



THE COMMUNICATOR

Winter
2023

Reflecting Excellence in Blissfield Community Schools



Scott Riley
Superintendent

The recent ice storm was a great reminder about the strength of the Blissfield Community coming together to support those in need. I'd like to thank all of the first responders and line workers for the countless hours they put in to help everyone get back to a sense of normalcy. The teamwork displayed by everyone is the key to a successful and thriving community.

The school district is an important part of the community. Following the August 2022 Bond Proposal, feedback was obtained through conversations with the community.

The feedback identified a need to revise the proposed scope of work along with reducing the financial impact to the taxpayers. The scope of the updated May 2023 bond is focused around addressing the most critical needs of district facilities.

Due to the size and scale of the school buildings, maintenance, updates, and replacement of facilities is costly and often not possible through the traditional funding received by school districts. Our district has a number of growing needs that require large sums of money to undertake. A bond proposal is the best approach to making the significant necessary updates and improvements needed at BCS.

The scope of the May 2023 bond focuses on three main areas: Safety & Security Improvements, Learning Environment Upgrades, and Energy Efficiency Improvements. The Safety and Security proposed improvements include: new secure entry and office renovations at all educational facilities, fire alarm upgrades at the elementary school, ADA upgrades in all buildings, and ceiling replacements to abate remaining asbestos and repair patches at all educational facilities. Learning environment upgrades include: air conditioning at the high school and elementary school, window replacement and additions at the middle school, STEM lab upgrades at the middle school, renovations to high school band, art and choir rooms, addition of a cafeteria to the elementary school, and educational technology upgrades. Energy efficiency improvements include: replacement of single pane windows at the elementary school, lighting replacements at all buildings, and upgrades to building control systems at the middle school and high school. For more information about the May 2023 bond, please visit bcs-bond.com.

BCS student groups and teams continue to represent us and the community well on the stage, field of competition, and in the classroom. Individual students and teams have made us proud during their appearances in the Michigan High School Athletic

Association state tournaments. Additionally, students at every grade level raised funds for multiple charities and families in need in order to make Blissfield a better place to live, learn, and work.

There are many opportunities to attend games and student performances this spring. You are cordially invited to come out and support your student athletes and performers. Schedules and calendars can be found online at www.blissfieldschools.us and in this publication.

Thank you for your continued support of Blissfield Community Schools!

Go Royals!

Scott Riley, Superintendent

District Calendar

Mar 6 - Mar 10	ES Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 8	5:00 PM to 6:30 PM ES Family Reading Night/Pancake Supper
March 8-10	FFA State Convention
Mar 9-10	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM HS Spring Musical - Beauty and the Beast
Mar 11	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM HS Spring Musical - Beauty and the Beast
Mar 13 - Mar 15	ES 5th Grade Camp Storer
March 14	Feed the Fireman (FFA)
Mar 14	ES Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24
Mar 14	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ES PTO Meeting
Mar 16	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ES 1st Grade Music Program
Mar 16	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ES 4th Grade Music Program
Mar 17	Last Day of 3rd Marking Period
Mar 18	HS Band State Solo & Ensemble
Mar 20	5:30 PM to 9:00 PM NHS: Cupcake Wars/Dodgeball Tournament
Mar 20	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Board of Education Meeting
Mar 21	NHS: Blood Drive
Mar 22	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ES 5th Grade Wax Museum
Mar 23	MS/HS Athletic Eligibility Grade Check
Mar 23	12:30 PM to 3:30 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences Half Day for Students



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NEW HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Assistant Principal

In January, Eric Schmidt was named Athletic Director and Assistant High School Principal having taught physical education since 2017 for Blissfield High School. He is a graduate of Concordia University with a Masters of Science in educational leadership, Adrian College with a Bachelor of Arts and Blissfield. His first years of teaching were at Erie Mason.



Eric Schmidt
Athletic Director

Eric brings a passion for sports and a desire to impact the school community as a whole. At Adrian he was a four year letterman in baseball. At our high school he has coached JV football and is currently head baseball coach.

FFA Competing at State

Recently, FFA members participated in National FFA Leadership Development Events which allowed members to get a leg up on their future careers by developing skills needed to seek employment opportunities in agriculture as well as other industries.



The Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of chair Hannah Eisenmann, Secretary Miranda Jenks, and Floor Members Gabby Conger, Matthew Wolfe, Alejandro Barradas, Kayleigh Stutzman and Blake Iffland placed 1st at Districts and 2nd at Regionals with a Silver Award and are advancing to State Contests.

The Ag Issues team consisting of Lilli Kastel, Reagan Tanis, Andrew Earley, Bella Treloar, Olivia Kastel, and Adam Stutzman with a topic of "Farm Bill 2023: Providing Additional Funding to New and Beginning Farmers, Risky Business or Growing an Industry?" They placed 2nd at Districts and 3rd at Regionals with a Gold Award and are alternates to State Contest.

The following students are receiving awards at Michigan FFA State Convention March 8th-10th on Michigan State University's Campus in East Lansing: Josh Fruchey, Mattea Iffland, Alexia Handy, Bella Treloar, Gavin Gentz, Chet Meyer, Kayleigh Stutzman and Shane Kastel. Lilli Kastel and John Becker are receiving their State Degrees with John Becker earning a Silver Award in the State! The following students are receiving their Academic Excellence Awards; Reagan Tanis, Lilli Kastel, Alexia Handy, Chet Meyer, and Bella Treloar. Josh Fruchey is also receiving a Silver Proficiency Award in Landscape Management.

Annual May Garden Sale!

Once again, our Ag Science department will host a fund raising plant sale from May 4 to May 8. This will underwrite a portion of the department's Greenhouse Management unit. Don't miss this opportunity to spruce up your life with hanging baskets, patio pots and vegetables! Follow us!



facebook Instagram



Blissfield High School
Theatre Production
Proudly Presents

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

March 9, 10, 11

Students from every building, totaling more than 40 persons, will present Disney's Beauty and the Beast on the evenings of March 9, 10 and 11. Our new choral director, Holly Lindsay, is very pleased with the interest and support for this year's production.



Lindsay

Joining to create this year's show are Belle: Angelica Pena, Beast: Jonah Hiatt, Gaston: William Hartke, Lefou: Zia Blackmon, Maurice: Isaiah Brissette, Lumiere: Logan Hodgkins, Cogsworth: Madison Tesznar, Mrs. Potts: Madeline Cole, Chip: Laila Seeburger, Babette: Brooklyn Archer, Madame de la Grande Buhe: Riley Buckmaster, Enchantress: Taylor Iott,

Narrator: Nick Curry, 3 filles: Angela Malburg, Aubrey Parker, Vivonne Hodgkins, 3 Cronies: Fin Stutzman, Ella's Allagier, Serenity Brown, Tavern Keeper: Ash Wyatt-McComas

Ensemble: Violent Hunt, Molly Kepler, Jaelynn Bartenslager, Alex Goetz, Emma Gunter, Philip Buchele-Sloan, Myah Gomoluch, Zia Blackmon, Lydia Myers, Stage Manager: Max Hodgkins, Assistant Stage Manager: Jordan Stamp.

The movie was released more than thirty years ago with credits going to Alan Menken Wolverton for the music, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice for the lyrics and to Robert Jess Roth for direction.

Tickets for the general public are \$10. 7:00 pm each night with an afternoon presentation on Saturday. Find us on facebook and the district calendar for complete information.

BLOOD DRIVE - MARCH 21

The next Blissfield High School Blood Drive is less than a month away. Healthy people who are 16 years of age or more and weigh at least 110 pounds are usually eligible to donate. A single donation can help as many as three people.

This drive will be open to students and staff of Blissfield Community Schools and will not be open to members of the community.

Consent Form Required

Students who are 16, must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian in order to sign up for an appointment. Students can print the consent form from Google Classroom or get a form from Mrs. Breitner.

Students can sign up using the link in Google Classroom (grade level).





BLISSFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2023 BOND INFORMATION

This spring, voters in the Blissfield Community Schools district have the opportunity to consider a bond proposal that would improve safety and security, upgrade our learning environments, and enhance space usage and energy efficiency for all facilities.

WHY NOW?

The last bond proposal brought to the Blissfield Community Schools district voters was a failed election in August 2022. Following the failure of the August 2022 Bond Proposal, feedback was obtained through conversations with the community. The feedback identified a need to revise the proposed scope of work along with reducing the financial impact to the taxpayers. The scope of the May 2023 bond is focused around addressing the most critical needs of district facilities

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PROPOSED BOND-FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS

- New secure entry and office renovations at ALL educational facilities to direct visitors through the main office while managing hallway access throughout the day. (see more at right)
- Air conditioning for elementary and high school facilities (the middle school already has A/C)
- Window additions to middle school classrooms
- Transformation of middle school locker commons to multi-purpose, educational space (lockers would be relocated throughout the building)
- Renovations and additions to high school band, choir, and art classrooms
- Elementary school cafeteria renovation and addition into dedicated gymnasium space
- Other renovation and infrastructure upgrades to provide our students a safe and healthy learning environment
- Learn more at [BCS-BOND.com](https://www.bcs-bond.com)!

QUICK FACTS



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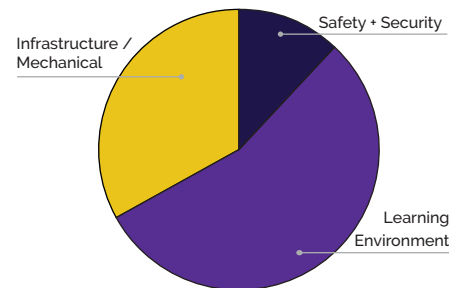
**\$23.6
million**
for district
improvements



TAX IMPACT

+3.2 mills
from current
tax rate

Home Value	Taxable Value	Annual Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$163
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$244
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$325



PLEASE VOTE BY MAY 2!

Absentee voting begins March 23

March Reading Month

Are you ready to join the elementary school as they get *Wild About Reading* this month? Teachers and staff have been preparing for a month-long focus on reading activities. A calendar of events as well as a note about when each class is visiting the book fair during the day have been sent home.



These activities include the Scholastic Book Fair from March 6-10th, visiting author Lisa Wheeler on March 3rd, dress like a safari guide day, and a visit from **Lena the Lion** and more.

Family Reading Night

We also want to invite BES families to our Family Reading Night on Wednesday, March 8th from 5:00-6:30 pm. A pancake supper will be served during that time for \$5.00 per person. During that evening the Book Fair will be open and there will be opportunities to listen to readers in various locations as well as places to sit and read with your family. The KBell will also be open and students can visit with the animals while coloring a bookmark.



Wild About Reading - Ashley Davis, Deanna Braswell, Amanda Shimborske and Amy Renwand show off some crazy books to read during March.



Rich Lanes opened their business to host the middle school 2nd hour PE class for a bowling unit. Our engagement with local businesses, and the consistent support of the community, drive our identity as a destination district.

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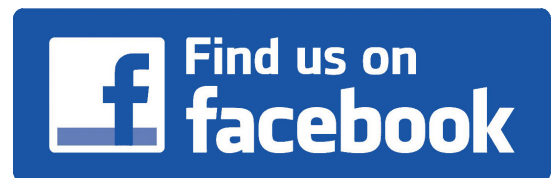


*Kids who have a **HEAD START** have a better **MATH and READING** skills when they begin school!*

*"Kids who go to preschool are more likely to **GRADUATE** from high school"*



No internet access? Call 517.264.5324



THE CHALLENGE PURPLE vs GOLD

The CHALLENGE – Purple and Gold Month continues! Classmates will spend time during the month of May taking part in our Purple and Gold Month – May 1st – May 26th. **The Challenge** is a student and staff favorite. Students will take part in more events and have more fun with Mr. Gilbert as he has been researching bigger and better events for this year.

Beginning on May 1st, all students in grades 3 through 5 will compete in 9 grueling events to test their athletic ability, brain power, cooperation and communication. Each event will challenge students to their limits, be scored and on Friday, May 26th, a winner will be announced!

Will it be PURPLE or GOLD?

We shall see – GO ROYALS!

Kindergarten Registration

Schedule an Appointment Online

Parents, please start the kindergarten registration process for new students by using our elementary school web pages. The **first step** is to make an Enrollment Appointment before March 14 using the link to [Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024](#). The office will respond to each scheduled appointment by sending a digital registration packet to the eMail address that you provide.

March 14 — School Event from 8:00 to 2:30 / 5:00 to 7:00

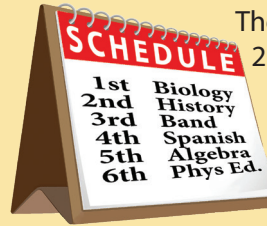
Please arrive early for your appointment. The process will include health, vision (Blissfield Lion's Club) and readiness (Brigrance®) testing. Please bring the following information to the appointment:

- 1) Certified Birth Certificate
- 2) Up-to-date immunization records
- 3) Proof of residency (electric bill or water bill)

After March 14 Procedures

Registration packets will be available online at the website 24/7. Please complete these forms before contacting the office. The elementary office is available for any parents who need to register their developmental kindergarten or kindergarten child (no testing) at 517-486-2811 ext. 103.

2023-2024 Class Scheduling



The class scheduling process for the 2023-2024 school year has begun.

Presentations for grades 8-11:

Mrs. Judkins has given scheduling presentations in each of the 9-11 grade English classes. She also presented in the 8th grade history

classes, and she hosted an 8th grade parent night on February 14th.

Schedule development: Mrs. Judkins, Mrs. Covell, and Mr. Willson will look at each student's current credit status, and what classes they will need/want to take for the 2023-2024 school year. Upon meeting with Mrs. Judkins, and completing their class request forms (Parent and some teacher signatures will be required on the scheduling forms) the information will be entered into the student information system and a master schedule will be built. Classes will then be balanced and student schedules will be produced.

Notification: Students will be notified as to when their schedules are available, as well as when the schedule change windows will be open. (Royal Roundup and the first two weeks of the school year)

Infinite Campus



Elementary Music March 16



Audrey Snizek is enthused about the elementary music programs. Commenting on the music programs planned this month, she said, "1st grade's concert is based on the book *The Day the Crayons Quit* and will feature songs about colors.

4th grade's concert is titled *America* and will include patriotic themed music. The 4th graders will debut their recorder playing. Honestly, they have worked so hard at learning to read music and coordinate the notes with their fingers. Please join us for a evening full of familiar music!"

More Campus Operations Now Tied to Infinite Campus

We are continuing to transition **Transportation Request Forms** (from our website) to Infinite Campus, which is our student information system. All requests should now be made through your student's Infinite Campus account. They will be forwarded to each school and the transportation department. We will let you know when this new system is fully ready and available.

The transportation department has been working hard to make sure all bus runs are filled every day. Thank you, families for your patience with our needs and essential adjustments that have been made from time to time.

We have recruited and trained a few new bus drivers, but we can always staff more to support the spring schedule which is always challenging with field trips and sporting events. If you know someone, or are interested yourself, please feel free to contact us at (517) 486-3803.

Turf and Pavement Care

With help from the FFA students we will be adding much needed color to our entrances with planter boxes. The maintenance department will also be mowing, trimming and completing pavement improvements to the grounds soon. When you see this



work being done, please consider the space needed so we can safely do the work.

Spring is always a welcome season, but with spring's arrival comes mud and dirt. We do our best to make sure the buildings are ready each day. Thank you for adding our cleaning efforts to your best practices reminders — they certainly help and are appreciated.



Food Services

Infinite Campus keeps students connected with our food service programs through the Parent Portal where it is easy to complete online pre-payments for meals. Staying ahead of these accounts streamlines the flow of students through all of our cafeteria lines. *Free and Reduced Meal* applications are available through Infinite Campus all year.

Each of our cafeterias have been able to replace or refresh pieces of aging equipment using the combined Free Meal program reimbursements provided by state and federal resources during the pandemic. This has included ovens, warmers, a refrigerator, a stove with more burners and a blender for breakfast smoothies. As a result, our cafeterias are running very well.

March 14

Dual Enrollment

The Michigan State Legislature passed Public Act 160 of 1996, the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and Public Act 258 of 2000, the Career and Technical Preparation Act also known as the "Dual Enrollment" bills. These bills modify and expand on provisions of the State School Aid Act providing for students to earn college credit while in high school. The bills also require that the board of a school district or public school academy ensure that each student in eighth grade or higher be given information about college course taking opportunities. The classes that students are eligible for must not be offered by the high school or academy and must lead towards postsecondary credit, accreditation, certification and/or licensing. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Willson at (517) 4862148 x 309.

A Dual Enrollment Meeting for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year is being planned for Tuesday, March 14th during VIP.

High School Tutoring

Free after school tutoring takes place every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3-4 pm in the Counseling and Career Center. All students who desire extra support in their academic classes are welcome to attend.

November 2

Junior Transition Meetings

Attention Juniors: Mrs. Judkins and Mr. Willson will be available this spring to meet with you and discuss your graduation status, the college, trade school, military, or pursuing a job application process, as well as the pursuit of scholarships and financial aid. Stop into the CCC and make an appointment. Parents are always encouraged to call the CCC for more information 486-2148 x 307.

AP Testing begins May 1

AP Advanced Placement Testing will begin for students in AP Chemistry, AP English Literature, and AP World History during the first two full weeks in May. The AP Chemistry test will take place from 12 – 3 pm on May 1st, the AP English Literature test will take place from 8am – 12 pm on May 3rd, and the AP World History Class will take place from 8am – 12 pm on May 11th. Students will be able to sign up for their respective AP Exams in their AP Classes during the month of February.

April Testing Dates Announced

MME (SAT, WORKKEYS, M-STEP), M-STEP, PSAT, and MI-ACCESS WILL BE GIVEN IN APRIL

The MME (Michigan Merit Exam), M-STEP, MI-ACCESS, and PSAT summative assessments will be given to Blissfield Students this April. The SAT test date is 4/12/23, the WORKKEYS test date is 4/13/23, and Science and Social Studies portion of the M-STEP will be given to high school juniors on 4/17/23 & 4/18/23, while the PSAT 8, 9, 10 will be given to all 8th grade students, freshmen and sophomores during a window that runs from 4/12/23 – 4/18/23. The M-STEP and MI-ACCESS will be given to all students in grades 3 -8 during a window that runs from 4/10/23 through 5/26/23.

Work Based Learning

As next year's class scheduling process gets underway students are reminded that Work Based learning is an attractive option for many students. Work Based learning is open to junior and senior high school students, and it can take place in three formats: Co-Op, Work Experience, and a Custom Class. In each of these options students earn credit, and in both Co-Op and Work Experience the students can earn credit and get paid for their services. Co-Op is in relation to the student's tech center course that they have had experience in, while Work Experience relates to a student's EDP (Educational Development Plan). A Custom Class is a uniquely developed experience that also relates to a student's EDP, and in this case the student is looking to gain more experience in their field, as opposed to getting compensated for their efforts.

There will be a Work Based Learning meeting on March 15th during VIP for all students who are interested.

One important aspect of the program is that all of the student's Work Based Learning Paperwork must be turned in and approved before the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Autographed!

One of the assignments in Art I (Mrs. Pixley) developed into an opportunity to meet quarterback J.J. McCarthy. Travis Bates received an autograph, but was also pleased that J.J. in turn requested another sketch of his own!



Lost Books?

Your help is needed! Spring cleaning is just around the corner. Thanks for watching for books that are missing from our media centers. We would love to have them back on our shelves to share with others.





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FOOD DIRECTLY IMPACTS BRAIN HEALTH AND FUNCTION. HELP TO SET YOUR KIDDO UP FOR SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM WITH BODY-NOURISHING, BRAIN-BENEFITING FOODS, THAT CAN SERVE AS "SWAP OUTS" FOR CONVENIENCE FOODS LIKE POP TARTS, CHIPS, CANDY.



Peanut Butter

contains protein, fat and nutrients like Vitamin E, magnesium, iron, selenium and vitamin B6.

***tip*:** for portion size ease, choose the Jif naturals peanut butter individual containers and for a complete snack, pair with a banana!



Hard Boiled Eggs

contain choline, which helps promote memory development. Protein in the eggs will keep your kiddo fuller, longer.

***tip*:** only send this option if your kiddo is going to eat right away or if they have access to a fridge. The CDC recommends no hard boiled eggs should be consumed after it has sat outside the fridge for 2 hours.



Citrus Fruits

contain flavonoids, which promote learning and memory, protect vascular function, promote fiber for a healthy gut and reduce inflammation, among other benefits.

***tip*:** oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes, etc. Add a cut-up lemon or lime to your kid's water bottle to keep them hydrated and excited about drinking water throughout the day! Since it's cold and flu season, vitamin C can help promote a speedy recover for your sick kiddo, given its ability to boost the immune system.



Berries

Yep! Strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, etc. These nutrient-packed powerhouses contain antioxidants that help fight off free radicals in the body, which can protect the brain from damage.

***tip*:** blending frozen berries into a morning smoothie is a great start to the day for your kid!



Dark Chocolate

contains caffeine (to provide alertness), flavonoids (plant-based substance with anti-inflammatory processes) which supports increased blood flow to brain and improvement of memory and reaction time.

***tip*:** aim for 75% or higher dark chocolate for less added sugar content.

Put it all together in a nutrient-balanced way:

- Greek yogurt + blueberries + dark chocolate morsels
- Hard boiled egg + cheese stick
- Peanut butter + Whole grain Ritz crackers
- Grapefruit cup + vanilla wafers

Royal Learners Program Addresses Learning Loss

What prompted the formation of a special after school elementary program? In the fall of 2022, the The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced that schools would have the opportunity to apply for a one-time grant through Section 98c to address learning loss. These funds were made available through Public Act (PA) 144 of 2022, which was signed into law on July 14, 2022, by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.



Francis

Who has been tasked with framing the curriculum?

Cris Rupp, Blissfield Community Schools Director of Learning Loss, along with Robyn Francis, BCS Director of Literacy and Title Programs, began planning for what would become the *Royal Learners After School Program*. Significant credit now goes to the teachers involved as they help plan and implement the delivery of curriculum. Our support staff is also integral in implementation.



Rupp

What led to focusing on 4th - 6th grade students? "In 2020, these students were in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. These are crucial years for developing foundational skills in both reading and math. As a district, our goal is for all of our students to be proficient readers and mathematicians before leaving elementary school." Mr Rupp went on to say that, "COVID made that difficult for a couple of years, and from that, we knew we needed to narrow our focus to address the learning loss by using the 98c funds."

After looking at current benchmark assessment scores and talking with the BCS Administrative Team, it was decided that the focus would be current 4th, 5th and 6th graders and that a twice-weekly after school program would be started to help eliminate gaps in these students' learning.

How have you been able to target specific responses? "Royal Learners is different than a typical homework-help program because we look at what skills each student needs to develop in order to be successful, and we work to fill those gaps," explained Robyn Francis. Students were identified based on their September benchmark assessments. Individual reading and math goals were established based on each student's needs. Student progress toward these goals is monitored on a regular basis to ensure that goals are being met and that foundational skills are improving.

Why have you elected to create small groups? The Royal Learners program utilizes both certified teachers and support staff members and targets individual learning goals in a small-group setting. Studies show that small group targeted interventions, such as those utilized in the *Royal Learners* program, can have a statistically significant positive impact on students at risk of academic difficulties. The goal of *Royal Learners* is to help these students gain skills that will allow them to feel more confident and be more successful as they continue their education at BCS.

How long will this year's program run? Around 60 students were invited to participate in *Royal Learners*, and about 30 students have been attending the after-school program regularly since it began in January 2023. Through the grant, we are able to provide snacks and transportation to students in the program. The *Royal Learners* program runs through May, and student overall progress will be assessed at that time to gauge the effectiveness of the program and reported to the MDE.

Mar 24	Final Payment for 8th Grade Camp Due
Mar 24	Report Cards Available to View Online
Mar 24	12:30 PM to 3:30 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences Half Day for Students
Mar 25 - Apr 2	Spring Recess - No School
Apr 3	School Resumes
Apr 7	No School - Good Friday
Apr 17	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Board of Education Meeting
Apr 21	Ag Skills Contest
April 22	MS Band Solo & Ensemble Festival
April 23-24	FFA Regional Officer Camp
Apr 26	Administrative Assistants' Day
April 27-28	FFA Project Red
Apr 28	ES Royal Walk
Apr 28	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM HS Summa Cum Laude Senior Luncheon
May 4	ES Ag Day
May 6	8:00 PM to 11:00 PM HS Prom
May 10	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM HS Spring Choir Concert
May 10	6:00 PM to 8:30 PM HS Spring Art Gallery
May 10	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM HS Spring Band Concert
May 11	HS Seniors' Last Day

Blissfield Athletic Boosters

Recently the district boosters and school board split a new sound system for the gym. To date for the 2022-2023 school year, the boosters have approved \$36,450 for our student athletes.

blissfieldathletics.com/sports-offered/booster
blissfieldathleticboosters@gmail.com

ESPORTS CLUB

The Winter/ Spring eSports season is underway! In our 2nd year, Blissfield High School is competing in Overwatch™ through Playvs in their Eastern Time Zone league. So far we have faced stiff competition but have enjoyed playing teams from Oakland County all the way to Orlando, FL. eSports offers both a Fall and Spring Season. Currently, students have the opportunity to play Overwatch, Madden 23, NBA2K23, Hearthstone, League of Legends, Rocket League, Splatoon 3, Mario Kart 8, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. If your child is interested in learning more about eSports or potentially playing any of these games in the fall, please have them contact Mr. Jones (cjones@blissfieldschools.us).



GO ROYALS!

PLTW Prints Custom Helmet

Students under the guidance of Carry Atkinson and Mike Novak had the opportunity to partner with the Toledo Police Department K9 unit. The department is exploring ways to have their dogs safely sweep buildings while allowing the handler to see what is going on prior to entering. This will create a much safer environment for the dog and the individuals that need to enter the building.

Mrs. Atkinson's IED class took on the task of 3D printing a helmet that would be retrofitted with a GoPro like camera mounted to it, allowing the dog's handler to have eyes on what the dog is seeing as it enters a building. With the help of Mr. Novak, the students were able to modify and print a helmet that successfully fit Toledo's top drug dog.



Mako, a police dog from Toledo wears a prototype helmet - digitally printed by students at the Middle School!

National Support Received

The Blissfield Trap Shooting amazing start with fourteen Club recently received a very promising shooters who sizable grant from the National Rifle Association (NRA). This grant will cover the cost of ammunition



for each competitor in the club during the 2023 season as well as provide the club with shotguns and gear for shooters who do not have access to their own. This opportunity is saving families roughly \$700 in ammunition costs alone.

With their official season just beginning, the club is off to an

Fling. This is the first time that the club will compete against other youth shooting teams, so they are very excited to see how they stack up.

If your student is interested in joining or you want more information about the club, please contact Teresa Clarke at tclarke@blissfieldschools.us.

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