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LAKEVIEW PRIMARY'S YEAR OF STEAM



CELEBRATING EDUCATION AND SCHOOL SPIRIT AT BCSD'S ANNUAL CONVOCATION



The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, especially for educators who return with enthusiasm and dedication to shape the minds of the future. In Baldwin County, this enthusiasm was palpable at our 2023 Convocation, on Wednesday, July 25th, a special event that welcomes back all the teachers and support staff to the district. A number of noteworthy speakers addressed the crowd, including Baldwin County Board of Commissioners Chair Emily Davis, City of Milledgeville Mayor Mary Parham-Copelan, Colonel Floyd Griffin, Board of Education Chair Gloria Wicker, Baldwin High School Graduate Braylen Howell, Deputy Superintendent Matt Adams, and Superintendent Dr. Noris Price.

This year's Convocation was nothing short of extraordinary, with breakfast, prizes, and the highly anticipated announcement of the School Teachers of the Year. The event was made even more memorable by the presence of a motivational speaker and author, Willie Spears, who left a lasting impact on everyone in attendance.

BCSD Welcomes Back Teachers





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BCSD ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



The Baldwin County School District is excited to announce the upcoming Open House dates for the 2023-2024 school year. Open House is a highly anticipated event that provides an opportunity for students to visit their respective schools and meet their teachers. This drop-in event allows families to explore the classrooms and become familiar with the layout of the school. It also offers an excellent chance for students to meet their teachers and classmates, easing any concerns they may have about the new academic year.

The Open House dates for the 2023 school year are as follows:

- July 28, 2023 (Oak Hill MS, Baldwin High School, and Baldwin Success Academy)
- July 29, 2023 (Early Learning Center)
- July 30, 2023 (Georgia College Early College)
- July 31, 2023 (Lakeview Primary, Lakeview Academy, Midway Hills Primary and Midway Hills Academy and Baldwin Online Academy)

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NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION WELCOMES NEW FACES TO THE DISTRICT



Say hello to our newest teachers and support staff! We're so excited to have them on board! As part of our new teacher orientation, Dr. Price and our amazing school and district leaders took them on a bus tour to introduce them to their new community. Teachers have also been undergoing training at the Board Office as well as their individual schools in preparation for the new year.



BCSD HOLDS ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH



2023 Back-to-School Bash



On Friday, July 27th, Baldwin held its Back-to-School Bash – and it was epic! We had helicopter tours, free haircuts for kids, dental screenings, and water slides – just to name a few. And with the 2023-2024 school year coming up, it was so nice to see the community come out to enjoy the festivities and find out what amazing resources are available in our community. A huge thank you to Shonya Mapp, Gina Whitaker, and all of the volunteers who helped to make this event a success.





LAKEVIEW PRIMARY EMBARKS ON MULTI-YEAR STEAM PROJECT WITH "GROWING" SUCCESS



At Baldwin County's Lakeview Primary School, STEAM Teacher and Teacher of the Year Brittany Nichols is leading a groundbreaking approach to STEAM education by incorporating it into every classroom in the school. With the support of Principal Tracy Clark and fellow teachers, Nichols embarked on a mission at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year to address a pressing local issue through the power of STEAM - the problem of healthy food sources in Milledgeville.

"We now have a big school garden outside with 30 raised beds so that each class can participate in gardening," Nichols said, "and then inside of our school, we have hydroponics so they are getting to garden all year long. And all the things that come along with keeping the garden healthy."

Recognizing the potential of STEAM education to empower students to solve real-world issues while also learning fundamental math, literature, and creative problem solving skills, Nichols and her colleagues organized a collaborative effort to tackle different aspects of the healthy food issue throughout the year. Each grade level took on a unique project related to healthy food sources, delving into areas such as gardening, life cycles of farm animals and insects, and weather to demonstrate to kids the importance of healthy dieting while also incorporating other scientific standards.



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LAKEVIEW PRIMARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR COMPLETES GaDOE TEACHER POLICY FELLOWSHIP



Congratulations Brittany Nichols, 2023 Lakeview Primary Teacher of the Year, for successfully completing a year-long Teacher Policy Fellowship sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education. This remarkable achievement highlights Nichols' commitment to excellence and her dedication to advancing the education field.

Over the past year, Nichols has been collaborating with exceptional educators from across the state, including the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, Michael Kobito. Their collective efforts have centered around the vital areas of teacher recruitment and retention, with the ultimate goal of fortifying the educational landscape.

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JULY BOARD RECOGNITIONS



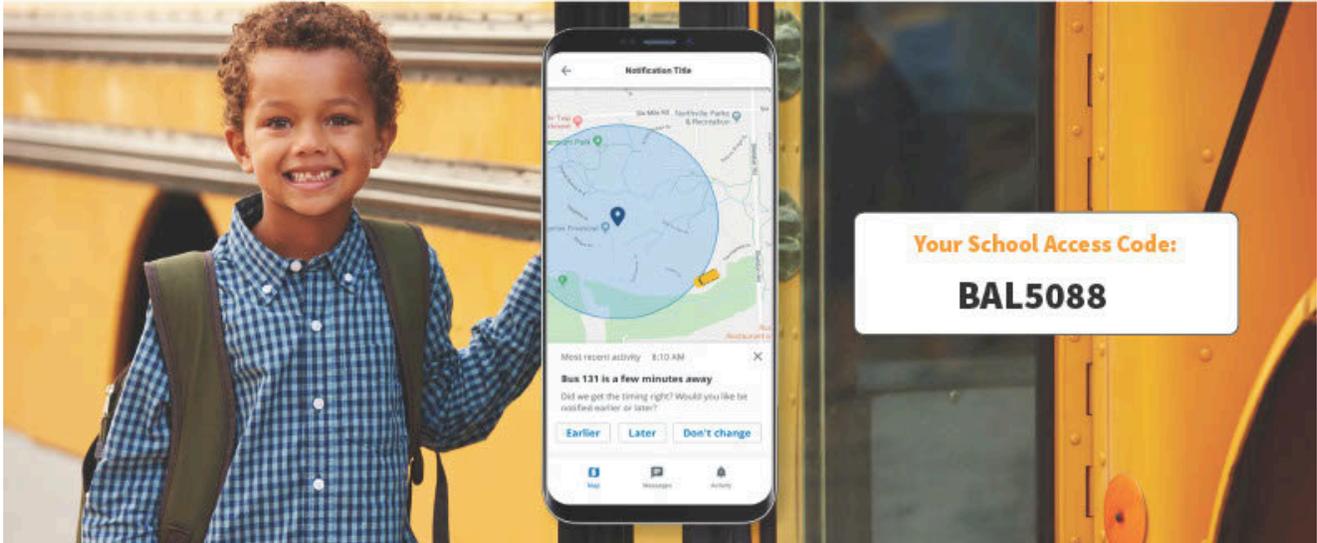
The following recognitions were given at the monthly Board of Education meeting for July, 2023.

Recognition of Mr. John Jackson for being elected to serve as President-Elect of the Georgia School Boards Association Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2023. Recognition of Braylen Howell for becoming a two-time Master 4-H Member, winning first place in the state of Georgia for his Project Achievement, being recognized as the Dean's Award winner in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences, and receiving a \$500 scholarship. Recognition of Baldwin County Schools for being selected as one of eight finalists for the 2023 GSBA Governance Team of the Year. Recognition of Midway Hills Academy for being recognized as an Achievement School by the Georgia Department of Education. Recognition of Dr. Noris Price, Superintendent, for being elected to serve on the AASA Governing Board (National Superintendents Association) by Georgia School Superintendents Association for a three-year term.



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As parents, the safety and security of our children are of utmost importance. The Baldwin County School District is taking safety to the next level by partnering with Zonar MyView, an easy-to-use mobile app that allows you to stay updated on the status of your child's school bus in real-time. With the Zonar MyView app, you can now have peace of mind, knowing where your child is throughout their bus journey. Let's delve into how this innovative app is transforming the way we keep our children safe!

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BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES MRS. ASHLEY BROXTON AS ITS NEW CURRICULUM SPECIALIST



ASHLEY BROXTON

The Baldwin County School District is delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs. Ashley Broxton as the new Curriculum Specialist, Grades 6-12. Broxton brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to educational excellence to her new role.

A proud graduate of Greenville High School in Greenville, GA, Broxton embarked on her academic journey at Georgia Southern University. There, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Master's in Public Administration, and a Specialist in Instructional Technology. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education in School Improvement at the University of West Georgia.

Broxton's educational career began as a paraprofessional, where her passion for inspiring and nurturing young minds flourished. She then enrolled in the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) program, obtaining a renewable teaching certificate in 6-12 Science. Broxton has served in various capacities throughout her career, including assistant principal, teacher-administrator, science department chair, teacher mentor, GaTAPP Ambassador, and high school science teacher.

Ashley Broxton finds joy and fulfillment in her personal life. She is happily married to Mr. Manzie Broxton, II, and together they are the proud parents of three wonderful children: Courtney, Madison, and Kelsey.

Please join us in congratulating Ashley Broxton on her appointment and wishing her great success in her new role.

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BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES DR. CYNDI BARR AS ITS NEW DISTRICT LITERACY COACH



DR. CYNDI BARR

Baldwin County School District is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Cyndi Barr as the new District Literacy Coach. With a wealth of experience spanning 16 years in the field of education, Barr brings a comprehensive skill set and a passion for fostering literacy development among students.

Barr's diverse background encompasses various roles within the education sector, including classroom teacher, teacher leader, mentor teacher, online teacher, department chair, and instructional coach. Her primary expertise lies in English Language Arts (ELA) and Reading, making her an invaluable asset to the district's literacy initiatives.

Her educational journey includes a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies from The University of Maryland College Park and a Master's Degree in Curriculum Instruction and Reading from Grand Canyon University. Additionally, Barr holds a Specialist Degree in Teacher Leadership from Georgia College and State University and a Doctorate in Leadership and Professional Practices from Trevecca Nazarene University.

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BCSD'S SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM WRAPS UP ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR



After weeks of incredible activities from our BCSD Summer Adventure Fine Arts Campers, The Summer Adventure program's final show was off the charts! Cheers to our performers for their hard work, and thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the end of another successful summer program!



YES PROGRAM THROWS BASH TO CELEBRATE END OF SUMMER PROGRAMMING



Congrats to the Summer YES Program for another AWESOME year of amazing programming! From outdoor summer field days to enriching experiences, you've really set the bar high for future programs! Here's to a spectacular summer!



TEAM BALDWIN COUNTY WINS GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE 5K AWARD



Congratulations to Team Baldwin County for blazing the trail and taking home the Team Participation Award at the Summer Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) Beach Run! It's time to retire all other teams, because you proved that you are Fit Leaders! Again, congrats and keep up the great work!

STUDENT REGISTRATION REVEWAL for 2023-2024 NOW OPEN!



Attention
Parents!

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Now Open in Infinite Campus



EXISTING FAMILY Campus Online Registration

For more Information:

www.baldwincountyschoolsga.org



It's time to complete our annual student registration renewal for the 2023 - 2024 school year. The purpose of the online registration is to assist the school district in preparing for all of our students who are planning to return to in-person instruction. This online registration process can be completed using a computer or a tablet and will ensure that the Baldwin County School District has your most up-to-date contact information. It will also let us know whether your child will be enrolling in [Baldwin Online Academy](#).

To access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, click the following link: [Parent Portal](#). For assistance in completing the annual update, click the following link for step-by-step guided instructions: [Annual Update Instructions](#). Please complete the annual update for each child returning to the Baldwin County School District.

If you have forgotten your password for Infinite Campus, you may access the Self-help feature on the Parent Portal login screen if you have a correct/updated email address in the system. For further assistance, you can use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal Help Desk by clicking the following link: [Help Desk](#).

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The Early Learning Center

2023-2024 school year



Head Start

A federally funded child and family development program that offers education, health, nutrition, family, children, transportation, & disability support services

- * Child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2023
- * Income and/or Categorical Eligibility Guidelines must be met

100 North ABC Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061
(478) 457-2468



Georgia's Pre-K

A state funded child development program that offers educational services and provides access to additional services comparable to the public school system

- * Child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2023
- * Acceptance determined by using a lottery system

To apply for either program, the following information will be needed:

- *Child's birth certificate (Original Document)
- *Child's social security card (Original Document)
- *Proof of residence (utility bill for the previous month)
- *Income verification (W-2 or 3 pay stubs for the previous month)
- *Proof of disability, if applicable

We actively recruit children with disabilities, including severe disabilities.

Please contact Mrs. Tanya Browder at 478-457-2468 for further information.

The Early Learning Center has extended its 2023-24 registration for applicants who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2023. They will continue to take applications until these slots are full.

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BALDWIN ONLINE ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Baldwin County School District will continue to offer students the option of remote learning by enrolling in the Baldwin Online Academy for the 2022-2023 school year. This option is also available to home-schooled students. Baldwin Online Academy is available to students in grades K-12 who want to have the flexibility of learning from home at their own pace.

Parents may use this [LINK](#) to enroll their children in the Baldwin Online Academy (BOA) for the 2023-2024 school year. Students who are already in BOA do not need to complete this form. If you have more than one child, please complete a form for each child. Homeschooled students will need to complete the new student registration process. You will be notified if your child is selected for the Baldwin Online Academy.

Students need to have good grades and attendance to be considered for the online academy (passing 3 out of 4 academic subjects). If there is a medical reason for wanting to enroll online, the parent needs to state this in the reason for enrolling. For any questions, please contact Mr. Antonio Ingram, Director of the BSA/BOA at 478-233-9010 or send an email to antonio.ingram@baldwin.k12.ga.us

FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Parents are hearing many different acronyms these days that students are learning at school. This week we would like to share the answers to some frequently asked questions about PBIS, our Positive Behavioral Interventions and supports, from the George Sugai National Center on PBIS Neag School of Education.

POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	 www.pbis.org 	George Sugai National Center on PBIS Neag School of Education University of Connecticut May 29, 2018
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1. What is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)?
Implementation framework for maximizing the selection and use of evidence-based prevention and intervention practices along a continuum that supports the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral competence of all students.
2. What is the PBIS Center?
Established by OSERS, USDoE in 1997 to deliver high quality, direct and indirect technical assistance and implementation support to local and state education agencies across the United States and territories.
3. What do students and staff members gain in PBIS schools?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students develop, learn, and enhance their social, emotional, and behavioral competence to support their academic engagement. • All educators develop positive, predictable, and safe environments that promote strong interpersonal relationships with students through teaching, modeling, and encouragement.
4. What do students and educators experience when PBIS is implemented with fidelity?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions in major disciplinary infractions and antisocial behavior. • Improvements in aggressive behavior, concentration, prosocial behavior, and emotional regulation • Improvements in academic engagement and achievement • Enhancements in perceptions of organizational health and safety • Reductions in teacher and student reported bullying behavior, peer rejection, and substance abuse • Improvements in school climate
5. How does PBIS contribute to the development of positive school climate, school safety, and student-educator relationships?
By establishing positive, safe, caring, and interactive learning environments, educators develop trusting relationships with their students who in turn experience schools as safe and responsive environments where their diverse needs, strengths, and learning are supported.

INFINITE CAMPUS



Infinite Campus is the Baldwin County School District's student information system and gaining access is easier than ever before. Simply follow the link to two videos that provide step-by-step instructions on how to create an account and login. You can also find this information by clicking the "Infinite Campus" link under the parents tab on www.baldwincountyschoolsga.org

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Welcome to Our Schools

Click on the following links to access district and school websites as well as all of the social media networks for our respective schools in the district. Our Facebook and Twitter accounts are the best ways to stay up to date with the latest news and happenings in all of our schools. Give us a like or a follow and help share all the good news that is happening in the district every day!

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