

HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!



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Superintendent's Office

Dr. Edward J. Forsthoffer III

The new year is upon us and our students have passed the halfway point of the 2019-2020 academic year. January began with the Board of Education holding their annual reorganization meeting on January 2. Our new Business Administrator, Chifonda Henry, swore in our three newest Board of Education members. Howard Barman and Stephen Heberling are back for another term and new Board member, Erika Worthy was sworn in for her first term. The Board reelected Eileen Francisco-Cabus as the President and Sal Schiano as the Vice President.

During the month of January, we have had professional development for all of our staff, celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. and managed to make it through the month without any weather emergencies! In fact, during this first week of February, we are seeing temperatures in the sixties. However, we all know that will not last. In fact, looking back at previous years, many of our closings have occurred in February, March, and even an occasional April.

In February, our staff and students will celebrate President's Day and we begin our second semester. Behind the scenes, the administration has been busy preparing the school budget for next year. Toward the end of March, the Board of Education will need to approve a tentative budget for the 2020-21 academic year and have it submitted to the county for review. This budget will be designed to meet our academic and financial obligations while attempting to improve the school district. The final budget will not be approved until April, but this first draft of the budget will be a good predictor of the finances of the school district moving forward.

Finally, these newsletters are a great source of district information but you can read up to the minute news updates by "liking" our Facebook page by clicking [HERE](#). Additional information about the district and each of our schools can be found on our district homepage at www.bordentown.k12.nj.us.

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BRSD Staff Views Security Drill

The BRSD is always striving to maintain and improve safety in our schools. At a recent staff professional development day, the District partnered with the Bordentown Twp. Police Department to practice an *active shooter drill* while the students were out of the building. Staff members volunteered to participate or acted as spectators. Four Bordentown Township Police officers, including school resource officer Adam Edwards, emerged from the stairwell, in formation, and moved quickly and carefully down the back hallway of our high school to simulate a class by class evacuation.

Prior to the announced drill, Chief Brian Pesce addressed all district staff members to inform them of the various elements of the drill and the precautions taken by the participating officers to ensure the safety of officers, participants, and spectators during the drill. Following, Chief Pesce and Officer Edwards fielded questions from staff members and reiterated the processes to follow in the event of an actual emergency. Throughout the question and answer period, Chief Pesce discussed the readiness of the police departments in both Bordentown Township and Bordentown City to respond to such an event and emphasized the importance of collaboration in keeping district schools safe.



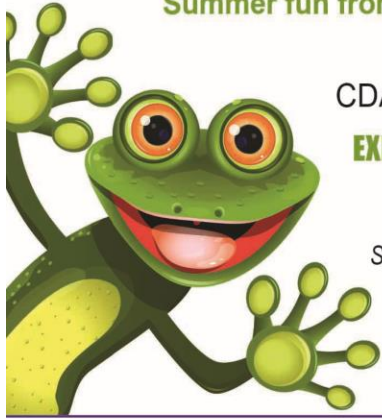
The district extends our gratitude to Chief Pesce and all of the officers involved in the drill and continues to value the strong relationship that exists between the police and school district in an effort to ensure the safety of all of Bordentown's schools.

Achieving Excellence through Equity

In addition to viewing the drill, BRSD staff members also had the opportunity to learn from colleagues who had attended a three-session workshop focused on equity and cultural proficiency as part of the district's membership in the New Jersey Consortium for Excellence through Equity (NJCEE), an interdistrict learning community focused on ensuring the success of all students. Five district staff members, (Mr. Riether, MIS Principal; Ms. Patterson, BRMS Guidance Counselor; Ms. Rossell, PMS teacher; Ms. Morley, BRHS Assistant Principal; and Mr. Gens, Language Arts Supervisor) introduced the group to the ideas of the "single story" and "implicit bias", the concept of cultural proficiency, and the ways in which BRSD is working to create an inclusive environment. For more information, feel free to view the presentation the group created and shared: [Avoiding the Single Story and Implicit Bias](#).

CDA SUMMERCAMP 2020

Summer fun from June 22th through August 7th



CDA campers **IMAGINE** possibilities for themselves,
EXPLORE their strengths, **CREATE** new experiences
and work to **ACHIEVE** their full potential.

See our website for more information about our summer camps:

cda.asapconnected.com

ONLINE Registration starts at
6:00am on March 18, 2020

Early Bird Special
Best deal in town:
4 weeks
for one low price!

4 WEEK CAMP

June 29 - July 24

No camps on July 3, 2020

GRADES 5 & 6

PRE-TEEN CAMP (PTC)

4 week camp @ BRHS

PTC is for incoming and exiting sixth graders. The focus is on developing skills that can help students thrive during middle school. Our activities encourage collaboration, accountability and leadership. Our favorite trip to Princeton University, exposes students to a wealth of culture and history while promoting a theme of "aspire higher". Our field trips also include golf, bowling, the movies and Fireball Mountain.

GRADES K - 4

- ▶ We are excited about this year's theme:
"We use our powers to empower others."
- ▶ The resident monthly fee for Day Camp is \$125/week, includes trips and events for the entire 4 weeks, and operates from 7am-3pm. Your only additional cost is for lunch if you choose to have us provide it. Of course, extended care is always available.
- ▶ Our seasoned staff provide a safe and caring community for all students. You know us and we know your children. Campers will build relationships with certified Bordentown staff members that are truly invested in your family.
- ▶ CDA camps are able to provide a great balance of indoor and outdoor activities. Daily classes include Art, Music, Gym, Yoga, STEM, and our new addition of *Legends, Myths & Wonders of the World*.
- ▶ Special events are planned throughout the four weeks including local community presentations, Carnival Day, Sports Day, visits from our local police departments, and a storyteller. Our field trips include miniature golf, bowling, Pump It Up, and two visits to the AMC theatre.

DAY CAMP (4 Week Program) M-F	Gr. K - 4	7:00 am - 3:00 pm at PMES	\$500
PRE-TEEN Camp (PTC) (4 Week Program) M-F	Gr. 5 - 6	7:00 am - 3:00 pm at BRHS	\$500
Extended Care After Camp - Enroll by the week Choose weeks at registration: June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20	Gr. K - 6	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Per week \$70

Fee of \$500 is inclusive of all 4 weeks and will not be prorated. Fees above are the **EARLY BIRD resident fees** which go up by \$25 after April 30, 2020.
Visit our website for the non-resident fees at cda.asapconnected.com

THEATER • ART • PIANO • DANCE • SAT PREP • BASKETBALL • SOCCER • KINDERGARTEN READY • WOODWORKING • WRESTLING and much more!



2020 CDA SUMMER CAMPS - At a Glance

All fees below are the **EARLY BIRD resident fees** which go up by \$25 after April 30, 2020. No Camps on July 3, 2020.

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June 22 - 26		
Baseball & Softball Camp - AM	Gr. 4 - 8	\$120
Just Dance! Camp - AM	Gr. K - 6	\$120
Just Dance! Camp - PM	Gr. K - 6	\$120
Explore the Outdoors Camp - AM	Gr. K - 3	\$140
Fun & Games Camp - PM	Gr. K - 3	\$120
Ignite Your Spark! Camp 9am-3pm	Gr. 5 - 8	\$190
Ukulele Camp - AM	Gr. 2 - 3	\$120
Ukulele Camp - PM	Gr. 4 - 5	\$120
Ultimate Sports Camp - AM	Gr. 4 - 8	\$120
Woodworking Camp - PM	Gr. 5 - 8	\$140
Full Day Child Care 7am - 6pm	Gr. K - 6	\$175
Extended Care - Before & After Camp	Gr. K - 8	\$90

4 WEEK CAMP June 29 - July 24		
DAY CAMP 7am - 3pm	Gr. K - 4	\$500
PRE-TEEN (PTC) CAMP 7am - 3pm	Gr. 5 - 6	\$500
Extended Care - Aftercare by the week	Gr. K - 6	\$70

Fee of \$500 is inclusive of all 4 weeks and will not be prorated.

SPECIALTY CAMPS		
Kindergarten Ready Camp June 29 - July 10 (2 Weeks) 8:30am - 2:30pm	Pre-K	\$370
Jr. Musical Theatre Camp June 29 - July 18 (3 Weeks) 3pm - 6pm	Ages 8 - 13	\$230
Stock Teen Musical Camp July 20 - Aug. 1 (2 Weeks) 9am - 2pm	Ages 14 - 19	\$130
Super STEM Camp (July 6-10) 9am-3pm	Gr. 3 - 5	\$260
Cybersecurity Camp (July 6-10) 9am-3pm	Gr. 6-10	\$260
SAT Prep Course (July 6-10) 8am-11:15am	Gr. 9-12	\$330
Jazz Camp (July 15-23) 10am-12:30pm	Gr. 6-12	\$95
Wrestling Camp (July 20-24) - AM	Gr. K - 6	\$120

July 27 - 31		
Art Camp - Week 1 - AM	Gr. K - 3	\$130
Art Camp - Week 1 - PM	Gr. K - 3	\$130
Cheerleading Camp 9am-3pm	Gr. K - 6	\$195
Field Hockey Camp 9am-3pm	Gr. 3 - 8	\$195
Golf Camp 9am-3pm	Gr. 4 - 8	\$285
Kids Dig STEM! Camp - AM	Gr. K - 3	\$130
Kids Dig STEM! Camp - PM	Gr. K - 3	\$130
Soccer Camp - AM	Gr. K - 6	\$120
Mr. Poole's Adventure Camp 8am-4pm	Gr. 5 - 8	\$360
Playing Piano Camp: AM (Week 1)	Gr. 1 - 2	\$220
Playing Piano Camp: PM (Week 1)	Gr. 3 - 6	\$220
Full Day Child Care 7am - 6pm	Gr. K - 6	\$175
Extended Care - Before & After Camp	Gr. K - 6	\$90

August 3 - 7		
Art Camp - Week 2 - AM	Gr. K - 3	\$130
Advanced Art Camp - PM	Gr. 4 - 7	\$145
Basketball Camp - AM	Gr. 1 - 3	\$120
Basketball Camp - PM	Gr. 4 - 8	\$120
Fun & Games Camp - PM	Gr. K - 3	\$120
Mr. Poole's Adventure Camp 8am-3pm	Gr. 4 - 7	\$360
Playing Piano Camp: AM (Week 2)	Gr. 1 - 2	n/a
Playing Piano Camp: PM (Week 2)	Gr. 3 - 6	n/a
Reading & Writing Wizards Camp - PM	Gr. K - 1	\$110
Track Camp - AM	Gr. K - 6	\$120
Tumbling Camp - AM	Gr. K - 3	\$120
Ultimate Sports Camp - AM	Gr. 4 - 8	\$120
Wizards Camp - PM	Gr. K - 3	\$120
Full Day Child Care 7am - 6pm	Gr. K - 6	\$175
Extended Care - Before & After Camp	Gr. K - 6	\$90



BORDENTOWN
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



Congratulations to

**Mr. Vocalz, Elijah Davis,
for winning Mr.
Bordentown 2020**

Thursday Jan 30th

Wing Bowl @ 5:30PM

**The Day of
Empowerment for all
BRHS Students**

Jan 30th

CONGRATULATIONS GOVERNOR'S EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR 2019-20

Mrs. Fecher & Ms. Rabenda

Mrs. Fecher is a BRHS English teacher and Ms. Rabenda is a BRHS guidance counselor. They can be seen here volunteering to cook pancakes at the December 2019 Green Slip Breakfast for BRHS students.



BRHS Exams

Jan 28th and 29th

Ask your child about the BRHS elective fair from January 16th and what they are excited to see on his/her schedule next year!

Counselors have begun the process of scheduling for 2020-21. This will continue of the next month.

Bordentown Regional Middle School



News & Notes February 2020

SPREAD KINDNESS LIKE CONFETTI



Student Council, Team FAD, and Impact Club joined forces before winter break to create A Kindness Hallway. The Kindness Hallway was a creative and beautiful way to acknowledge kindness in our school, home, and community. Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grades came together to foster a school wide project. The hallway was filled with heartwarming messages of hope for the world, along with fostering kind, supportive relationships. From a spoon full of kindness to an ocean of positive intentions our Bobcat Pride shined bright!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AND OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

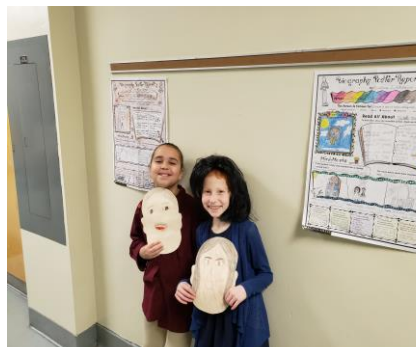
Congratulations to our Educational Services Professional of the Year, Mrs. Kathy Creegan and our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Lisa Hudik! We are very fortunate to have you working with our students!!



MacFarland Intermediate School News

MIS Fourth Graders Bring Learning to Life!

MacFarland Intermediate 4th Grade Students recently created a Wax Museum for parents and family members! In December, students chose a noteworthy, historical figure to read a biography book about during their reading workshop. They took notes, created a poster, made a mask, and wrote a script to read to wax museum guests. In January, the students transformed into various artists, musicians, Presidents, First Ladies, explorers, historians, sports figures, and many others! The students enjoyed this project and learned about struggles, accomplishments and the impacts these historical figures have/had in our lives!





Happy New Year from Clara Barton School!



On behalf of Clara Barton, we would like to congratulate our 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and Educational Service Professional of the Year. We are so pleased to have such dedicated, inspiring and outstanding staff members represent the excellence of CBS for Burlington County. It is an honor to have them recognized for their exceptional work with our students.

Our Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Colleen Ferrarese. Mrs. Ferrarese received multiple nominations this year. In the words of a colleague, "She works so hard to adapt her instruction to the needs of every child. I have rarely seen someone work so tirelessly to ensure that her students all receive instruction at their individual levels." Mrs. Ferrarese is an exceptionally skilled educator who routinely researches and brings best practices into her own classroom. She inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to succeed in her classroom and works tirelessly to make connections with every student. She is committed to professional learning and seeks in-house as well as all learning opportunities which she shares with her colleagues. She also works to ensure the CBS community is active and strong. We are proud of Mrs. Ferrarese, she is an outstanding example of CBS educators.

Our Educational Services Professional of the Year is Mrs. Lisa Curry. Mrs. Curry is a valued member of the CBS family and is highly respected by faculty, staff, students and parents. Mrs. Curry strives to create a caring, compassionate child-centered office environment. Student and staff well-being are always at the top list of her priorities. In addition to the care and compassion she shows daily as our school nurse, Mrs. Curry coordinates the yearly Thanksgiving basket and holiday gift donations for needy families. She is always ready with a smile and a kind word to those who visit her.

The staff, students, and parents of Clara Barton are overjoyed to honor both of these special staff members. We are fortunate to have these dedicated and caring ladies as part of our staff. Please congratulate them when you see them!



**Colleen Ferrarese 2019-2020
Teacher of the Year**



**Lisa Curry 2019-2020
Educational Services Professional of the Year**

BRHS and PMES Kindergarten students come together for a collaborative “Fun Friday” activity

On Friday morning, January 10, 2020, the seniors from Ms. Raynor's STC/RCS class visited with all PMES kindergarten students for a joint book read aloud as well as a cooperative kindergarten activity. The cooperative activity paired two high school students with a group of three or four kindergarten students to read a book, which the high school students selected for the students, and create a project for each kindergarten student. The high school originated cross-grade level activities fully engaged the kindergarten students. The kindergarten students were involved from the moment they entered the school's All-Purpose Room to the placement of the final element on their hands-on project. The working relationship between the high school seniors and PMES kindergarten students was fun and rewarding for all involved!

**A Super Turnout for our PMES Family Game Night!**

There were many students and their families in attendance for the first-ever PTA Family “Game Night!” at PMES on Friday evening, January 10, 2020. The family “Game Night” event consisted of two escape rooms, a mini-golf course, various board games and pizza. Our students and their family tested their skills in escaping from one of two escape rooms as quickly as possible. The escape rooms, which were actually classrooms converted to escape rooms for the evening, provided challenging mental and physical tasks for those that entered the room. Also, each family played a round of miniature golf in the gym and many different games in the school library. A special “Thank You” goes out to our PMES PTA for planning such a great event for all!



This Month

February 5 – Board of Education Meeting

February 17 – Presidents' Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

February 19 – Board of Education Meeting



Next Month

March 4 – Board of Education Meeting

March 18 – Board of Education Meeting

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“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.”

~Barack Obama ~

Thank you for checking in with The Bordentown Bulletin!