



The Purple Team celebrates a touchdown during the Powder Puff Football game. Purple beat Gold 22-14.

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Seniors Sam Vine and Ashley Frantz were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of Bellbrook's 43-29 win over Waynesville on Sept. 23.

Photo by Bella Bean

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Our Mission...Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools empowers its learning community to: be responsible decision-makers and effective problem-solvers; persevere in the achievement of life goals; contribute to communities locally and beyond; and embrace learning as a lifelong process.



SUPERINTENDENT

District Families:

We welcomed our students and staff back to the most “normal” start to the school year since 2019! It was great to see parents and students at open houses, orientations, family engagement activities, sporting events, and even at the student drop off and pick up lines before and after school.

It’s been a tremendous start to the year, with a lot of highlights. First, we are pleased to share the results of the District Report Card, as reported by the Ohio Department of Education. This year’s report card is a little different, being rated by stars. That being said, of the five categories our district was rated on, we received five stars in four of those categories and four stars in the other. This placed us tied for 13th in the state out of 608 school districts (<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Report-Card-Resources>). Visit <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/> to view our report card. This couldn’t be accomplished without the hard work of our teachers, staff, students as well as our parents. It is a team effort. While academics are important, we also know school is more than that, and we know our students should receive a well-rounded education. Check out the 2021-22 Quality Profile in this edition of the Bridge, which highlights all the opportunities our students are involved in and all of our other accomplishments and accolades. We have much to be proud of!

This school year has also brought some changes. We have lowered class sizes with the use of ESSER funds. Art in grades K-5 and expanded busing returned as promised from the passage of the last levy. The district also re-examined and updated some of its safety initiatives. The Board passed a resolution on September 8, 2022, to authorize the creation of an Active Shooter Response Team

Implementation Committee and the creation of a highly-vetted and highly-trained volunteer Active Shooter Response Team.

Last spring the district was also awarded \$180,000 to purchase and replace four buses and \$773,290 from the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to fund the purchase of new Chromebooks for all students and teachers.

In this edition of the Bridge, we have a more in-depth look at our safety protocols and an opportunity for the community to help name our stadium. We have school building updates, including an Eagle Scout candidate helping to renew our Reading Garden at Bell Creek, ultra-fun activities at Stephen Bell, a closer look at how the Middle School continues to win the Governor’s STEM Award, and an excellent homecoming week at the high school. We also have a look at the new members of our staff and we honor two new members of our Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Superintendent



Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools

Welcomes New Staff for 2022-2023



Kathy Barlow
Tech Specialist
Bell Creek



Ashley Beatty
Social Studies
High School



Corey Blankenship
Custodian
Middle School



Bethany Burgess
Language Arts
Middle School



Lori Camp
Third Grade
Bell Creek



Savannah Campbell
Spec. Needs Asst.
Stephen Bell



Stephanie Caro
Tech Specialist
Stephen Bell



Henry Conte
Communications
SEC



Colleen Deszcz
Spec. Needs Asst.
Stephen Bell



Gina DiCicco
Kindergarten
Stephen Bell



Alayna Dill
Counselor
Stephen Bell



Lauren Duhan
ELA/Math
Middle School



Cheyann Evans
Third Grade
Bell Creek



Delilah Fox
Fifth Grade
Bell Creek



Rhonda George
First Grade
Stephen Bell



Sarah Gregg
Art
BCI/SB



Alex Huretski
Custodian
Middle School



Julia Jones
Third Grade
Bell Creek



Scott Killen
Fifth Grade
Bell Creek



Ashli Martin
Fourth Grade
Bell Creek



Carly Miller
Counselor
Middle School



Gabriella Miller
Spec. Needs Asst.
Middle School



Ken Moyer
Math
High School



Amanda Nangle
First Grade
Stephen Bell



Haley O'Cull
Second Grade
Stephen Bell



Shannon Parsons
Visual Arts
High School



Rachel Pierce
Kindergarten
Stephen Bell



Kara Spaeth
Spec. Needs Asst.
Stephen Bell



Julie Tickler
Transportation Asst./
MS Custodian



Jennifer Urbaniak
Guidance
Bell Creek



Who Wants to Name a Stadium?

So, who wants to name a stadium? That's the question the administration has now that the rights to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local School District's football stadium and track is no longer tied to Miami Valley hospital systems.

Premier Health moved away from its contract involving the stadium, opting rather to have signage throughout the school and in other places, according to Superintendent Doug Cozad.

Cozad said the district has benefitted greatly over the 15 years it has been associated with Premier Health, as the company has contributed more than \$1.5 million to the district in that time.

The relationship isn't ending, though. Just the naming

rights. The district and the health system are remaining partners at least through September 2025, thanks to a new contract approved by the board on August 11. Premier Health is now the official healthcare partner of Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools.

So, what's it cost?

Currently, the district is trying to figure out what naming a stadium is worth and what all of that would entail. The district is evaluating – along with the rights to name the stadium – what a company or donor would receive on their end. The first benefit, of course, is the name on the stadium. A close second is the public address announcer repeating the name of the stadium to all those in attendance. Certainly some signage would be on the

table, but how many and how large are all up for negotiation. Under the current deal, there are four signs that boast Miami Valley South Stadium and those most certainly would change.

The district is proposing a 10-year deal would cost about \$450K for naming rights to the stadium. The main high school gym would be an additional \$250K over 10 years and the baseball and softball complex would be \$100K over 10 years. Altogether, that means \$800K in funds for the school athletic programs.

That money would be used for capital improvements. Athletic Director Charlie O'Dell said the turf is just about at its life expectancy and the track will need to be resurfaced soon, too.

Updates to the stadium and high school gym as well as the baseball and softball diamonds could be on the table, too.

It isn't just the Bellbrook community that will see the advertisement, either. At least 31 different schools will be on campus at one point or another in the regular season. The reach goes further if Bellbrook is chosen to host football playoff games, or takes on other post-season responsibilities (including soccer and lacrosse tournament games).

O'Dell said the district has hosted at least one neutral site playoff football game the last three years and plenty of boys and girls post-season soccer tournaments. It has also hosted the lacrosse and soccer state semifinals games.

This is the upside of exposure, but that's not quantitative data. In theory, each time a story involving the stadium – whether it is about the stadium itself or an event happening there – is written, or airs, it would mention the stadium name. But it's impossible to know how often that will happen.

There is only one group that cannot name the stadium – another health system. The district cannot allow competition with Premier Health as part of its deal.

For more information contact Manager of Business Jenness Sigman at jenness.sigman@bss.k12.oh.us or O'Dell at charlie.odell@bss.k12.oh.us.

There are plenty of events going on at the various gyms and stadiums. Though this isn't a comprehensive list, it shows plenty of opportunities for exposure:

Attendance Figures at Bellbrook

~ Average Tickets Sold for Varsity Football = 1,063 per game

~ Average Tickets Sold for Varsity Boys Basketball = 216 per game

~ Additional Passes for Football & Boys Basketball

~ Pass holders are not counted in ticketed attendance figures.

~ All Sports Passes Issued = 718

~ Football Pass = 238

~ Basketball Pass = 19

Fall & Spring Events at Stadium

~ 5 home Varsity football games + playoff games

~ 8 home JV and middle school football games

~ 17 home high school soccer games

~ Dozens of home Wee Eagle football games

~ Dozens of home Wee Eagles lacrosse games

~ 20 home high school lacrosse games

~ Several home track meets

~ SWBL Track & Field Championships

~ Division I District Track & Field Championships

~ Dozens of OHSAA neutral site tournament games

~ Marching Band Competition

Student Experiences & District Accolades

426 Middle and high school students that participated in an extracurricular sport



Supporting Military Families

100%

of all district schools recognized as Purple Star Schools (military friendly)

Bellbrook High School is included in the...



73% District teachers with 10+ Years Experience

21% District teachers with 4-10 Years Experience

BHS Drone team wins National Championship

76% of 7th and 8th grade students participated in an extracurricular activity

23 VARSITY SPORTS



26

Consecutive years BMS has earned the Gov.'s Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research

BMS named a National School To Watch and Ohio School To Watch



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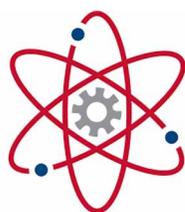
Students participated in band/choir in grades 6-12

100% of third graders met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, Ohio's program to identify students from kindergarten through grade three that are behind in reading

27

SWBL All-Sports titles Bellbrook has won, including six straight

Bellbrook Winterguard advanced to the 2022 Winterguard International Open Class Finals & placed 4th overall in the country in their class



67 High school credits earned by middle school students

PLTW High School Distinguished School PROJECT LEAD THE WAY **PLTW**

The NAMM (National Association of Music Merchandisers) Foundation has recognized Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools as one of 738 school districts that are among the Best Communities in the nation for music education

32 Languages spoken in district homes



28 Students that participated in BMS Science Fair



The Air Force Junior ROTC instructors and cadets of Bellbrook High School earned an overall unit assessment score of "Exceeds Standards"... the highest rating attainable ... during their March evaluation

Academic Life

230 Graduates in 2022

13 - AP Courses Offered 



83% of the Class of 2022 is attending college or joined the military

1,350
College credits earned by BHS students

\$3.7+ Million

Scholarships offered to the Class of 2022

72

Students graduating with an Honors Diploma

5 National Merit Scholarship Finalists

19 Students committed to play college sports; Four offered athletic scholarships

4 Students earned a 12-pt Industry Credential in Law/Public Safety

78%
of certified staff hold a Master's degree

13 College Credit Plus (CCP) courses offered at BHS, giving students the opportunity to earn college credit without leaving BHS

Fiscal Responsibility

District Revenue

Expenditures



- 57%** Employee salaries and wages
- 19%** Employee Retirement and Insurance
- 18%** Purchased Services
- 3%** Supplies and materials
- 2%** Other Objects (Debt services, due, etc)
- >1%** Capital Outlay

\$11,086 Cost per pupil in the district, which is about **\$2,300 below** the state average

\$773,290 Recipient of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) of the ARP Act of 2021 Grant for the purchase of Chromebooks for all students and teachers

\$180,000 Awarded by ODE's School Bus Purchase Program to go toward the purchase of 4 new school buses-purchased and scheduled to be in service for 22/23

Giving Back

\$25,000 Money raised and/or donated by the PTO to support classroom and school activities

\$28,188 SB students donated to Kids Heart Challenge (#3 in Ohio)

\$12,700 BCI students donated to Health Moves Minds Challenge

\$18,688 BSEF funded for classroom grants

\$31,500 Raised for SBE Library by hosting the Read-A-Thon

6,500

Hours of community service by the National Honor Society

1,638

Hours logged in community service by JROTC

55%

of 7th grade students participated in service-learning projects

\$12,000 Raised at Pumpkin Auction for A Special Wish Foundation by BCI



School Safety Update

Superintendent Dr. Douglas A. Cozad provided a school safety update in which he highlighted all of the district's preventative safety measures at that time. The aforementioned layered approach is on full display with numerous updates to the district's safety plan. It is through this layered approach that the district strives to provide the safest school environment possible. The full list can be found at <https://bit.ly/BSSsafety081122>

Here, though, are a few of the other safety items the district has in place:

Building Safety Plans – Every three years the buildings update their safety plans. The appropriate police and fire departments sign off on these plans. They are then reviewed and approved by the Ohio School Safety Center.

Safety Meetings – Twice a year the School Safety Committee comprised of the administrative team and local police and fire departments meet to discuss school safety issues.

ALICE Training – All staff members are trained in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate).

Crisis Prevention Institute – This is nonviolent crisis intervention training designed to teach best practices for de-escalation and managing difficult situations and disruptive behaviors.

Student Supports

Counselors and Mental Health Counselor – Each building in the district has at least one full time counselor and the district has a mental health counselor.

Hope Squad (BMS) – Students, staff and parents are trained in proactive/preventative measures to assist their peers in crisis. In addition to suicide interventions, training includes a variety of mental health issues like

Student and staff safety is always a top priority for Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools. It is why the district takes a layered approach to safety and carefully considers each step it puts in place.

During the September 8 Board of Education meeting, the board passed a resolution authorizing the creation of a volunteer Active Shooter Response Implementation Committee and a highly-vetted, highly-trained Active Shooter Response Team made up of staff members.

The Implementation Committee will make the decisions on who is a part of the team and what qualifications they must possess to be considered for inclusion. The board, however has stated the following:

*All members will pass a mental health screening and background check; they will undergo 40 hours of initial training as well as eight additional hours each year.

*Teachers and staff will not be carrying a firearm on their person while in any school facility. All firearms will be securely stored and inaccessible to all

unauthorized individuals.

*This will be an ALL VOLUNTEER team. No one is being asked or forced to join. If staff members want to join the team, they will fill out an application when it has been created to be considered as a team member.

Please take the time to read more about it on our website at <https://bit.ly/BSSasrt>. A full copy of the resolution is included in a link at the bottom of the article. During the August 11, board meeting,



preventing bullying, reducing stigmas, resilience and self-care.

<https://hopesquad.com/mission-history/>

Technology Monitoring, Reporting, and Communication

Tip Line – We use the Ohio School Safety Center tip line. Calls or texts to 844-SaferOH are answered by analysts within Ohio Homeland Security. If action is needed, the school district and/or proper authorities are notified.

Securly – The district uses software that monitors students' internet searches and keystrokes on district accounts and devices. Alerts from Securly analysts are sent to administrators if there are certain alerts such as suicide, threats, etc. There also is a parent app to monitor their student.

Visitor Management System – Our new system is being implemented to screen visitors during school hours, complete with a state-of-the-art camera system including facial recognition.

Nightlock Security Door Stopper – These safety barricades are installed on classroom doors.

School Employees – All employees have BCI/FBI background checks.

Volunteers – All volunteers are required to get background checks.

School Security and Resource Officers – The district has one part time School Resource Officer from the Sugar Creek Township Police Department who is primarily housed at the high school but also serves the middle school. The district also contracts with the Bellbrook Police Department to have an on-site presence of BPD during portions of days at elementary schools.

Frieden, Luse Inducted into Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools HOF

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District inducted two new members into its Hall of Fame on September 23, welcoming 1969 graduate Belynda "Bo" Frieden and long-time soccer coach Charlie Luse.

Belynda Frieden, Class of 1969

Compassionate community youth leader in Performing Arts, dedicated employee to the Transportation Department

As a hobby, Belynda "Bo" Frieden became licensed to teach baton and judge in baton competitions. This hobby turned into a career for her as she was the director of the Bellbrook Eaglettes for over 30 years. Through her leadership and knowledge, many girls learned to twirl from a young age through high school. The Bellbrook Eaglettes won numerous titles in competitions at the state and national level, and they performed internationally. Belynda also coached the BHS Color Guard to many state, regional and national titles over several decades. In addition to her career as a baton and color guard instructor, Belynda began driving a school bus for Bellbrook when she turned 21. She is still supporting the transportation department to this day, making it her 50th year as an employee. In 2019, Belynda was named the Ohio School Bus Driver of the Year for her selfless dedication to the students and district. In 2002, she was the Bellbrook Citizen of the Year, and in 2019, she was the Grand Marshall of the Sugar Maple Festival Parade.



Belynda Frieden

Charles J. Luse

Respected Soccer Coach & Mentor, 200+ career wins, numerous contributions to Bellbrook Athletics

In 1985, Charlie Luse began his coaching career at BHS as an assistant soccer coach. In 1990, he took over the program and served as the head coach for 15 seasons. Under his leadership, the boys soccer team won 15 league titles. They were the district runner-up three times, district champions three times, and won a regional championship and went to the state final four in 1993. His teams had two undefeated seasons (1993, 2003). Charlie was named OHSAA Division II Coach of the Year in 2005 and 2007. He was South Dayton Coach of the Year nine times and Dayton District Coach of the Year six times. In addition to his success as a coach, Charlie has served the community in numerous ways, including chairing the school levy committee to help pass a school levy. He took student athletes to TOPS soccer and helped young adults with developmental disabilities. Charlie was the Athletic Boosters President for three years and was instrumental in the startup of the swim and dive team as a varsity sport. Since 2016, Charlie has been the Assistant Athletic Director. His late wife, Cindy, worked in the district for many years and his two daughters, Nicki and Megan, are Bellbrook graduates.



Charles Luse

Homecoming Highlights Great First Quarter at Bellbrook High School



Each fall, the Bellbrook High School community celebrates the past, the present, and looks to the future during homecoming week. This year, the Golden Eagles celebrated homecoming September 19 to 24 as students participated in five spirit days: Pajama Day, Little Miss/Mr./Mx. Day, Purple and Gold Day, Adam Sandler Day and Neon Day.

On Wednesday, the senior girls squared off in the always-competitive, and highly-anticipated Powder Puff game, which has become a highlight of the week with a raucous student section, a great crowd, performances by the marching band, and cheerleaders rooting on both teams. This year, the Purple team defeated

the White team, 20-12. After the game, BHS students gathered around a large bonfire south of the stadium.

On Friday morning, Charlie Luse and Belynda “Bo” Frieden were inducted into the BSS Hall of Fame before family, community members, and the BHS class of 2023. Both Mr. Luse and Ms. Frieden were recognized for their long-standing dedication to – and leadership in – the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District. They are a great addition to the 59 previous inductees for their outstanding service to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District and our surrounding communities.

On Friday night, Bellbrook defeated

Waynesville 43-29, during the homecoming football game. The week was highlighted by the crowning of Sam Vine and Ashley Frantz as Homecoming King and Queen! This year’s Golden Royal Court was made up of students nominated by classes and organizations as positive role models and representatives of the “spirit” of Bellbrook High School and our community. The court was officially elected by the entire student body. Congratulations to all of our students who were selected to this year’s Golden Royal Homecoming Court: Brianna Vermillion and Tristan Auld (2026); Emma Jenkins and Jude Omiatek (2025); Tori Dreischarf and Zander Pittman (2024); and seniors Acey Faulkner, Daphne Le, Grace Krane, Rachel Secody, Jacob Grismer, Cary Phillipson, Carl Riggs and Benton Yoxtheimer. Representatives of the Class of 1972, celebrating their 50th class reunion, presented the King and Queen with Golden Eagle pins to remind them they represent the “Spirit of Bellbrook.”

On Saturday night, the gym was packed as over 750 students danced the night away at this year’s “Disco Dance.” Thank you to BHS student government and all of the students and staff who worked so hard to make it a great week!



Above: Students perform halftime cheers at the Homecoming Powder Puff Game. Top of the page: Senior Tanner Killen hauls in a pass in the Eagles 43-29 win over Waynesville.

BCI Reading Garden Gets Much-Needed Facelift

Long in disrepair, the students at Bell Creek Intermediate School now have a welcoming presence when they head out to the Reading Garden.

As a service project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Matteo Krivitzky, a junior at Bellbrook High School, took on the responsibility of bringing the reading Garden back to life.

“I saw how overgrown the garden was and I thought that was something I wanted to tackle,” he said. Krivitzky said the idea of the garden itself, the landscaping portion of it and the ability to help out BCI Principal Donnie Phelps all played in his desire to make the Reading Garden part of his Eagle Scout service project.

First, Krivitzky came up with a plan. He wanted to make sure the weeds were cleaned up and he wanted to make sure the garden was wheelchair accessible. He said the preexisting gravel path wasn’t really ideal for those who have trouble maneuvering.

There also was a bench that had seen better days that was removed and replaced.

“I wanted to keep the general shape and the plaque that was there for the person – Mrs. Libby Stanton – who helped build it,” Krivitzky said. “I definitely learned a lot. How to talk to people and how to go out and get donations and get people to help with the project.”

This is just part of the process for Krivitzky to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He still has to go in front of the board of review, and finish other requirements, as well.

His father, Nate Krivitzky, said he was impressed with how the community came to the aid of his son and the school.

“I was so impressed by the community,” the elder Krivitzky said. “So many people volunteered their time and gave us supplies at cost.”

But what the school is most excited about is the hope it continues to foster a love for reading at the school. Having a space set aside so students can enjoy nature, as well as the words on a page is something worth celebrating.

“We know that reading is a foundational skill,” third grade reading intervention specialist Michala Andrade said. “So we really want to foster that joy for learning and reading because it’s such a crucial component for life. You might not use the pythagorean theorem, but you have to read.”

Andrade mentioned the excitement of students when it comes to being in the reading garden, saying it’s a popular spot during recess.

“Matteo was a former student of mine when I taught at the high school, so it was a special honor to work with him to earn his rank while helping my current students and staff to have a nicer space for outdoor learning or just enjoying good books,” Phelps said. “Matteo was an excellent communicator and collaborator throughout this project. I believe the future is in good hands when I see such solid leadership skills and commitment from our next generation of leaders.”

According to Matteo, the project took a full year to complete, start to finish. A total of 230 hours were worked among the 24 people who helped.



SPECIAL THANKS

Many members of the community donated their time and funds to help make the Reading Garden’s revamp possible. The job couldn’t have been completed without:

- *Tom Zengel Concrete Contracting (labor donation)
 - *Ernst Concrete (materials donation)
 - *Lowe’s (materials donation)
 - *Openhaus Engraving and Gifts (plaque donation)
 - *Jason Bede of Bede Landscaping (donated knowledge, materials, tools and labor)
 - *Bern’s Nursery (materials donation/discount)
 - *Tom’s Mulch (materials donation)
- Special Thanks To:**
- *Mr. Michael Krivitzky (Grandfather), who helped with the construction of the two garden benches
 - *Mr. Adam Panstingel (Eagle Project Coach)
- ... and every scout and adult who helped make the project possible





Students Making Memories Early at Stephen Bell

It's an exciting time for students during elementary school. Figuring out colors and shapes, learning to read and write, being taught math and science is all a new part of life for the youngest full-time learners in the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District.

Principal Ginger Keeton and her staff know this all too well. But they also try to build the fun and excitement even more by helping students, teachers and families build a sense of community around the school.

In September, the school hosts a Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt, a First Grade Food Fest and a Second Grade Party on the Playground.

All told, there's a little over 550

students attending Stephen Bell this year and the turnout at each of the events was stellar.

"We host these events to establish relationships with the parents and family members of our students and we like to do it right after the meet and greet," Keeton said.

Keeton said the scavenger hunt for the kindergarteners is a great way for both students and families to explore the entire building, since most of the families have yet to spend any time in the building outside of the meet and greet.

"It's great for them to see this through the children's eyes," Keeton said.

The first and second grade events

serve to foster familiarity with the staff and relationships between the students and the parents. Keeton said between first and second grade there are typically anywhere between 25 and 55 new families that enter the district, so the peer-to-peer interaction after school hours is key.

"It really helps us build community and relationships across the board," she said.

It also helps build a love for school and learning, thanks to the memories the students – and their families – are making.

"If you look back on your own education, your favorite memory probably isn't a math lesson. You're probably recalling an event or a conversation, so that's what we are trying to bring," Keeton said.

She said the staff thoroughly enjoys putting on the events, and begins planning for them in May when they decide on the dates, the food trucks, and begin to gather community support.

It's the culture that is being created that's important when it comes to making these events happen.

And September isn't the only time these events will occur, Keeton said.

The next big event is the Harvest party, which is scheduled for the end of October. Students can dress up, if they choose, in their Halloween costumes or as farmers and volunteers will be helping out in each classroom as the students celebrate on October 27 and 28.

Middle School Celebrates Winning 26th Governor's Award

It may be the 26th year that Bellbrook Middle School has won the same award, but the experience is anything but ho-hum.

In September, Bellbrook Middle School was selected as one of 45 schools in the state as a recipient of The Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research.

"I think it's great because it's not just one person that earns the award," seventh grade STEM teacher Jen St. Pierre said. St. Pierre is one of 10 teachers who were recipients of the award for the 2021-22 school year. "It's a nice all-encompassing recognition for the teachers, the students and the community. It's just great teamwork and collaboration."

The teachers who were honored at the middle school include: Allison Bisignani, Crystal Current, Debi Schwieterman, Emily Cline, Jenny Nickol, Kayla Bruggeman, Kyle Ferguson, Lynzee Allen, Shelby Herlihy and St. Pierre. Each school receives a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher receives a complimentary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science.

The award specifies both in-school and out-of-school education when it comes to STEM as well as participation in a science fair.

St. Pierre mentioned the yearly trips students take to the Dayton Challenger Learning Center as being a big part of their education and a fascinating hands-on experience.

According to its website "The Challenger Learning Center is a hands-on experience in which students learn to work collaboratively, think critically and develop math and science skills that are critical to their future success. Students learn

through simulated space exploration to help them develop long-term interest in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math."

"Our staff has continued to look for ways to integrate curriculum into real-life experiences," Middle School principal Jeff Eckley said. "Working together they have provided numerous opportunities for students, which go beyond the classroom and create memorable educational experiences. We are so lucky to have such a stellar staff."

Aside from the trips, St. Pierre also mentioned the visitors who come to classes to speak on behalf of their careers, including members of the Ohio State Extension Office, a local pilot, the Miami RC club and other visitors from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, have a great impact on the students.

"I think there are some great real-world connections we can make for the students when they come in," St. Pierre said. "The students get great hands-on experience with some activities and the visitors get to show what they know. We have a lot of great local community members who can come in and share their experiences."

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

"These schools and teachers are connecting classrooms to the real world by demonstrating the relevance of STEM," said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. "They are developing a group of active and intrinsic learners."



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Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools
14h · 🌐

Did you know it's National Custodians' day? We very much appreciate all of their hard work each day! Here are just a few of them!
[#ilovebellbrookschools](#)

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools
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👍👍👍

Dan Bitler
3d · 🌐

A HUGE shout-out to the Bellbrook Varsity Football Team and coach Jenkins. My son Jack (1st grader) lost his mom unexpect... See more



Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools
2d · 🌐

Mrs. Crider's class had an apple-tasting party Friday! 🍏🍏 Kids tasted and recorded their opinions of apples, Apple Jacks, apple donuts, apple chips, apple butter, applesauce and apple pie! [#ilovebellbrookschools](#) [#apples](#) [#applepie](#)



Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools
4d · 🌐

The AP U.S. Government and Politics class held its annual Federalist vs. Anti-Federalist debate Wednesday in the Bellbrook High School media center. Another debate will be held Thursday morning. [#debate](#) [#ilovebellbrookschools](#)

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More photos at @ <https://bit.ly/BHSfootball>

The Bellbrook football team got its first win of the season Friday night. Check out our photos by going to bit.ly/BHSfootball

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UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 27: Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 8: PTO Meeting
Nov. 10: Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 11: No School, Veteran's Day/Teacher In-Service
Nov. 11-12: Middle School Play
Nov. 17-19: High School Fall Play
Nov. 21-25: Fall Break
Dec 6: High School Band/Choir Concert
Dec. 7: Middle School Choir Concert
Dec. 8: Board of Education meeting
Dec. 12: Middle School Band Concert
Dec. 14: Sixth Grade Band Concert
Dec. 15-16, 19-20: High School Semester Exams
Dec. 22-Jan. 3: Winter Break
Jan. 4: School Resumes



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BHS Athletics Update:

Volleyball - Undefeated in the league and 17-3 overall. Opened sectional tournament play Oct. 22 at Centerville against the winner of Ponitz/Xenia.

Girls Golf - First girl's team in school history and it won the SWBL tournament. Alexi Knight was the SWBL champion and Ainsley Gregory was runner-up.

Boys Golf - The team finished second in the SWBL team tournament and first in the sectional. CJ Scohy was the champion in both tournaments and was SWBL Player of the Year. Andrew Magill finished second in the sectional tournament. The team advanced to the district tournament.

Cross Country - Emily Crane and Mikuya Ford both finished first at the prestigious Tiffin Cross Country Carnival. Both teams competed in the SWBL Championships at Eaton on October 15.

Football - The team won seven games in a row after a Week 1 loss and was undefeated in the SWBL entering October. They were ranked ninth in the fourth Division III state poll. The first round of the playoffs will take place October 28 and will most likely be at HOME.

Girls Tennis - The team won the SWBL tournament for the second year in a row. Individually, Maya Brink and Maddie Chappars advanced to the district tournament for the second year in a row. Brink won the D-I sectional title, while Chappars was third.

Girls Soccer - The team has key victories over Tippecanoe, Lebanon and Carroll. Opened sectional tournament play Oct. 18 at Sidney.

Boys Soccer - The team has key victories over Waynesville and Oakwood. Opened sectional tournament play Oct. 17 at home against Franklin.

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