



The Bronco Update

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Principal's Message

A grant funded afterschool and Saturday morning program will provide academic support for Burrillville High School students of all ability levels in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish. The Bronco Extended Learning laboratory Academy (B.E.L.L.A.) will provide teachers to support and remediate students in their respective content areas from 2:10PM to 3:00PM, Monday through Thursday at the school library. A similar opportunity will be available on Saturday morning from 8:00AM to 11:00AM.

Student participants may be self-referred, by parents, teachers, or counselors. A flexible schedule will be developed for individual student availability or needs. Referral forms will be available at Burrillville high School's main office or the guidance office.

The starting date for the program is Tuesday, October 13th.

This program can be an ideal solution to extended absences or for long term extra support included as a component of a Response to Intervention plan for a student. Both the library and computer center will be available resources for all students during these hours.

Later in October the B.E.L.L.A. Program will expand to offer virtual learning opportunities through Nova Net. Students will have the opportunities to earn academic credits toward graduation requirements and enrichment. Course offerings will be announced within the next three weeks. Priority scheduling will be given to upper class students who will have an opportunity to graduate in June 2010, although it is anticipated many student placements will be available.

For additional information e-mail me at olsenr@bsd-ri.net or call 568-1310.

Thank You

Ralph Olsen

9th Grade Parents

Homework Group is up and running. It runs Monday through Thursday until 2:45 in room D-2. Daily attendance is not required. If the student only has homework two or three days a week then he/she is welcome to attend on those days when they feel they can most benefit from the quiet place and /or the help.

Testing Update

NWEA Measures of Academic Progress:

All students in grades 9 and 10 participated in the NWEA testing program during the last week of September and the first two weeks of October. Students were tested during their English class on English and Reading skills and in Math class on either Algebra or Geometry skills. This electronic assessment tool provides individual and group reports within a 24 hour time frame. Teachers are in the process of accessing their scores to analyze and use to inform instruction on both an individual and group basis. The next testing window will be in January and February.

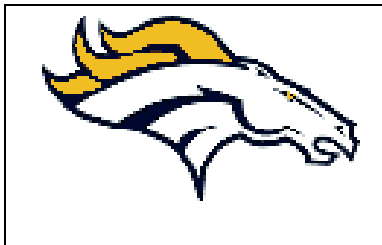
NECAP:

We are currently administering the NECAP assessments to all identified 11th graders. This past week students completed the 2 sessions on writing and the 2 sessions on reading. Next week they will complete the last two sessions on math. Attendance has been good and students seem motivated to do their best. The administration held a student assembly before the testing began to explain to students the importance of these state mandated tests and explained the incentive program designed to encourage increased student participation and reward improved student effort.

School News

Enrollments in Burrillville High School EEP classes which earn credits from Burrillville High School and Rhode Island College are the largest ever. Congratulations to teachers Lisa Carpenter, Stacey Lamontagne, Kyle Rose, and Nick Horne.

Congratulations to Mr. Aldrich on being selected as the Rhode Island Technology Educators Association "Teacher of The Year".



RIDE School Visits

We are busy preparing for a visit from RIDE's Office of Diverse Learners scheduled for October 19th through October 22nd. We look forward to receiving constructive feedback from this visiting team of professionals on the services we provide our students at BHS.

Commissioner's Visit:

BHS is also hosting a Commissioner's Visit on November 17th, 18th and 19th. The purpose of the visit is to provide useful information to help the school and central office improve learning and teaching within the Proficiency Based Graduation System. The visit is focused on these questions:

- How well do students use literacy and demonstrate the proficiencies required for graduation?
- How well are teachers helping students to use literacy and demonstrate the proficiencies required for graduation?
- How well does the school and district leadership support teacher efforts to make all students proficient readers and writers who meet graduation requirements?

Chess Club

Chess Club is going well and strong. There is still time to join. Lessons are offered every meeting if you do not know how to play. All are welcome in A-17 on Wednesdays. Please see Mr. Daigneault to join.

School Based Coordinator

Students from the SIFE Club (Students in Free Enterprise) from Bryant College are giving a series of workshops on Resume Writing for College and/or Careers to the students in Ms. Drury's Post Secondary Planning Class.

Educational and Career Preparation field trips are planned for New England Tech, The Rhode Island Aviation Career Fair, RI State DECA Conference and Rhode Island College.

The Feinstein Community Service Club

The Feinstein Club's first meeting to the school year brought back regulars and new students, as well. Mrs. Erickson informed the group that Mr. Feinstein had issued a challenge to RI schools across the state to join him in helping to collect non-perishable food for the needy during the month of October, and club members agreed to go forward with plans to initiate a food drive at our school through the advisories. Flyers have been sent out, morning announcements are being read, and emails sent to faculty advisors requesting their help in motivating their students to participate. As an incentive, the Feinstein Club will award a

breakfast of donuts and hot cocoa to the winning advisory that collects the most food by the end of the month. The real winners, of course, will be St. Patrick's Food Pantry in Harrisville, and their client-families, who will reap the benefits of our work. Some Feinstein Club members are already planning to canvas their neighborhoods for Trick-or-Treat to ask for a food item instead of candy to help the cause.

The Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 2pm in D-3 to discuss the food drive, and our participation in the upcoming Homecoming Parade.

Feinstein Club sweatshirts will be given to those who don't already have one to wear in the Parade. All students interested in joining are welcome to attend our next meeting on the 14th.



Student Council- Spirit Week

Hey Burrillville, Are You Ready To Play?

This year Homecoming is going to take place during the week of October 26-31, and our theme is BOARDGAMES!

The dress up days are as follows:

Monday, October 26 - Neon Day

Tuesday, October 27 - Formal Wear Day

Wednesday, October 28 - Halloween Costume Day

Thursday, October 29 - Fake An Injury Day

Friday, October 30 - School Colors Day (Blue White and Gold!)

We are also going to have several events.



On Monday, October 26, the Juniors will be hosting Sports Night! It will take place in the Cafeteria from 6-8 p.m. and will cost \$2 dollars for admission.

On Tuesday, October 27, the Sophomores will be hosting the Talent Show. It will take place in the Auditorium at 6 p.m. and will cost \$5 dollars for admission.

On Saturday, October 31, we will have our parade coming from Eccleston Field to the High School at 9:00 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. the football game will begin.

Finally, at night, the Seniors will be hosting a dance at the High School, in the gym from 7-10 p.m. It will cost \$5 for admission, and football players are admitted free.

The Student Council would like to encourage all current students and alumni to take part in these events, especially the parade and football game on Saturday. We hope to see everyone there.

Also, order forms for Student Council t-shirts are available in Mr. McNulty's room, A10.

Art Club

Art Club starts Oct 1st and will run every Thursday and will continue throughout the year. Come on by and let some of your creativity run loose in Room E6! Open to all 2pm - till? Some of the activities will include but not limited to Clay, drawing, illustration, digital photography, painting, printmaking, assemblage and sculpture. There will be informal lessons and helpful tips in all areas. Any further questions contact me, Mr. Mueller at ext 2606

Guidance News

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE FAIR -Saturday, October 17, 2009 1:00 to 3:30 PM at

Rhode Island College

Providence, RI



Sponsored by: Brown University, Bryant University, Community College of R.I., Johnson and Wales University, New England Institute of Technology, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, The University of Rhode Island.

PSATs are being offered free of charge to Burrillville High School 10th and 11th graders on Saturday, October 17th from 7:30 am until approximately 11:30 am. Please see Mrs. Lavallee in the Guidance office to sign up and receive your practice booklet.

College Planning and Financial Aid Night: A workshop will be held Thursday November 6, at 6:00pm in the media center for all juniors and seniors and their parents interested in college planning and financial aid.

College Representatives visiting BHS in October:

<u>College Name</u>	<u>Date of Visit</u>	<u>Time of Visit</u>
S. New Hampshire Univ.	10/13/2009	8:15 a.m.
Riviere College	10/13/2009	1:00 p.m.
Salve Regina University	10/14/2009	12:15 p.m.
Mitchell College	10/16/2009	1:00 p.m.
Johnson & Wales	10/20/2009	10:15 a.m.
University of Hartford	10/22/2009	2:15 p.m.
Champlain College	10/23/2009	1:00 p.m.
Keene State College	10/27/2009	10:15 a.m.
RI College	10/29/2009	10:15 a.m.



Art Update

All classes are well under way busy with early projects nearly complete. My Studio art class is tackling word association with images in their altered books. This consists of an old discarded book being repurposed for Art. The students have picked 25 words to describe emotion's, that is the table of contents for the projects, then they format the project using collage print ink or assemblage to express each word. This is an ongoing project that we reserve for Friday's or when we need a change to get away from our current project. The students are also working with old recycled shoes to use as the pallet for a particular artist and style. This will be interpreted by each student and transform the shoe to that particular artist's style.

Clay class are finished with introductory slump project as well as molding techniques, other projects have used coil construction to create a structural pot with locking lid. Currently we are working on South American spirit rattle with personalized carvings.

Drawing classes have been introduced to word symbol interpretation. We talked about different words and what a symbol to represent them would look like, an angry line, a sad line, a funny mark, and a confused mark etc. I then gave them 25 random words which they had to construct a story based on the words I gave them as well as illustrate the story any way they wanted.....some very funny stories were told and well received by the class. We also have worked on one and two point perspective.

We are currently looking and working on how line marks can create illusions to trick the brain and the mechanics of creating an illusion. I would like to take a minute to thank the several donors and administration for getting this year off to a smooth start. A new kiln is in place and a clay recycler was purchased to replace our 35 year old recycler, may it rest in pieces! Two tons of clay arrived which give each student about 25 pounds for the year. Come on by the library and view some of the student work. I will be trying to put some of the works on our library web site with our librarian Miss Davies. Till then think and create

Sincerely

Mr.M



Superintendent

Dr. Frank Pallotta

Principal

Mr. Ralph Olsen

Assistant Principals

Mrs. Sherrill McKeon

Mr. Michael Whaley

Calendar

**10/12/09 Columbus Day-
No School**

**10/19/09 thru 10/22/09-
Special Education District
Audit**

**10/26/09 thru 10/31/09
Spirit Week**

**10/31/09
Homecoming Dance
7:00pm to 10:00pm**

Attachments

**Parent Teacher
Conference Schedule
Request**



Work Study

The work/study program is back in full swing with students placed throughout the community in job settings. Thanks to IGA, Serio's Pizza, George's Pizza, Ivy's Place and the Levy Rink for assisting the program by giving our students jobs again this year. I'd also like to give a big thank you to the custodians in the district and Bethany Davies in the media center at BHS for all their help in scheduling students into their programs during school hours. This has given many students work opportunities they could not have had due to time restraints in scheduling.

Recently, the RIPTA Bus Company came into BHS to present their program to our students. The next step for us is to obtain bus passes and begin training in how to use the bussing services offered by RIPTA. We are looking forward to learning how to navigate in the community.

Lisa Simpson
Job Coach

Drama

The Introduction to Drama classes are planning their first trip of the year! We are headed to the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket on the 16th of October to see Encore Rep.'s production of *Willy Wonka*. Not only is one of their own classmates in the show, but they will also have an opportunity to stay after the show is over for a talkback session with some of the crew and cast. Students will be able to ask questions about the production of the show and be able to learn more about the technical side of the theatre through this trip. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Blissmer.



Parent/Teacher Conference
Appointment Schedule
Wednesday, November 18th

Name of Student _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Email Address _____

APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED

Teacher	Course	Times	Room
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