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Superintendent's Message

We've had a great beginning to the 2019-2020 school year! Students and staff have settled in for a new year of learning, fun and growth. We've had some big wins and some exciting events, but there is so much more to come.

You may be wondering where "The Hive" has been and I wanted to start off by thanking you for your patience as we transitioned to a new public relations staff member.

School information officer Kelly Cary left the District over the summer.

The District hired Sarah Buckshot in mid-October as our new Public Information Specialist. Sarah comes to us from The Post-Standard and Syracuse.com where she was a reporter for more than 12 years.



You may remember her as Sarah Moses. She reported on the district for many years for the Syracuse newspaper.

Sarah is continuously updating our District's social media pages, so make sure you like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram. I'm excited to work with her to take our public relations to a whole new level, and to help us get our message out to the community in new and exciting ways.

As a District we continue to be committed to the Positivity Project and the mindset that "Other People Matter." All of our schools are now participating in the character education project, which emphasizes putting others first as well as strengthening our character and helping others to strengthen theirs. Again this year, our school calendar features the character trait that students will be focusing on for that week.

I look forward to continuing to work with the community to achieve another successful school year. To be successful we need to ensure that all students are given the tools they need to succeed. Our top priorities are to provide all

students with a quality education, a healthy environment to grow in and the support they need to thrive. This, I believe, is possible when we all work together.

Thank you for supporting our students, staff and programs. I wish everyone a productive, happy and fun school year.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. McDonald
Superintendent of Schools

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Around the District

Baker High School

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a fantastic start at C.W. Baker High School! This year, the Student Advisory Council, which is made up of student leaders from various student organizations, planned and hosted the inaugural Baker High Student Activity Fair. Students involved in Baker clubs and activities promoted the many exciting opportunities for students to be connected and involved with one another here at Baker. It was an excellent day, filled with students making connections and building positive relationships with one another. Student club members actively recruited new members and did such a great job that many organizations have doubled or tripled in size. Students are also leading the Positivity Project at Baker, so stay tuned for more great things at Baker High as students lead the way!



Principal Kris Denton

Durgee Jr. High School

The start to the 2019-2020 school year has been outstanding at Durgee Junior High School. It has been exciting to see the energy that has been brought into the building by the classes of 2023, 2024 and the staff. This positive energy has been contagious while the students and staff are encouraged to be active in "Strengthening the Durgee Community Through Positive Relationships." I feel very fortunate to have the chance to be part of the Durgee family and I look forward to a great school year.



Principal T.J. Fraher

Ray Middle School

Ray Middle School is off to a terrific start this year! Sixth grade teachers are beginning to implement restorative circles in their classrooms. Restorative circles are a strategy used in classrooms to grow and develop relationships, build communities and respond to conflict and problems if they arise. Mrs. Ramin's classroom did a great restorative circle on teamwork! Students used the circle to discuss characteristics of successful teamwork and how teamwork can be helpful. Students then made a "human knot" and had to use teamwork to free themselves back to a regular circle. We look forward to continuing restorative circles this school year.



Principal Christina Morgan

McNamara Elementary School

McNamara Bees have been working hard on earning their McNamara Bees Deeds. Students who are exhibiting the 24 character strengths taught through the Positivity Project are given McNamara Bees Deeds to recognize their strengths. We randomly select 20 students every Friday from our McNamara Bees Deeds chest and recognize them over the announcements.



Principal Jennifer Homeyer

Palmer Elementary School

The year at Palmer Elementary School has started on so many high notes. Seeing the faces of new and returning students has been tremendously exciting. To cap off excitement as of late, we conducted our annual Fun Run event to fund school-wide programs and since students made our fundraising goal set by the PTA, I spent the night on the roof. (See photo of Principal Ewing greeting students and families as they arrived at school on the morning of Oct. 4.) The prior evening we hosted hundreds of people at our community event with food trucks, kindness rock painting, and tent reading by flashlight. Following, I did a Facebook Live reading of bedtime stories (in the rain no less) to wish all Palmer students a goodnight!



Principal Alex Ewing

Reynolds Elementary School

Our year at Reynolds got off with a bark! I am pleased that Lulu and her little brother Mac have begun to integrate themselves into the classrooms, students and routines of Reynolds Elementary. During the month of September, Literature with Lulu made its way to all of the classrooms in the building during the twenty minute reading block where reading to a four legged friend was highlighted as a strategy to build a student's reading skills. We were also honored to have Team Impact and the Syracuse University Women's Soccer Team come to Reynolds to sign a commitment letter for Graeclin Russo a fourth grade student battling cancer. The signing ceremony was built into our second P2 assembly where we recognized the character traits of teamwork, leadership and bravery.



Principal Melissa Chiodo

Around the District



Elden Elementary School

Elden Elementary had a great start to the 2019-2020 school year! We have so many awesome things going on. The Bee Cub Saver program is back and we are excited to continue our collaboration with Edge Federal Credit Union. Our STEM and wellness clubs along with our 3rd grade student council have started back up. Our 4th and 5th grade principal's council applications went to students in October. The Positivity Project is going strong with all of us continuing to learn about how OtherPeopleMatter. Also, students have been caught practicing the 3 Bees: Bee Respectful, Bee Responsible and Bee Safe throughout Elden Elementary School. We have begun to use restorative practices with students to help them problem solve. Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Butler, Mr. James and Mr. Coughlin have promoted talking circles in all classrooms to review how every student has a voice. A big thank you to the Elden PTA for sponsoring our annual ice cream social and book fair. Please consider joining the Elden PTA. Visit our website at <https://elden.ptboard.com>



Principal Thomas Coughlin



Van Buren Elementary School

Great things are happening at Van Buren in this new school year! Van Buren students are engaged in scientific inquiry at each grade level with the Smithsonian Science curriculum. Our students are becoming informed global citizens through the development of math, science, engineering and technology skills with this "hands-on" science approach. We are also meeting student sensory needs with the introduction of a movement maze that gives students a quick, organized break with purposeful movement and a new sensory room that helps students refocus in a quiet space with a range of calming activities. Our PTA has been very active organizing fun activities for our students such as the Book Fair, Annual Fun Run and our Halloween Extravaganza.



Principal Cindy Cronin

Palmer Principal honored with Administrator Award

L. Pearl Palmer Elementary School Principal Alex Ewing was honored at a ceremony recently with The Genesee Valley Region PTA Administrator Award.

The Genesee Valley Region PTA Administrator Award is given in recognition of excellence in educational administration. The award is aimed at administrative personnel whose leadership, instructional leadership, resource development, communication, and promotion of the mission and purpose of PTA sets them as models for other administrative leaders. The Genesee Valley Region PTA is one of sixteen regions of the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, a branch of the National PTA. The group represents PTAs in Onondaga County and seven other Upstate New York counties. The group's administrator award was created to honor educational administrators who serve as models of "best practice."

Principal Ewing said he was truly speechless to receive such an honor.



School Board Welcomes New Student Member

The Board of Education welcomed a new ex-officio student member in July. Jordyn Grady is a senior at Baker High School where she is heavily involved in numerous clubs and programs. During her senior year, Jordyn is involved in Model United Nations, Class Student Council, the elementary mentoring program, and numerous upcoming projects. Jordyn has always promoted diversity and has goals to support mental health awareness.

Around the District

Meet the New BCSD Staff

Welcome to the following new staff members:

Baker High School

- ▶ **William Allan** - Assistant Principal
- ▶ **Alyssa Benoit** - Custodial Worker
- ▶ **Genevieve LaPoint** - Typist I
- ▶ **Anthony Mastracco** - School Nurse
- ▶ **Anthony McGlynn** - English Teacher
- ▶ **Ashley Piascik** - English Teacher
- ▶ **Colleen Rice** - Latin Teacher
- ▶ **Stephanie Tortorelli** - School Nurse

Durgee Junior High

- ▶ **April Arquette** - Food Service Helper
- ▶ **Lauren Hibbard** - Social Worker
- ▶ **Nicole Ozimek** - Science Teacher
- ▶ **Inez Thomas** - Food Service Helper
- ▶ **Kari Trudeau** - French Teacher

Ray Middle School

- ▶ **Kevin Hagan** - Math Rti Teacher
- ▶ **Lynn LaBarge** - School Nurse
- ▶ **Hailey McKay** - Career & Technology
- ▶ **Danielle White** - Grade 6 Teacher

Elden Elementary

- ▶ **Verionica Phalen** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Amanda Spoleti** - Special Education

McNamara Elementary

- ▶ **Lisa Persons** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Jessie Pritting** - Special Education
- ▶ **Amanda Tzivanas** - Teaching Assistant

NEW TEACHERS



Back, left to right - Cody Lassinger, Lauren Hibbard, Andrew McGlynn, Nicole Chavanne, Danielle Runfola and Lauren Huges
Middle, left to right - Jessie Pritting, Sabrina Metott, Amanda Spoleti, Ashley Piascik and Kevin Hagan
Front, left to right - Lauren Ward, Danielle White, Nicole Ozimek and Kari Trudeau

Palmer Elementary

- ▶ **Laura Hughes** - Special Education
- ▶ **Sabrina Metott** - Special Education
- ▶ **Danielle Runfola** - Special Education

Reynolds Elementary

- ▶ **Nicole Chavanne** - Special Education
- ▶ **Lauren Dahm** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Paula Malecki** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Stephanie Rozioc** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Caryn Schrader** - Grade 4 Teacher
- ▶ **George Stoyan** - Custodian I
- ▶ **Michael Vasilou** - Custodial Worker

Around the District

Van Buren Elementary

- ▶ **Karilyn DeSpain** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Kari Metz** - Teaching Assistant

Ray Middle & Van Buren Elementary

- ▶ **Cody Lassinger** - Music Teacher
- ▶ **Michele Seeber** - Speech Teacher

Elden Elementary & Palmer Elementary

- ▶ **Lauren Ward** - Speech Teacher

District Business Office

- ▶ **Katherine Hobbs** - Administrative Aide
- ▶ **Daisy Vollmer** - Account Clerk

Facilities Office

- ▶ **Edward Horning** - Custodial Worker
- ▶ **Jonathan Wilburn** - Custodial Worker

Transportation

- ▶ **Gary Johnson** - Bus Driver
- ▶ **Bonnie Pullano** - Bus Driver
- ▶ **J. Michael Tierney** - Bus Dispatcher

Congratulations to our State Champions



**NYSPHSAA
Section III Class A
Field Hockey Champions**

Introducing our Director of Academic Services and Accountability

The district is excited to introduce Mrs. Danielle Nahorney as Director of Academic Services and Accountability. Mrs. Nahorney's career began in Baldwinsville as a 4th grade teacher at Palmer Elementary School. She completed her administrative internship at Durgee Junior High School prior to becoming principal of



Van Buren Elementary School where she has worked for the last three years. During her work at the administrative level, she has played an integral role in establishing the district's Mental Wellness Committee and has participated as a member of the district's RtI Committee and Code of Conduct Committee. Mrs. Nahorney's experience, knowledge, and philosophy of supporting the whole learner align with the district's mission of providing every student with the educational experiences and opportunities that will foster the full development of his or her potential.

The Director of Academic Services and Accountability position was created July 1, 2019 and is a part of the district's Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Some of Mrs. Nahorney's responsibilities include:

- State and federal reporting (Title I, II, & IV Grants, School Safety and the Educational Climate (SSEC), Basic Educational Data System (BEDS), Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC))
- Accountability related data collection and analysis (students - Regents, NYS Testing, benchmark assessments, attendance, discipline; staff - education history, employment information)
- Tracking of strategic goals for the Board of Education, District, and each school building
- Professional development for administrators and staff
- CNYRIC Data Coordinator district representative
- Chairperson for initial 504 plans
- Staff evaluations

Around the District

Board of Education 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Education meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the cafeteria of Durgee Junior High School. District residents can access an agenda for each meeting, as well as other documents related to each particular meeting, on the District's website at www.bville.org. On the homepage, follow the link to "BoardDocs" under the "District" heading at the top of the page. Meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

- ▶ December 2, 2019
- ▶ December 16, 2019
- ▶ January 13, 2020
- ▶ January 27, 2020
- ▶ February 10, 2020
- ▶ March 2, 2020
- ▶ March 16, 2020
- ▶ April 20, 2020
- ▶ May 4, 2020
- ▶ May 18, 2020
- ▶ June 8, 2020
- ▶ June 22, 2020

Congratulations to our State Champions



NYSPHSAA
Section III Class AA
Girls Volleyball Champions

The win marks 12
Section III titles in a row

Congratulations to our Marching Band

Our Marching Band wowed the crowd at the Dome during the state championship competition. The Bees placed third. Great work!

Next stop: The Rose Parade!



Funding the Future

Committee delivers report after yearlong study

After a yearlong facilities planning study, the Community Advisory Committee completed the Funding the Future report. Paul Seversky, of the SES Study Team, presented the report to District staff and the public during meetings held in October.

The goal of the study was to answer the following question: Are there options that might provide program-effective and cost-effective ways or patterns to organize how the K-12 Program is implemented/delivered over the next five years?

Seversky said the goal of the study was not to tell the District what to do, but rather the study should be used as a tool or a "roadmap" to guide the district in its decision process.

The study found that elementary school enrollment is projected to climb and most District buildings are approaching capacity limits. By analysing data on enrollment trends, building capacity, and more, the committee was able to provide the District with a list of scenarios of how to reconfigure the K-12 Program.

The study findings are available on the District's website. Visit bville.org and click on the "District" dropdown menu. The "Funding the Future" tab is the second option on the "About Us" menu. The study can be found under links.

Around the District

Construction Updates



Transportation Center Update

Construction will be wrapping up at the District's new transportation center in December. The store fronts and all personnel doors have been installed and paving of the parking lot was complete. Workers are in the process of completing the fuel island. Painting and lights on the second floor are complete. Workers are finishing the HVAC, plumbing and electrical work. The District plans to move the transportation department to the new facility over Christmas break.

Want updates on the construction of the transportation center?

Check out progress reports and photos by visiting:

<https://www.bville.org/teachepage.cfm?teacher=5743>



Baker High School Cafeteria Update

Construction of the kitchen at C.W. Baker High School remains on schedule to be completed in January 2020. Underground work, foundations and paving were completed in the quad, and the majority of the interior partitions in the kitchen are complete. All the asbestos was removed and installation of the HVAC, electrical and plumbing is ongoing.



Congratulations to our State Champions

NYSPHSAA
Section III Class AA
Boys Soccer Champions

#WeHaveFunHere

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to see how much fun we have here!





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CALENDAR

All events are subject to change and cancellation.
Please check with your school for the most current
information.

Nov. 25	Half-Day for K-5 for Parent/Teacher Conferences K-5 dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 26	Half-Day for K-5 for Parent/Teacher Conferences K-5 dismiss at 11:15 a.m. for Sheltering Drill Ray, Durgee and Baker dismiss 15 minutes early for drill
Nov. 27	No School for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 28	No School for Thanksgiving Holiday District Offices Closed
Nov. 29	No School for Thanksgiving Holiday District Offices Closed
Dec. 2	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. Durgee Cafeteria
Dec. 4	Baker Winter Concert, 7 p.m. Auditorium
Dec. 5	Durgree Orchestra Winter Concert, 7 p.m. Baker Auditorium
Dec. 7	Baker PTSA Vendor Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Gym and Cafeteria
Dec. 9	Van Buren Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m. Company B Jingle Jam, 7 p.m. Baker Auditorium
Dec. 10	Elden Winter Concert, Grades 4 and 5, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Reynolds Winter Concert, Grade 2 at 6 p.m. Intermediate at 6:45 p.m.
Dec. 16	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. Durgee Cafeteria
Dec. 17	Ray 6th Grade Winter Concert, 7 p.m. Baker Auditorium
Dec. 18	Ray 7th Grade Winter Concert, 7 p.m. Baker Auditorium

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