brian Wycuff- New Director of Human Resources • Working with Broadview Hts. Council & Chamber on putting a new LCD sign in front of the Middle School. Signage & info for parents for MS & HS • Enrollment- Increases in 2nd grade (30 more) & 9th grade (50 more)- more kids coming in than ever before. • Now expected to read at the end of kindergarten. • Student to teacher ratios in the early grades is very important. At Highland 1 3rd grade class was split to move a teacher into 2nd grade where enrollment had increased. 3rd grade is “pressured” with the number of kids per classroom. Grades K-3 target 23/classroom. Grades 4-12 target- 25/class. <p>Performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd grade- reading scores in the top 8% • 4th grade reading- top 5% • 5th grade reading top 5% & science top 9% • 6th grade reading top 8% & science top 6% • 7th grade reading top 9% & science top 9% • 8th 4% for both • HS more than 2 points above the avg across the nation <p>Reiterated his state of the school address in a shorter time frame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have performed at the highest level; 17th best school district in the state of Ohio. • Ohio Local Report Card Scoring for the District & individual schools. Highest possible score – 120. No school in the state has gotten above 114. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highland- 108.5 ↑ 2 pts ○ Hilton- 109.8 ○ Chippewa- 111.4 (highest in school history & highest score in our district) ○ Central- 105.8 ↑ 4 pts ○ MS- 107.7 (special needs students improved in reading & math from year before) ○ HS- 111.2 ○ District- 108 last year/ this year 108.4- PLC's & professional development time on a daily basis has helped with this increase. • Levy- November Renewal levy on the ballot. Will try to move from renewal to continuous. This is NOT a new levy so there will be no increase in taxes. This is the last renewal levy. The district has not asked for any new levies in 11 years. • Transportation- HS busing is back in place. A few of the HS buses also need to go to MS routes & there have been some delays. These are being worked thru <p>Thank you to the PSO for the luncheon for the teachers.</p>
<p>Board of Education- Debbie Bernauer</p>	<p>Not present.</p>
<p>Director of Human Resources- Brian Wycuff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment changed over the summer but has leveled off. • Reminded us that scores are 1 thing but the opportunities are kids have are also important. • Thanked the parents for being involved.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have staff related questions please feel free to call.
Treasurer/CFO- Rick Berdine	Not present
Director of Business Services- Larry Tomec	Not present
Director of Curriculum and Instruction- Dr. Carla Calevich	Gallup says- Students that have hope are engaged in the classroom. This is based on connections between students & teachers. Off to a great year.
Coordinator of Community Relations- Cathy Harbinak	Not present
Director of Pupil Services- Gina Symsek	Not present
CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar	<p>Eventful summer for the HUDDLE group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the Memorial Day parade & Brecksville Home Days. Participated in Hunger Games which was an event throughout the state that focused on hunger. Pharming Effects- danger of use of prescription drugs. Presented a program to a group in University Hts. Participated with 30 other people from across the country & with a group of 15 students from Mexico to discuss what pressures Mexican students face. Prescription Take Back day Sept 27th 10a-2p Brecksville Square. 1500 lbs. was collected at the last Take Back Day. HUDDLE Jr- lots of community volunteering No HUDDLE in the 9th grade- due to transition of 9th grade. Didn't want to be sending the kids back into the Middle School. Other options for the 9th graders.
PRINCIPALS AND PSO UNIT PRESIDENTS	

<p>High School- Joe Mueller Principal</p>	<p>Thanks to our Awesome students, parents and staff, BBHHS had an unbelievably positive beginning to the '14-'15 school year. Busing has returned, traffic is smoother, and our teams and groups are in full Fall swing! Here is an update on our start to '14-'15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our teachers are writing SLO's (Student Learning Objectives) and administering pre-assessments right now, as part of the State's Student Growth/Performance Reporting requirements. Their collaborative work around student learning reflects their on-going professional learning in best practice instructional strategies. Student data will be analyzed and reported, and data-driven decisions about learning will continue to drive BBHHS classrooms. • Assessments will assume a higher profile beginning this year. Student Growth, Performance-Based/College and Career Readiness (PARCC/AIR), and End-of-Year assessments - in addition to our Aspire 9 & 10, PSAT, and AP exams, will all be scheduled during the school year. Our current 10,11 and 12th graders still have to pass the OGT to qualify for a diploma. We will provide more information about all of these assessments throughout the year. • We have exciting news about National Merit Scholars for the Class of 2015. We will be releasing that information at the end of next week, as directed by NMS Corp. • School Picture day for all students in grades 9, 10 and 11 is Thursday, September 4th. MPS order forms are on-line • Sept. 6 Bruce Lerch Cross Country Meet at BBHHS • Sept. 11 Open House 7:00PM • Sept. 11 CVCC Open House 7:00PM • Sept. 19 Gallery of Achievement Induction and Football Game recognition 9A • Sept. 25 Homecoming Parade and Bonfire - 7PM • Sept. 26 Homecoming Football Game - 7PM • Sept. 27 Homecoming Dance 8:00-11:00 PM <p>While life in the "Hive" is terrific, you can see that this year presents us with unique challenges and opportunities. We have many reasons to expect that we will continue our "Heritage of Excellence" at BBHHS. GBED!</p>
<p>HS PSO- Laura Jonozzo</p>	<p>The HS membership drive is off to a great start! We have approximately 100 family memberships to date. Staff memberships have started coming in as well and we anticipate 100% participation. The start of the school year was full of excitement and anticipation. PSO welcomed back staff with sweet treats from Panera to help set the tone for a positive year. At present we are raffling off a great basket with a face value of approximately \$800. We have a \$350. gift certificate from Star Sports, \$250. to Huntington Learning center, \$50. Gift cards to Chipotle and Swensons, an Oragami Owl Locket with Bees 2014 charm, a Vera Bradley Lunch box, Nike Phone cover, beverage container and school supplies to name a few items. Tickets will be on sale at the Open house and the first two football home games. Ticket prices are 1 for \$5. and 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held the end of September. Please stop by our table and sign up for membership and enter the raffle.</p> <p>'Market day reps will be joining us this year at the Open House on September 11 at 7pm. They will be bringing the cookie of the month for all to taste and purchase. New this year, Market day can be purchased in store at GFS in Macedonia, Brookpark and Strongsville. They have items in store year round from Market day to be purchased and taken home that day. All you need to do is tell them that BBHCSD gets the credit at check out. If you have never tried Market day or haven't bought in awhile it is worth checking them out. October is cookie month and they have a wide variety to try! The HS has rewards set up at both Heinen's and Target this year. All you need to do is shop and give credit to our school at the register. These stores give us a percentage back at the end of the year. A very simple way to help our school earn money. Spread the word to family and friends.</p> <p>The SWARM Board sign ups are up and running. Teams, clubs, groups can sign up for a two week window throughout the year and decorate the board at the end of the cafeteria. We have a Sign up Genius on line and time frames are filling up. This is a great tradition and a way for the kids to show support and school spirit for their group</p>

	<p>or team. We encourage the kids to decorate the board and parents to oversee the job! If interested in decorating the board please contact Claudia Griesmer at chgriesmer@gmail.com</p> <p>We are looking forward to Homecoming at the end of the month of September and as always look for a few volunteers to serve beverages or take tickets. If you are interested in helping in a small way this is a great opportunity. Please email me at LaJonozzo@yahoo.com if you would be willing to help out for a short time.</p>
<p>Middle School- Todd Rings Principal</p>	<p>The middle school had a great start to the “Best School Year Ever”, with the exception of a little water problem on the first day, but we survived.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have about 990 students in our hallways this year. • Our staff is getting to know the students and preparing them for the school year. • We had a successful “Meet the Teacher Night” last Thursday that was well attended by parents. • We have made several improvements to the middle school including a remodeling of the guidance office, as well as, putting in a kitchen area for our MH students to practice life skills in their classes. • All visitors must report to the main office when they enter the building. Mrs. Woznicki is doing attendance this year and Mrs. Schreiber is the guidance secretary. • The athletic teams are off to a great start at the middle school. <p>Picture Day- 9/17 Book Fair- 9/23-25 Fuel Up Event- 9/23 Aspire (pre-ACT)- 9/25</p>
<p>MS PSO- Jennifer Dzina Julie Guardado</p>	<p>The Middle schools first event is the Book Fair which is Sept. 23-25. We are adding the online component this year to help with families that can't make it to the book fair. Our first fundraiser kicks off on September 29th.</p> <p>Memberships- 63 Family 59 Single 1 Staff</p>
<p>Central School- Chris Hartland Principal</p>	<p>Central School welcomes 562 students to the 14/15 school year, 260 4th graders and 302 5th graders. We also welcome the following new teachers to Central:</p> <p>New to the Central and the district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Sybo, Gr.4 Gifted • Tiffany Jacob, Grade 4 • Kate West, Special Education • Melissa Doherty, Gr 3 Reading Intervention • Scott Hanna, General Music • Felicia Crosby- Long term substitute for a maternity leave <p>Newly assigned to Central:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christa Carr, Grade 4 • Anna Lea, Special Education <p>This last Tuesday our teachers continued their work on unpacking Ohio’s new Content Standards. Teachers worked either in LA or Math content groups to analyze the standards, create common assessments, and develop units of instruction.</p> <p>Our Fall Fundraiser kicks off on 9/10. This brochure sale has been very successful in the past and we look forward to another great year. Gifts and Goals proceeds helped us to acquire iPad sets with charging stations, iPod touch sets, and a mobile sound system for assemblies and events in school as well as for outdoor events. Thanks for helping us to improve and expand our technology usage at Central.</p> <p>Huge thanks to Central PSO for the many partnerships that we have developed with them. Once again we had many volunteers at drop off and dismissal time for the 1st week of school. This really helps us to direct students to their classes and to the buses while they learn the layout of the school. Additionally, a number of wonderful student based partnerships will take place this year which include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Walking Club – Begins wk of 9/15, T and Th weather permitting • Central Book Club – Oct, Jan, and Mar • Central Science Club – Sept, Nov, Feb, April • Girls Bee Fit – M and TH, 9/8 to 10/22 • Health and Safety Week – 9/8 to 9/12 <p>Thanked the PSO for the Back to School teacher breakfast</p>
<p>Central PSO- Michelle Banks Jill Gerber</p>	<p>GOALS: We have been working all summer to fill our committee positions; get our clubs up and running, and to schedule family activities almost every month of the school year. We are kicking off our first family event with the tailgating party before the elementary night at the football game on Sept. 12th.</p> <p>Our goals have been to streamline and reduce down our number of committees. We also wanted to work on our public perception and to reach out to parents through our various communications. Be the friendly face at all our events. We also created a new addition to our newsletter called “Spotlight On,” where we will feature a little story about each of our 9 new teachers and staff at Central. We want to be a positive communication link for parents to learn more about the happenings at Central. We have also created a new Science Club. Their first meeting will be Sept. 24th. This after-school club has been created to enhance our STEM activities which are up and running at Central.</p> <p>Our Walking Club is returning this year. They will begin Sept. 15th and run through the end of October (weather permitting).</p> <p>Our other PSO sponsored clubs being offered this year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club • Girls Running Club <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK: Runs from September 8-12th at Central. The students will have the opportunity to visit the fire house and many other organizations during their recess time that week.</p> <p>The schedule for the week is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/8 Brecksville Metroparks-outdoor safety, how to identify poison ivy etc. • 9/9 Cuyahoga County Board of Health Glo-Germ • 9/10 Rainbow Injury Prevention Center- Sports Safety • 9/11 Cleveland Clinic-Dietician on healthy food choices • 9/12 CAPA <p>FALL CATALOG FUNDRAISER: Our fall catalog fundraiser kicks off on September 10th and will run for two weeks, thru September 24th. We are using the same company, TRI-C, again due to the success of last year’s fundraiser in which we raised over \$19,000. We hope to surpass that number this year.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: We have a total of 144 members to date. 77 single memberships and 70 family memberships.</p> <p>CENTRAL’S SEPT. PSO MTG.: Central’s first PSO Meeting is set for Friday, September 5th. We will vote on our proposed budget at that meeting.</p>
<p>Chippewa- Beverly Chambers Principal</p>	<p>Welcome back...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We greeted a total of 326 students on Wednesday, August 27...82 kindergarten students (three full day sections and one half day section), 82 first grade students, 86 second grade students, and 76 third grade students. We have a full house at Chippewa this year! • We welcomed approximately 50 families to our New Family Orientation which was held on August 20 in the gym. Though warm, it was great to meet all of our new families and provide them with the opportunity to tour the building and answer questions that they had! • There have been several staffing changes at Chippewa. Those joining the staff this fall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dayna Daltorio-PE teacher ○ Jennifer Ference-ELL teacher ○ Sue Diemer-Special Education, 50% ○ Karen Coffey-job share in special education

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melanie Day-half day kindergarten teacher ○ Sarah Skoczen-long term sub for Melanie Day ○ Karen Taylor-Head Cook ○ Kristin Arko-Kindergarten teacher ● We celebrated our students' successes on last spring's Ohio Achievement Assessments in Math and Reading. 99% of our students met the proficiency benchmark in Reading and 94% of our students met the same benchmark in Math. Our AYP rose from 110 last year to 111.4 this year. AYP is a measure of student growth through the year. These results continues to be a reflection of the commitment of the entire staff to insure that the students were well prepared for the assessments. Now the work begins to continue to strive for academic excellence for all students as we head through the 2014-2015 school year. ● The district Waiver Day was scheduled for Tuesday, September 2. The majority of the Chippewa staff spent the day with Matt Glover. Matt shared his wealth of knowledge and expertise in the area of writing with the K-3 staff. Specialists worked on the development of Student Learning Objectives (SLO's) for each of their specific curriculum areas. It was a productive day for all staff. ● Classroom visits are being completed to share with all students our building wide expectations. Children are expected to "Bee Their Best" every day to insure that we will have a positive learning environment for all! ● Thanks to the PSO, the staff and students are enjoying many of the gifts purchased last spring through the profits of fundraising events. Gifts included: a number of iPads, headphones for the computer lab, and a variety of classroom items that included learning centers, carpets, and a program designed for students who are struggling with literacy. Parent volunteers have already been active in the building...helping on the playground, in the cafeteria, and assisting with the kindergarten transition to classrooms. We couldn't do it without their assistance. ● Thanks, also to the PSO for organizing the Welcome Back Social. The families enjoyed having the chance to meet, and talk with, other Chippewa families while the children enjoyed the bounce houses, the slushies, cotton candy, and popcorn! The Tailgate Party has been scheduled for before the Elementary Football Night at the High School on September 12. Be sure to check out the PSO web site for more information and to sign up to attend!
<p>Chippewa PSO- Heather Piasecki</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We're off to a great start. We welcomed 325 students and 266 families at our Info. Night on 8/26. We also hosted our Welcome Back Social with bounce houses, cotton candy, popcorn and sno-cones on 8/29. ● Membership is doing well at 106 memberships already. ● Volunteer Forms are coming in and we've filled almost all of our Head Room Parent positions for the year. ● The new design of Chippewa's Spirit Wear t-shirt is a huge success. If you're interested in ordering, we're taking orders until 9/12. Info. is available on our website. ● We're getting ready for Elementary Night Football Game Tailgate party on 9/12 and look forward to face painting, corn hole and fun times. ● Our 1st general meeting will be on 9/10 where we'll welcome all our members, discuss the upcoming year and present our Audit and Budget for approval. ● See Mrs. Chambers report for additional major highlights.
<p>Highland Drive- Eva O'Mara Principal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We opened with 335 students ● Just received 2 new students from Syria who have never been in school nor do they speak any English. ● We have 2 ADK sections and 2 half-day sections ● 4 grade 1, 4 grade 2 and 4 grade 3 ● Our staff was realigned at the end of August in order to address the large numbers in three sections of second grade. Mrs. Adams was assigned to the fourth grade 2 section. This left three sections of grade 3 and one Challenge classroom. ● The teachers have dived into unpacking the standards and K-3 spent the Waiver Day listening to Mr. Matt Glover's presentation on Writing Workshop. ● We completed Kindergarten phase-in and the teachers are becoming accustomed

	<p>to administering the state’s new KRA assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our building is in really good shape thanks to the efforts of our summer cleaning crew_Mike Duhanich, Ruza Bjelanovic and Brad Snider • We had a number of construction issues addressed, not the least of which was the sunken sidewalk area as one begins to walk towards the school from the parking lot. A drain was installed and the sidewalk was raised so we no longer have to walk through a lake when it rains. • 2 new staff members & 1 staff members from Chippewa & 1 from Central <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our playground got a facelift with the addition of new sturdy benches, new basketball backboards and hoops and a beautiful Buddy Bench painted by Mrs. McCafferty’s Girl Scouts. • Our Highland Island and the flower beds around the school are being beautified by PSO under the leadership of Christen Ritter. • Meredith Ondak is creating Indoor Recess bins for our classrooms in anticipation of a cold winter once again. They are works of art-really amazing and we are so grateful. • All in all this was a wonderfully smooth opening due in no small part to everyone’s propensity to over-prepare. It worked.
<p>Highland PSO- Amy Macy Meredith Ondak</p>	<p>We held a meeting in July to discuss and ultimately vote on expenditures to upgrade the playground. Our goal was to get it completed before the first day of school. In collaboration with the School District we installed new basketball backboards, rims and nets, as well as 5 new benches. In addition, we hired a painter to paint several pieces of equipment on the playground.</p> <p>We kept one of the wooden benches in place. With the help of a Girl Scout troop it was painted in school colors and named the “Buddy Bench”.</p> <p>The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Our guidance counselor will be educating the students on its intended purpose.</p> <p>Our Staff Appreciation Committee provided a nice breakfast for the teachers and staff at Highland Drive on Friday of last week.</p> <p>On Thursday, August 28 we held a “Back To School Fling” in the evening for Highland Drive families. We had various tables set up to inform families about some of the things that our PSO offers (Market Day, BlueSkyGreenField, Boxtops, to name a few.) We also sold spirit wear shirts and provided an opportunity for families to pay school fees and put money in their child’s lunch account. Children participated in crafts and a scavenger hunt and families enjoyed Bossie’s Ice Cream.</p> <p>Our first PSO meeting will be next Wednesday, Sept. 10th at 9:30am.</p>
<p>Hilton- David Martin Principal</p>	<p>Hilton had a great new family orientation & welcomed 100 new families (70 were new kindergarten families). We opened Hilton with the following enrollment numbers (Hilton is growing!):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pre-school = 70...seven sections/classrooms · Kindergarten = 42 (ADK) · Kindergarten Mon./Wed. = 21 · Kindergarten Tues./Thursday = 21 · First Grade = 85...four classrooms · Second Grade = 107...five classrooms · Third Grade = 78...three classrooms <p>GRAND TOTAL = 424</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilton utilizes a school-wide PBS (Positive Behavior Support) system. Our motto is <i>“Bee Responsible, Bee Respectful, Bee Ready to Learn, and Bee the Difference.”</i> Currently, there is a school-wide contest to try and estimate how many Bee Bucks we earned last year, in 2013-2014. (Hint: It’s in the thousands!) • Hilton second graders will be using their own laptops in the classroom this year. This is part of the district-wide “one-to-one device” initiative. • On September 2, all K-3 teachers were able to spend a day with Matt Glover, a nationally recognized early literacy and writing expert. Mr. Glover imparted

valuable knowledge and practical strategies on how to improve writing skills for all levels of learning in the early grades.

- We are all very excited about our new playground (coming soon!) at Hilton. Please visit our playground website @ <http://www.hiltonps.com/playground.html> for more information.
- Spirit Week is almost upon us! I hope to see everyone at our tailgate party at the Middle School on Friday, September 12 from 5:00-7:00.
- Gina Huber, Stephanie Fetcko- new teachers

You can follow me on Twitter @Hilt_Martin. Don't have a Twitter account? No problem! Simply text "follow @Hilt_Martin" to 40404 and receive informational text messages from me.

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership this year. It's going to be another fabulous school year at Hilton!

**Hilton PSO-
Janelle Henning**

Major Accomplishments and Events Upcoming

1. Playground Project – Over the summer, we finalized our playground proposal, prepared all advertising materials and planned a corporate fundraising strategy. We met with the mayors from both cities and received their endorsement. We presented our proposal before Broadview Heights City Council and requested funding, we are waiting to hear back. We are in the process of finalizing plans with the Brecksville Kiwanis for their assistance. They have agreed to donate 50% of their proceeds from their Trick or Trot family event on Saturday October 25th to our playground. We also received assistance from councilwoman Jennifer Mahnic in sharing our information with the Broadview Heights Lions and Broadview Heights Boosters. The Broadview Heights Chamber of Commerce will be presenting our information and requesting donations from their members weekly during September. We plan to meet with several more large corporations in the coming months, and plan an aggressive letter campaign for Sept/Oct. We also have several members pursuing grants.

****We are asking all Unit PSO's and the District PSO to share the flyer for the Trick or Trot with all district families. This is a great family event and lots of fun, and we want to support the Kiwanis in their endeavors to thank them for their generous assistance.

<http://www.brecksvillekiwanis.org/trickortrot.html>

2. Membership: Using a modified registration process this year utilizing iPads for online registration at all membership events, attempting to be more "green" as well as decrease workload for membership cmte. Good feedback on this from families so far. Enjoyed New Family Orientation night, welcomed approximately 70 new families and gave them tours of the school, highlighting our Habitat with a "mudpie" making activity and refreshments. Also attended all Meet the Teacher nights with membership registrations available.
3. Spirit Week: Selling Hilton spirit t-shirts at all membership events as well as at school in person and by flyer. Bringing back the extremely popular "Where in the World is Flat Martin" spirit week activity, where families enjoy a scavenger hunt game at local businesses (who are encouraged to donate to our Fun N Stuff fundraiser baskets) and take a picture with "Flat Martin." Looking forward to the Elementary Night Tailgate and Football Game. Plan to give out megaphones advertising for our Playground Project at our Pep Rally on 9/12.
4. Classroom Volunteers: Using a streamlined Room Parent/Classroom Volunteer form modified from what is used at Central to decrease the number of flyers printed ("going green") and avoid overwhelming families with flyers early in the year. Will update council on effectiveness of this change. Moved up the Room Parent organizational meeting due to feedback from last year, so Room Parents are chosen earlier and have more time to prep for fall parties and volunteer needs in classroom.

	<p>5. <u>Fun N Stuff Fundraiser</u> – Plans are underway to gather donations for Hilton’s major Fundraiser. We are holding our “Fun-Raiser” as past years at Fun N Stuff in Macedonia on Thursday, October 16th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Simplify!</u> Our theme for this year as a PSO is to keep things simple but awesome. Working on minimizing volunteer “fatigue” for events and school activities. 2. <u>“Green” initiative:</u> Attempting to minimize use of paper flyers and utilize website and weekly Hilton Highlights as primary modes of communication, while understanding that some families require paper forms and some events need paper registration to be effective.
COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES	
Schools Foundation- Megan Sarfi	There are many grants to help the schools – want to touch more lives, not just those graduating.
Orchestra Boosters- Melissa Rohrer	No report
Market Day- Kathy Derbin	No report
Band Boosters- Rose Jonovich	<p>Band performing at the Indians Game this Saturday at 6:15 Fundraiser- Drive One for your school at the end of September. \$10 to test drive a new Ford</p> <p>There will be a citrus sale will be begin in October. at Thanksgiving to support the band members’ trip to Disney this year. Vocal- flower sale Music in our Schools Pancake breakfast 3/21 will benefit all musical groups. This is a new event</p>
Athletic Boosters- Beth O’Donnell	No Report
QUEST- Maria Hearn	<p>QUEST is an informational and networking group for parents of children with special needs in the district. We hope to have a parent support meeting in the fall.</p> <p>- If any families have any questions, please contact Maria Hearn at #440-717-1681 or by email at jtmfh@yahoo.com</p>

Dates to Remember

9/12 Elementary Night at the Football Game
9/16 Market Day Pickup
9/19 Alumni Night at the Football Game
9/22 Board of Education Meeting
9/25 Homecoming Parade and Bonfire
9/26 Homecoming Football Game
9/27 Homecoming Dance

10/2 PSO Council Meeting
10/6 Bees Athletic Boosters Meeting
10/13 Board of Education Meeting
10/14 Market Day Pickup
10/17 NO SCHOOL (NEOEA DAY)
10/27 Board of Education Meeting

10/30 End of 1st Grading Period

10/31 NO SCHOOL INSERVICE/RECORDS DAY