

Belleville Public Schools



“Where Learners Become Leaders”

Office of Family and Community Engagement

2019-2020 District Events & Endeavors

(District Events -Black Philanthropic Endeavors -Pink Student-Driven Events -Blue)

The Crayon Initiative (a partnership project w/ The Crayon Initiative):

For a 2nd year, our schools will support this charitable organization in its quest to collect, recycle and repurpose used, broken and unwanted crayons, which will be distributed to pediatric patients in medical centers across the United States.

September 30, 2019 through June 15, 2020

U Need – I Have BPS School Clothing Share (a partnership project w/ families throughout Belleville):

Wondering what to do with your child’s BPS school clothing that can no longer be worn? You can bring never used and gently worn BPS pants, BPS shirts and BPS spirit wear to your child’s school, and we will share these items with those who have a need.

September 30, 2019 through June 15, 2020

4th Annual District Pink-Out Dress Down Day (a partnership project w/ the American Cancer Society):

This will be a day for generating awareness, sharing information and fundraising to help find a cure for cancer.

Friday, October 25, 2019

5th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival: (BHS Campus- Gym, Cafeteria, Senior Lounge, Parking Lot, Football Field)

Saturday, November 2, 2019 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 P.M.)

Thanksgiving Food Drive (a partnership project w/ the Woman’s Club of Belleville & the Belleville Police Dep’t):

For a 2nd year, our schools will join forces with the above noted community partners to help make Thanksgiving a festive time for families who are in need. Donated food items will be shared and distributed locally through the food pantries of Little Zion U.A.M. E. Church, St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, Holy Family Church, and a local program that services victims of domestic violence and those who are homeless.

November 4, 2019 through November 13, 2019

4th Annual District Winter Wear Drive (a partnership project w/ the Woman’s Club of Belleville):

Help us *Share the Warmth* this winter! Coats that are NEW & GENTLY WORN, along with hats, gloves and scarves that are NEW will be collected at every school and then distributed to those in need throughout our community.

November 18, 2019 – December 6, 2019

The Sock-It-To-Me Sock Drive (a partnership project w/ our Belleville community and neighboring towns):


Did you know that socks are one of the most requested items by relief agencies that help the homeless? However, socks tend to be the least donated item. Please help us to bring a little comfort to those who need it most by donating NEW socks for infants through adults.

These donations will be shared with the Wesley United Methodist Church, a township program that services victims of domestic violence and the Human Needs Food Pantry of Montclair.

January 6, 2020 through January 17, 2020

5th Annual Black History Celebration: (BHS Campus-Auditorium, Main Lobby, Surrounding Hallway Areas)
Thursday, February 20, 2020 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) (Snow Date: Thursday, 2-27-20)

Read Across America Celebration w/ Elementary School Visits by BHS Student Athletes:
Monday, March 2, 2020 & Tuesday, March 3, 2020

I “” Can Help! Eyeglass Donation Drive (a partnership project w/ New Eyes for the Needy):
Eyeglasses that you no longer wear and consider to be clutter can be donated and used to provide clear vision to children and adults across the USA and around the world. Eyeglasses and reading glasses that are in good condition will be collected in every school and given to the Eyes for the Needy Organization for distribution and repurposing.
March 3, 2020 through March 27, 2020

4th Annual Health, Wellness & Safety Fair: (BHS Campus- Gym, Cafeteria, Senior Lounge & Hallways)
Saturday, March 21, 2020 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) (Rain Date: Saturday, 3-28-20)

Autism Awareness Walk & Wear Blue Dress Down Day (a partnership project w/Autism Speaks):
In honor of our district’s April involvement in activities and events that support the efforts of the Autism Speaks Organization, and our district’s sponsorship of the Northern New Jersey Walk in May, April 2nd will be designated as a district-wide autism awareness and information sharing day. The staff and students in each of our nine school communities will highlight the importance of “World Autism Awareness Day” by wearing blue and participating in a school-based Autism Awareness Walk.
Thursday, April 2, 2020

3rd Annual “We Care Bag” Collection Drive (a partnership project w/ Clara Maass Medical Center):
Please help us fill our “We Care Bags” with items that will help pediatric patients and oncology patients pass their time more pleasantly during their hospital stay. Donations will be collected at every school and shared with Clara Maass Medical Center for distribution.
April 6, 2020 – April 17, 2020

5th Annual Multicultural Festival: (BHS Campus-Gym, Cafeteria, Senior Lounge, Parking Lot, Football Field)
Saturday, May 16, 2020 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) (Rain Date: Sunday, 5-17-20)

Red Nose Dress Down Day to Fight Against Child Poverty...(a partnership project w/ Walgreens):
Thursday, May 21, 2020

Rising 7th Grade Meet & Greet: (Clearman Field – School 8)
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 (Rain Date: Wednesday, 6/3/20)

Backpack & Basic School Supplies Donation Drive (a paying it forward initiative):
In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, we are seeking to collect never used and gently used backpacks and book bags, along with basic school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, and crayons), to share with our students who have a need.
June 3, 2020 through June 25, 2020

BHS Senior Clap-Out: (Involving the BHS Senior Class & Each Elementary School)
In a “circle of life” moment, our 2020 Senior Class will return to their home elementary schools to be clapped out by our K-6 students, who are our future BHS graduates.
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Please Note: Flyers with details pertaining to each community-based event will be posted on the home page of our district’s website, www.bellevilleschools.org, and under this site’s “Community Corner” tab.

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