



BEAVERTON RURAL SCHOOLS NEWS

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2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS



Beaverton Rural Schools is home to nearly 1,400 students. Even with a very tight budget, the Board of Education has seen fit to maintain class sizes of 15 -30 students, K-12 transportation, and a strong traditional athletic program.

After identifying District strengths and weaknesses, the Board of Education has made a major commitment to the following School Improvement Goals:

- Improve Student Academic Achievement
- Ensure Financial Stability
- Advance and Expand Use of Technology
- Improve Communication and Celebrate Successes of Beaverton Rural Schools

Newsletters, such as this, give the District opportunity to keep community members informed about the schools. The included information highlights activities that reflects efforts of our current District initiatives.

With this issue we introduce our new logo which represents our focus on teaching and learning. The concept of the logo was developed during a series of workshops. The actual design was created by High School Art Teacher Mary Ellen Verellen. The Board of Education has taken formal action to approve the use of the logo along with the District crest and Beaverton Beaver mascot.

Thank you to our parents, community members and staff for making our schools a wonderful place to learn.

Mrs. Joan Cashin
Superintendent

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



As we prepare for the 2007-2008 school year we would like to begin by saying "We are excited to start our first year as your educational leadership team at Beaverton High School". We are looking forward to meeting the challenges we have ahead of us.

The school count for the 2007-2008 school year is 507 students. The count breaks down:

- Ninth Grade - 144
- Tenth Grade - 94

- Eleventh Grade - 137
- Twelfth Grade - 132

Of foremost concern this year will be evaluation and response to the results of the Michigan Merit Exam taken by juniors last March.

Secondly, will be implementation of a plan for development of academics, student character and school pride.

We invite the B.H.S. Alumni to join us for the Annual Homecoming Celebration on Friday, October 5, 2007. The parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. followed by the 7:00 p.m. varsity Football Game against the Meridian Mustangs. Join us to cheer on the Beaverton Beavers to Victory.

The Beaverton Rural School Mission Statement states: Beaverton Rural Schools in partnership with the community, will ensure an environment in which all students will achieve skills necessary for lifelong learning and responsible citizenship. We believe we need to educate students to succeed but yet recognize that each student has unique attributes and needs.

Mr. Greg Paxton
Principal
Mr. Joe Passalacqua
Assistant Principal

Special points of interest:

- New logo
- Number of students in each grade
- Homecoming information
- 2007-2008 School calendar
- Parent/Teacher conference schedule
- Web site for finding athletic information
- Oct. 8 BMS Meeting
- Energy Audit

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Beaverton Middle School got off to a great start this school year. The school count for the 2007- 2008 school year is 480 students. The count breaks down:

Fourth Grade -	87
Fifth Grade -	105
Sixth Grade -	89
Seventh Grade -	97
Eighth Grade -	102

We welcomed four new teachers to our staff: Mr. Lang, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Stainsby. We are excited to have them here.

As of this writing, we have two

major projects in the works. First, BMS committed to having a safe school environment for all of our students. Therefore, we have initiated an anti-bullying campaign for all of our students and staff. We have partnered with an expert in the field for student, staff and parent orientation. Before October 1, all of the students and staff will have been exposed and trained. On October 8, we are holding our first parent meeting on the subject.

Our second major project is getting our students ready for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

We are proud that BMS, as a school, has scored very high on these tests. In fact, overall, we have scored higher than any other middle school in our area. Our teachers are working very hard to continue our success.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to either me, Mr. Budge or Mr. Johnston.

Have a great year.

Mr. Jeff Budge

Principal

Mr. Roy Johnston

Assistant Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



The Primary School started in grand fashion. All staff in the building wore their red Primary School t-shirts to greet students and parents. The school count for the 2007-2008 school year is 410 students. The count breaks down:

Kindergarten -	100
First Grade -	83
Second Grade -	122
Third Grade -	105

The Primary School up graded the computer lab with additional computers and new tables and chairs. The District also has purchased the NEO/AlphaSmart computer system. These are small desk computers that students work on writing skills from the basics to complete story writing. These great additions to the building were provided through a grant from the Midland Area Community Foundation.

We look forward to seeing you during Parent –Teacher Conferences November 8th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Thank you for sending us such great students.

Mr. Ron Morley

Principal

DISTRICT INFORMATION

School Board: Members

Mr. Dennis King	President
Mr. William Johnston	Vice President
Mrs. Debbie Longstreth	Secretary
Mr. Glenn Smith	Treasurer
Mr. Robert Frei	Trustee
Mr. Ron Roggow	Trustee
Mr. Garry Clark	Trustee

School Board: Meeting Schedule

The Board of Education meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except for December) in the Beaverton High School Media Center.

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District will make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in these meetings.

School Telephone Numbers:

Administration Office	(989) 246-3000
High School	(989) 246-3010
Middle School	(989) 246-3020
Primary School	(898) 246-3040

School Web Site:

www.brs.cgresd.net

ATHLETICS



VARSITY FOOTBALL

7:00 p.m.
 8/24 (H) Standish
 8/30 (A) Tawas
 9/7 (H) Clare
 9/14 (H) Farwell
 9/21 (A) Gladwin
 9/28 (A) Harrison
 10/5 (H) Meridian
 10/12 (H) Houghton Lake
 10/19 (A) Roscommon

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8/20 (A) Clare
 8/29 (H) Houghton Lake
 9/5 (H) Meridian
 9/12 (H) Harrison
 9/19 (A) Roscommon
 9/26 (A) Farwell
 10/3 (H) Gladwin
 10/10 (A) Houghton Lake
 10/17 (A) Meridian
 10/22 (A) Harrison
 10/24 (H) Clare

CROSS COUNTRY

8/30 (A) Ogemaw
 9/8 (A) Bullock Creek
 9/14 (H) Invitational
 9/19 (A) Roscommon
 9/22 (A) Delta College
 9/29 (A) Carson City
 10/3 (H) Jamboree
 10/6 (A) Sag. Heritage
 10/13 (A) Shepherd
 10/17 (A) Clare

For schedules and up to date scores of Beaverton High School Athletic events, log onto www.highschoolsports.net, click on "Michigan" under the 'State' pull down menu and then click on "Beaverton" under the 'School' pull down menu.

Mr. Joe Passalacqua, Athletic Director

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

The cost of a student lunch - \$1.65. Buying school supplies - \$150.00. Your child arriving to school safely each and every day - priceless. The Transportation Department at Beaverton Rural Schools believes each and every child is priceless. Our number one priority is a safe ride to and from school. Every school day 16 school buses leave the

transportation department, between the time of 6:05 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. traveling nearly 500 miles to pick up the approximately 1,300 students who ride a school bus. Those same buses return students home between 3:25 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.

These are very important times

for the public to be aware of the possibility of encountering overhead lights from a school bus and that children may be crossing the road. Thank you for using extra care and consideration when approaching a school bus.

Mrs. Marietta Andrist

Transportation Coordinator



MAINTENANCE NEWS

The buildings were prepared by the Maintenance and Custodial staff for the first day of school for students and staff. The grounds around all of the buildings have been mowed and trimmed. Fresh paint has been put around the exterior of the high school, middle school, primary, and elementary. Hopefully, this preparation made for an enjoyable start of the new school year.

Please observe the new No Parking signs throughout the

district. It is imperative that we pay attention to these signs so that driveways can be clear should emergency vehicles need to have access.

As always, we are being proactive when it comes to the safety of our students and staff. Emergency procedures have been developed and manuals written so proper training and preparation can be done.

An energy audit has been conducted by Honeywell Inc. and

shows that a favorable amount of savings could be realized through energy conservation methods. We are still working to develop the scope of work to achieve maximum savings and benefits to the District.

Mr. Dick Andrist

Facilities Manager



BEAVERTON RURAL SCHOOLS 2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUG 28	STAFF ORIENTATION	
AUG 29, 30	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSERVICE	
AUG 31	NO SCHOOL- FRIDAY BEFORE LABOR DAY	
SEPT 3	NO SCHOOL- LABOR DAY	
SEPT 4	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS-	PRIMARY DISMISS AT 11:20 A.M. MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL DISMISS AT 11:35 A.M. STAFF FULL DAY
NOV 2	END OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD (9WKS/43.5 STUDENT DAYS)	
NOV 8	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE (1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.) (5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.)	PRIMARY DISMISS AT 11:20 A.M. MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL DISMISS AT 11:35 A.M. STAFF FULL DAY
NOV 9	HALF DAY OF SCHOOL-	PRIMARY DISMISS AT 11:20 A.M. MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL DISMISS AT 11:35 A.M. STAFF DISMISS AT 11:45 A.M.
NOV 15	NO SCHOOL- FIRST DAY OF DEER SEASON	
NOV 22, 23	NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING	
DEC 3	NO STUDENTS- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSERVICE	
DEC 22-JAN 2	NO SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS	
JAN 18	END OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD (10WKS/42 STUDENT DAYS) END OF FIRST SEMESTER	
JAN 21	NO STUDENTS- TEACHER RECORD DAY	
FEB 15	NO STUDENTS- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSERVICE	
FEB 18, 19	NO SCHOOL	
MAR 20	END OF THIRD MARKING PERIOD (9 WKS/40 STUDENT DAYS)	
MAR 21	NO SCHOOL- GOOD FRIDAY	
MAR 24	NO SCHOOL	
APR 7-11	NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK	
MAY 5	NO STUDENTS- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSERVICE	
MAY 22	GRADUATION	
MAY 23	NO SCHOOL- FRIDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY	
MAY 26	NO SCHOOL- MEMORIAL DAY	
MAY 29	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS-	PRIMARY DISMISS AT 11:20 A.M. MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL DISMISS AT 11:35 A.M. STAFF FULL DAY
MAY 30	END OF FOURTH MARKING PERIOD (9WKS/39.5 STUDENT DAYS) TEACHER RECORD DAY	

NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

PRIMARY	8:00 A.M. – 3:02 P.M.	
MIDDLE SCHOOL	8:05 A.M. – 3:07 P.M. NORTH	8:05 A.M. – 3:10 P.M. SOUTH
HIGH SCHOOL	8:05 A.M. – 3:10 P.M.	

Special education programs and services are provided for at least the minimum amount of hour/days of teacher/pupil contact as regular education programs.