



## *A Note from the Principal*

Parents,

Thank you for all of your support this school year. We are off to an amazing start. If you have not already done so, please download the CCS district app. This will give you information as soon as the district decides on things like early release days, snow days and late busses. The app is the first place that the district posts announcements when it applies to school. Also, please download the bus bulletin as well. If your child rides a bus, this is how you will find out if the bus is running late.

Our Berwick goals are Literacy, Numeracy and Attendance. Our building attendance goal is 96% or higher each day. Every minute counts, so please make sure your child arrives on time and doesn't get picked up early.

Parents we will continue to use Achieve 3000 as a middle school reading program that will support the reading curriculum that the students are being taught in class. In elementary, students in grades K-5 will have the opportunity to use a program called I-Ready. This program will work with students in reading. Both programs are computer based. We are excited to use these programs and continue to increase our academic success.

We will continue to use the MAP assessment for beginning, middle and end of the year benchmarking of student progress. Students in grades 2-8 will also continue to use ALEKS to strengthen math concepts and skills.

Please come out to "Muffins with Mitchell" on September 10th in the library at 9:30am. I look forward to seeing you there. Please don't forget that Open House is September 25th.



While not until spring time, during the next few weeks, parents will see some important items related to our school camping trips. First of all, on September 10, your child will be bringing home all of the items necessary to take part in the cookie dough fundraiser. This fundraiser is crucial to our camping program as it allows us to lower the cost of camping fees for all students. It is also important that all grade levels take part as any fundraising funds not used one year can be applied to the following, meaning it benefits all who take part. So please look out for the cookie dough materials and sell, sell, sell!!

Also, the next few months are critical in setting up a team of chaperones for each camping trip. Chaperones are imperative to our camping trip in terms of supervising student groups during the day and in the evening for the overnight camps. Every chaperone will need both an updated BCI and FBI background check, so the next few months are critical in getting those taken care of in a timely manner. More information will be coming home pertaining to the chaperone process soon, so if your child is in a camping grade level (1, 3, or 5), please keep an eye out.

### Vision Statement

Impacting the future through strong leadership that supports accountability, pride, and respectful, transparent communication to produce a continuous expectation of excellence for all stakeholders.

### Mission Statement

Berwick is a place where excellent students are rooted in a tradition of family and community. Berwick students are:

Challenged through high-quality, data-informed, innovative lessons designed to meet student needs;

Encouraged to explore, to be flexible, and to be independent; and

Empowered to be collaborators, creators, communicators, and critical thinkers.

### Motto

We Learn. We Achieve. We Lead.

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# Students OF THE MONTH

Each month this section will be dedicated to our "PAWS"itive student leaders. These are students that are proactive, accountable, willing to help others and safe with words and actions. Then the those students will be displayed on our "PAWS"itive building leaders wall!! I look forward to seeing us fill up the wall this school year.



Hello All!

We hope you had a fantastic Summer and you are ready for a great 2019-2020 school year. This year one of my main focuses will be on improving Berwick's attendance percentage, through incentives and interventions with students and families. Our goal at Berwick is to achieve a 96% in attendance, this means we need every student to attend every day. If students are sick or have doctor's appointments, please continue

to send in notes and make phone calls to the Secretaries so that we can accurately mark your student's attendance. This school year I will continue to provide social emotional support to students through weekly check-ins, walk-ins, or as needed conversations. I meet with students individually and in a group setting. During these check-ins, the students and I are creating short-term and long-term goals for their future. Somethings that I am currently meeting with students for are building coping skills, conflict resolution, managing stress and anxiety, coping with grief and loss, and building resilience. If you would like your child to meet with me, please call the school at 614-365-6140 and ask to talk with the school social worker Ms. Courtney Birkhimer. I'm looking forward to a great school year!



Dear Parents and Staff,

My name is Lucetta Holbert and I am your Family Ambassador, also known as Parent Consultant, here at Berwick K-8. I am excited for the opportunity to work with parents, students and staff. My primary goal as the Family Ambassador is to bridge the gap between home and school by providing resources from both Berwick and Columbus City Schools that nurture academic/social success for our students. My biggest joy is working with children and supporting our teachers. Additionally, I would also like to increase parent involvement and attendance with the Berwick PTO. I encourage you to get involved. Your voice and your help is very much needed. I welcome your advice and concerns. Also, located in the main office is a Berwick Parent Board with information just for you.

My hours are as follows:

Tuesday: 11:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.

Wednesday: 12:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to stop in, or you may call me at 614-365-6140. I am also available via email: [Lholbert@columbusk12.oh.us](mailto:Lholbert@columbusk12.oh.us).

I'm looking forward to building a wonderful relationship with parents and establishing positive means of communication between our parents and staff.

Sincerely,

Lucetta Holbert

Family Ambassador



If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to have you help! Please fill out the "Volunteer Form" in this week's newsletter with the days and times you are available and the type of job(s) you would like to do. You may also request a copy from the main office. I encourage you to get involved. Your voice and your help is very much needed.

Thank you for volunteering your time!



*Mrs. Hale and Ms. Doherty*

Hello Berwick Families—

For those parents who are new to Middle School and/or the Berwick Family, my name is Alisha Hale and I am the school counselor here at Berwick K-8 for grades 6-8. I am a proud graduate of Capital University (Go Crusaders!) and The University of Dayton (Go Flyers!). I am proud to say that I am starting my 23rd year with Columbus City Schools and am very excited to work with my middle school students and families.

This year I will be working with students on college and career readiness, interpersonal skills, study skills and organizational skills. In addition to this, I will also be working with 8th grade students on his/her transition to high school. Our “I Know I Can” representative will also be working with grades 6-8 on college and career readiness using Naviance.

Have a great year Middle School!

Go Bulldogs!

**Elementary Counseling:**

I would like to introduce myself as the new elementary counselor, Katie Doherty. I am a two-time graduate of The Ohio State University and am coming to CCS following a few years at a local charter school. This year I am splitting my time between Berwick (M/W/F) and Oakland Park (T/Th). I am eager to meet your students and get the school year started! Monthly classroom lessons will begin next week (9/9), grades K-5. In addition, Bus Safety Day will be on September 16th for grades K-3. As I travel between buildings it is easier to catch me on email: [kdoherthy@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:kdoherthy@columbus.k12.oh.us).



## September Health News

Here are a few important Back-to-School reminders:

\* All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file in order to be in school. Updates include MMR, DTaP, IPV, and the chicken pox vaccine. In addition to these boosters, school age children should have had the Hepatitis B series completed.

\* Health screenings will begin in October for grades K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th. We will be testing vision and hearing, as well as, the height and weight of your student. If you have any specific concerns, please let the school nurse know!

\* Allergy & Asthma season is predicted to hit us HARD this year. Monitor all symptoms closely and follow your health care provider's advice. Medical care plans, rescue inhalers, and Epi pens are a necessity, and may save a life!

\* If your student has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse. Individual health care plans help keep your students safe and healthy.

\* PLEASE have a current and working phone number in the school office in the event your child needs your attention.

Feel free to call me if you need assistance with any of the above.

Angela M Spangler RN, BSN, LSN.

## Important Dates for Berwick Alternative K-8

### **BERWICK ALTERNATIVE K-8**

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2019-2020

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CREATIVITY STARTS  
HERE!

### OUR MOTTO:

WE LEARN.  
WE ACHIEVE.  
WE LEAD.

9-10	Cookie Dough Kick Off
9-10	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
9-11	Early Release Day
9-19	3GRG Parent meeting
9-19	Girl Scouts Open House
9-23	PTO meeting at 5:30
9-24	Turn in money for Cookie Dough Fundraiser
9-25	Open House 5-6:30
10-3	Girl Scouts
10-10	Early Release Day
10-17	Girl Scouts
10-18	No School -Professional Development
11-5	No School- Professional Development Day
11-7	Girl Scouts
11-12	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
11-13	Early Release Day
11-21	Girl Scouts
11-28-12-1	Thanksgiving Break
12-5	Girl Scouts
12-10	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
12-10	Literacy Night 6-7
12-11	Early Release
12-19	Girl Scouts
12-24-1-6	Winter Break
1-8	Early Release
1-9	Girl Scouts
1-15	No School -Records Day
1-20	No School -Martin Luther King Day
1-23	Girl Scouts
2-5	Girl Scouts
2-11	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
2-12	Early Release
2-18	No School -President's Day
2-20	Girl Scouts
2-25	Popcorn kick off
3-5	Girl Scouts
3-19	Girl Scouts
3-19	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
4-2	Girl Scouts
4-7	1st and 5th grade at Heartland Camp
4-8	3rd grade at Heartland Camp
4-10-4-17	Spring Break
4-23	Girl Scouts
5-7	Girl Scouts
5-12	Muffins with Mitchell at 9:30
5-21	Girl Scouts
5-21	STEAM Night
5-28	Last Day of School