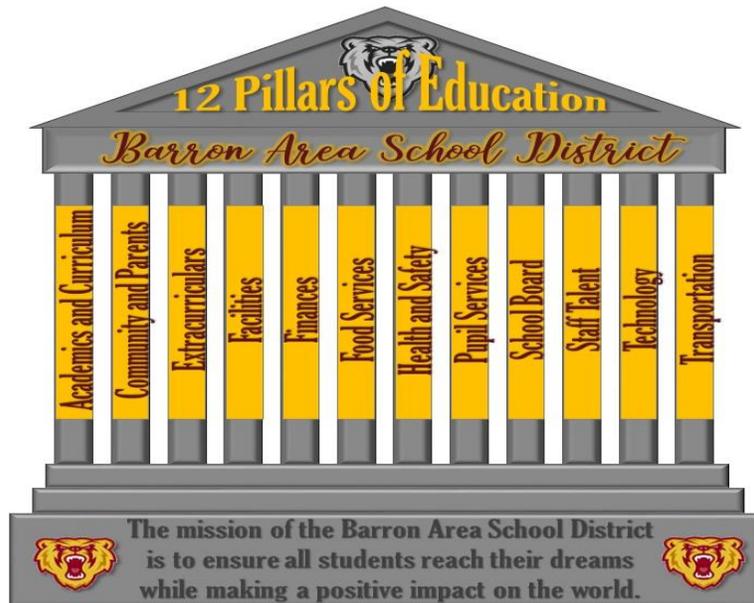


October Board Update



Academics and Curriculum

Our K4, KG and 1st grade continue work with Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum. We plan to implement this curriculum in grades 2, 3 and 4 as well. The purpose of this program is to tend to our Golden Bear's emotional health.

Our students at Riverview will have the opportunity this year to learn additional skills and responsibility with technology using the award winning Digital Citizenship Curriculum at commensense.org. The key units that our students will study include Media Balance and Well-Being, Privacy and Security, Digital Footprint and Identity, Relationships and Communication, Cyberbullying, Digital Drama, and Hate Speech, and Finally News and Media Literacy.

During the 2019-2020 school year, we are offering dual credit option in the following classes: Dairy Cattle Genetics and Reproduction, Foundations of Early Childhood, Medical Terminology, and Applied Math. English 101 and 102 is taught face to face with a professor from UW-Eau Claire at Barron County. The purpose of these opportunities is to enrich our students' educational experiences and better prepare them for career and/or college.

Community and Parents

We are halfway through the 1st trimester and held parent teacher conferences on October 15th, October 17th and October 18th to allow face-to-face communication between parents and staff. Studies show that student achievement is raised if they have parents who are involved in their educational experiences. Also, it was great to see our students, staff and parents collaborate and interact with our Book Fair, our new Boys and Girls Club Director, Girl Scout representatives, PBIS and also have some fun in the process.

Extracurriculars

Riverview 7th grade students are participating in a program called “Bucky’s Classroom.” This is a UW Connects outreach classroom visit program, offered only in Wisconsin that pairs UW-student ambassadors with 7th grade classrooms around the state. The ambassadors visit schools to lead three separate lessons designed around pre-college preparedness, college access and career exploration. Our first session was on October 11th. Our 7th graders did a wonderful job participating with our UW-student ambassadors via live stream. Our next two sessions are on November 15th and December 6th.

The fall sports seasons are winding down and we’ve had some exceptional team and individual performances:

Girls golf - finished second at Regionals and advanced to Sectionals. Claire Bartlett and Brooke Vergin earned all-conference in the Heart O’North (HON)

Cross country - Our girls team finished second in conference. The following runners are all conference - Marcus Peterson (Boys Conference Champion), Fran Peterson, Rylee Stauner and Paige Knutson.

In tennis, Phoebe Jerome and Jada Brunkow earned a trip to state as #1 doubles and competed well. This is the second year in a row for Phoebe and Jada.

Our Boys Soccer finished second in the Middle Border conference and also earned a #1 seed for our sub-sectional for Division 4. Please come join us at the game Thursday night here at home.

Facilities

We are taking a close look at our long-term planning for facility needs in our buildings and on our grounds. We have developed comprehensive documentation of all of these needs, and we will be looking strategically at our best options for prioritizing and financing each of these projects.

We will also be putting together surveys with our staff and our community in order to better understand the needs and expectations of all our constituents.

Finance

We have finalized our 2019-20 budget, with the release of Equalization Aid numbers and a finalized district revenue cap from the State. Our budget is created with input from all stakeholders and takes over half a year of collaboration. The focus of our budget is giving our students the best learning environment possible and retaining the great people we have working with our kids. Several 2019-20 budget plans include a renovated art room at the high school, hiring a Mental Health Navigator to support our students and families, new science curriculum and many more innovative ideas to best support our students, staff and families.

Food Service

Weekend Backpacks will be going out this weekend! We are hoping to send home food with 100 Students! We had some large donations with support from our local Cupboard and Closet. We really appreciate all the generosity with this program.

Our Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant is in full swing in Almena and Woodland. Lots of fresh fruits and veggies getting to our students.

Health and Safety

Some very exciting news came to us this month. We received DPI Wisconsin School Health Awards of Gold and Platinum at each of our buildings. Receiving these awards signifies that our school is committed to providing students an exceptionally safe and positive learning environment which increased their academic success. This is cause to celebrate!

We are working closely with our Department of Health and Human services to determine the most convenient ways to administer the annual flu shot within our buildings. Keeping students healthy keeps students learning in the classrooms.

Deputy Dave has been visiting our classrooms this past fall in order to promote online safety and digital citizenship education. The purpose of this education initiative is to produce engaged, empathetic, digital-age student leaders who are future ready.

Pupil Services

We have officially posted for the position of Mental Health Navigator to increase support for our mental health and social emotional needs.

Our district response from staff to voluntarily participate in the Mental Health First Aid training has reached 65 people. We have the first 30 people beginning training on Tuesday, October 22. The goal is to provide another training later this school year.

Starting in November, an additional School Based Mental Health Therapist will be providing services to students in our district at the middle school and high school.

The mentorship program continues to grow, reaching more students and supporting them academically and social emotionally. We have doubled our numbers and expanded our services to include career mentorship.

Members of the Trauma Leadership Team will be attending the 4th day of a 4-day conference in December. This conference focuses on implementation and roll-out of trauma-informed practices.

Our 21st Century Community Learning Center, Boys and Girls Club at RMS, continues to plan and incorporate strategies to increase student involvement in the program, such as bring a friend, family engagement nights, social media posts, and radio spotlights.

School Board

Our Board of Education attended our WASB Fall Regional Meeting where we had an opportunity to listen to WASB representatives who reviewed the biennial budget and then went over proposed legislation from our Blue Ribbon Commission that they are supporting. We also had two of our board members; Jeff Nelson and Dan McNeil be recognized for their significant involvement in professional development which WASB has to offer in order to help our boards better manage governance of their school districts.

Staff Talent/Development

Our October inservice was time well spent working as grade levels on Golden Standards universal practices, working on educator effectiveness, and in individual classroom goals. This time working together leads to better classroom practices. We have an opportunity to collaborate about what is working best in our classrooms in order to effectively engage our students.

Please take time to view our Curriculum Platform to understand the knowledge and skills that each of our Golden Bears will be leaving the classrooms with.

<https://sites.google.com/barron.k12.wi.us/basdcriculum/home>

Technology

The BASD IT team kicked off the school year by meeting individually with students and their parents/guardians during goal setting day to hand-out devices and provide support to their questions centered around our 1:1 programming. In September, we introduced a new management software called ClassLink to our elementary and middle school students and staff. This allows for a secure single sign-on solution providing students a “one click” access to their academic online materials all in one location. With summer expansions of our technology programming, we continue to support our classrooms in the unique learning initiatives that partner with technology.

Transportation

We take bus transportation safety very serious in our school district and that is why our school nurse, Doug Schoenke and our school resource officer, Deputy Dave performed a safety training for all of our bus drivers at our fall inservice this year. The two main topics were emergency first aid, de-escalation and situational awareness.

We have several initiatives we are currently looking at in order to increase safety on our buses for our students and drivers. We have met with communications companies regarding 21st century two-way communications and camera/audio systems. Due to the fact that these new systems come at a very high prices tag, we are looking at ways to achieve this initiative with the help of sub grants from the Department of Justice

