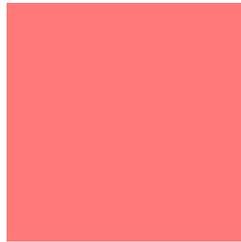




April 2021 Newsletter

A letter from our Principal



Dear Parents and guardians:

The additional sunlight and warmer temperatures, those are great signs that Spring will soon be here. We are hoping to get this pandemic behind us while we will never forget the loved ones we have lost during this very difficult time. Life does continue with all the old as well as new challenges we will face but know that we will continue to face them as a united school community.

Our school is welcoming more students into in-person learning this month and next month. We are looking forward to having our fifth through eighth graders in by the end of April, 2021. Please work with the teachers as we continue to reach out to you to find out what school-based learning model that you decide for your child (children). We respect whatever decision you make as to whether you are going to join us in the Hybrid model or stay fully remote. Our district has done an amazing job getting all systems back online after the cybersecurity attack so if you do decide to stay fully remote, we will be able to continue to provide a quality education to your child (children). Please continue to come to the school to pick up instructional materials for students who are working from home. Our next scheduled pick up will be held very soon. We will have teachers send messages through DoJo and use our school connects system when the dates are finalized. If you have opted out at the beginning of the school year you can opt back in to start the Hybrid A or B model on Monday April 26, 2021. Please let your child (children) teacher (s) know you are interested in starting in-person learning so we can ensure you have transportation as soon as possible.

Daily student's attendance in school is a huge part of determining their academic achievement level. We strongly encourage students to log on every day at 8:00 am and stay on until 3:00 pm. If you are experiencing any technological difficulties, please let the teacher know and/or call our main office so we can help trouble shoot with you. You can also call BPS Tech Hotline at 816-7100. If your computer is not working you can take it to 1515 South Park for repairs.

Parents, please help us ensure that the students are completing and submitting their assignments onto Schoology, Nearpod or Clever in a timely manner. Teachers are being flexible, but we really need evidence of the learning that is taking place. Please check the Parent Portal as often as you can to see what work has been assigned and still need to be submitted. Most teachers do allow students to resubmit work that has been corrected.

What are your family summer plans? Camp, summer school, travel, and or working? The district will be offering summer program that some of our students would benefit greatly with the additional instructional opportunity that will be offered. However, we do understand if you are starting to sign up for camp for most of them are first come first serve. Please continue to check the district website for updates. In addition, students who are turning 14 years old can work with our school guidance counselor to get their working papers.

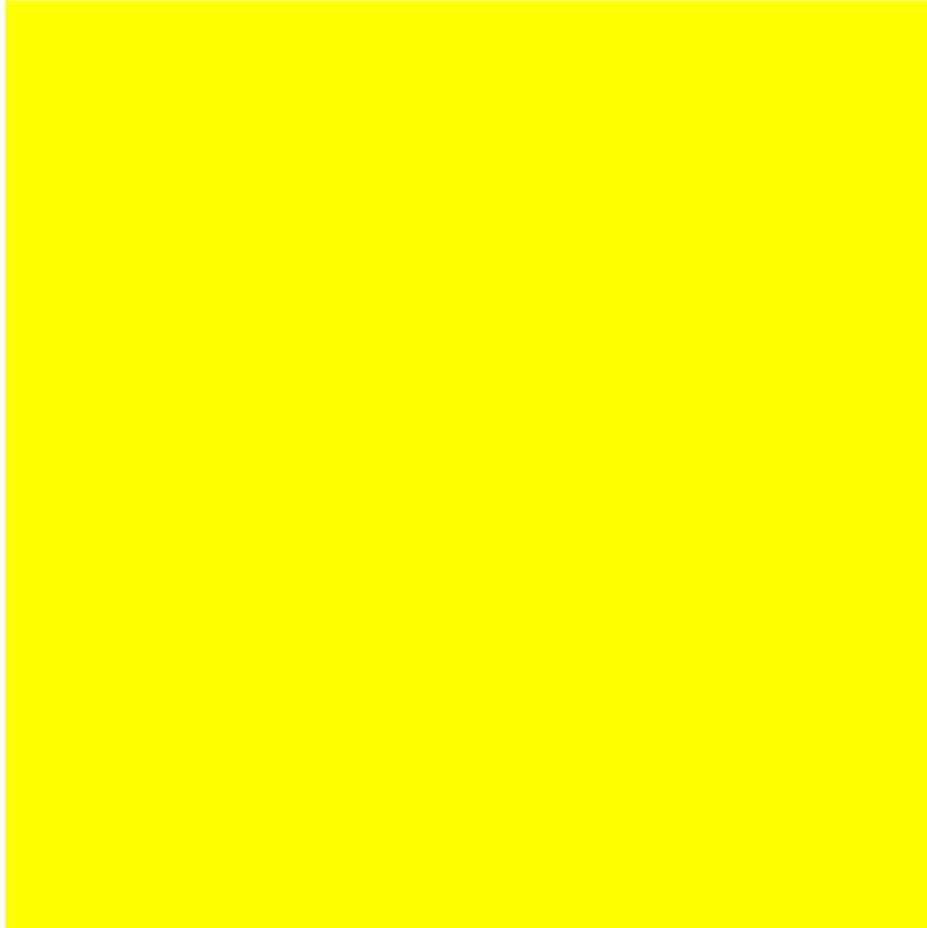
Please join us at our next Virtual Site Based Management Meeting on April 13, 2021. Enjoy the upcoming Spring Break starting on April 2, 2021 - April 9, 2021. Be sure to check in with teachers as they may have some fun activities/Bingo boards to complete over the spring recess. Thank you all for all that you do and your continuing support to our school community. Please feel free to reach out for any support or concern you may have so we can address them as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Mirlene Dere

Principal

Meet our New Assistant Principal!



Greetings Drew Family Faculty and Staff,

I am excited to formally introduce myself as your newly appointed Assistant Principal. I am honored to be in this position, and I am committed to assisting Dr. Dere, Mr. Shoemaker, and Mr. Swader in continuing to make this a great school year! I will be working primarily with the 3-5th Grade House students, faculty, and staff.

I have nine years educational experience spanning grades K-8, with a specific concentration in elementary education and special education. My most recent administrative experience was as a Program Coordinator at Hamlin Park Claude & Quida Clapp #74. Prior to my experience as a coordinator, I taught fourth, fifth, and third grade virtually at Community School #53. I am a Buffalo, NY native and a proud alumni of the Buffalo Public Schools.

I am energetic, passionate, and love what I do! I look forward to all the challenges that come with our mission and vision that all children must reach their full potential in order for them to be able to compete and become college and career ready. It is my goal to assist in providing a safe and nurturing educational environment that challenges our students to exceed beyond their expectations.

I look forward to meeting all of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet students and families. As we continue to be partners in the educational process, my door will always be open. If throughout the course of the remaining year you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I can be reached at cwallace@buffaloschools.org or by phone at (716) 816-3370.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy school year!

Chanelle Wallace

Spirit Week is Coming Up!



Spirit Week is April 12-16th

- **Monday**—Pajama Day (no robes, no slippers)
- **Tuesday**— Sports/Jersey Day
- **Wednesday**— Character Counts Day... Wear the color that matches your grade level:
 - **PreK and 3rd grade** should wear blue for trustworthiness
 - **4th grade** should wear yellow for respect

- **Kindergarten and 5th grade** should wear green for responsibility
- **1st grade and 7th grade** should wear red for caring,
- **6th grade** should wear orange for fairness
- **2nd and 8th grade** should wear purple for citizenship
- **Thursday**– Wacky Hair and Hat Day
- **Friday**– Drew Day

Do you need new Drew apparel!?

The Drew Science Magnet Apparel Sale is up and running as of right now! ★

The sale will run until Sunday 4/18/21. Orders will be ready the first week in May.

Order using the following link: www.drewscience.com

Annex News!



- The Annex will continue to have student material pickups Monday, Wednesday, Fridays from 9am-2pm.

- Our classes will be attending virtual field trips to Tift Nature Preserve this month. This is an exciting time for students to see how animal life lives in the Spring time and their habitats.
- **Pre-K:** We are working on Spring throughout the month of April! We'll be studying "Nature all Around Us" in BIG Day for Pre-K. Awesome job to all our sweet babies that come to school prepared and eager to learn daily.
- **Annex Library:** Happy Spring! To start off the month, children will hear the story *Charlotte the Scientist is Squished* by Camille Andros. Then Earth Day will be covered with the story *Tutu Goes Green* by Tulani Thomas. To end off the month, students will be read a fun story called *Beware the Mighty Bitey* by Heather Pindar. Enjoy the month of April!
- **A message from Mr. Frisicaro (Music):** In Music we are listening to composed music about Spring. The children have enjoyed working on songs about the Easter season and the Spring weather.

Museum News! Grades 3-5

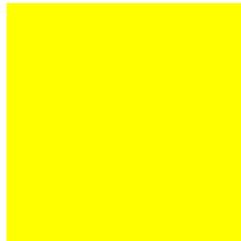


Here is the phone number for the main office if you should need it: Museum Main Office: 716-816-3370

- Meal Distribution will continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11am - 1pm.

- **4th grade:** Fourth grade is continuing our work on fractions and reading non-fiction texts.
- **5th grade:** In 5th grade, we are learning about how humans impact the Earth in Science. We completed our 5 weeks of Social Studies learning about Government. Report card grades will close for the 3rd quarter on Friday, April 23. Please reach out to your teacher if you have any questions about assignments or missing work.
- **A note about our afterschool program!** We have 46 students enrolled in afterschool. The program runs from 3:30-5:30pm. The students are doing an excellent job in Remote Learning Academic & Enrichment. On a daily basis, we average about 22-26 students that attend. We would like to thank classroom teachers for their support on missing work or homework. A big shout out to all the afterschool staff, for all you do for the students @ School #59!!!
- **Ms. Barlow, our Art teacher,** has put together an awesome Virtual Art Gallery! Please reach out to her if you would like to see it.

Museum News! Grades 6-8



- **6th Grade:** 6th grade will begin Module 5-Geometry in April. We will continue to read *The Lightning Thief* in ELA.
 - **Our star students of the month of April are from Mrs. Tata's class:** Sanjida Kalam, Salih Mohamed, Aleemah Osteen, Cherrypaw Pahday, Ungwa Mmangyo and Eto Mmangyo.
 - **Star students from Mrs. Johnston's class:** Ajanay Glen, Tyjanae Keith and Ja'Anna Small.
 - **Star students from Mrs. Crance's class** are Shyanne Smierciak and Cherish Harris.
 - **Star students from Miss Sica's and Miss McMichael's class:** Joseph Morgan, Myshawn Town-Banks, Janiaya Harrison and Gabriella Staples.
- **Students who are attending after school program are improving their grades!** Especially; Cherrypaw Pahday, Ungwa Mmangyo, and Lee Reh. **We encourage all ENL students to attend After School Program every day from 3:30-5:30!**

All of these work hard on their work and participate regularly!

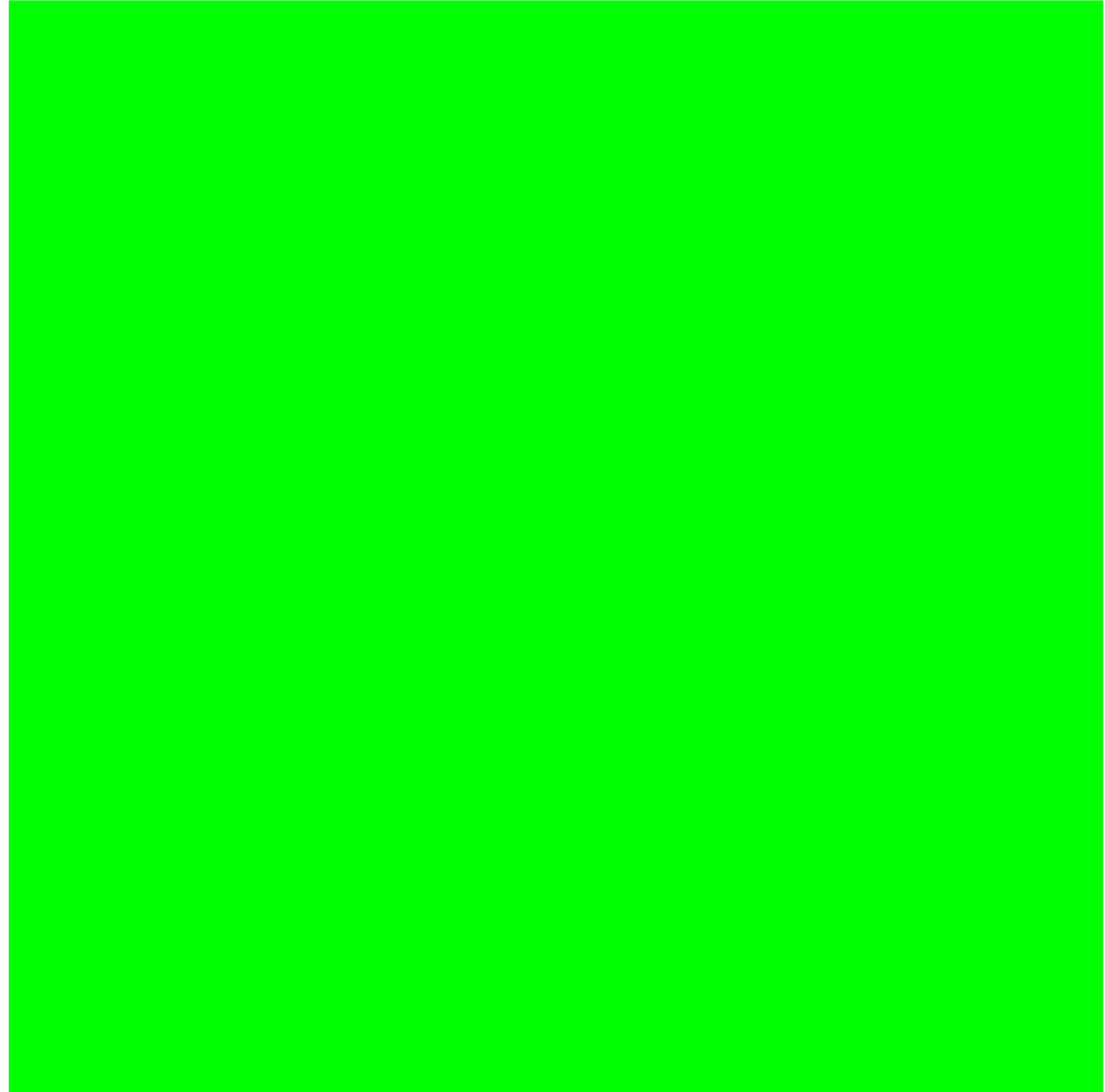
[Click Here for Math Info on Topic A](#)

[Click Here for Math Info for Topic B](#)

Eighth Grade Update:

- **Social Studies:** In Social Studies we will be learning about World War 2. We will learn how the Axis powers threatened the United States security which led to our second World War. The damage from this war includes such atrocities as the Holocaust which led to a call for international efforts to protect human rights and prevent future wars.
- **Math:** In 8th Grade Math we are learning about the slope of a line and how it describes the rate of change of a line. Students will learn that slope can be determined using any two distinct points on a line. Students will be able to use expressions to generate graphs of linear equations using two variables, and information about slope and y-intercept.
- **Science:** Students will be studying the unequal heat transfer of the Earth's atmosphere. Students will learn the factors which influence climate including latitude, altitude, land distribution and ocean currents. Students will identify trends in Earth's warming and cooling patterns, and how the changes in Earth's temperature has an effect on water levels and living organisms.
- **Please stay on top of your grades!!!**
 - Check Infinite Campus often! If you are missing an assignment, find the date of the assignment and head over to Schoology and complete it
 - Don't wait until the last week of the quarter to make up missed assignments!
- **PLEASE ASK FOR HELP!!! Every Junior High teacher has office hours every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:35-3:05pm** – look for a Team for those office hours
 - You can always message any of your teachers on Schoology – go to that teacher's course, find the little envelope in the top right hand side, this will send an email to that teacher
- Here are some important reminders on how to wear a mask properly. [Mask Wearing Video](#)- click to view
- Random testing at BPS schools- Click the link to see the rapid test being administered to BPS students with testing consent. [BPS COVID Testing link](#)
- Parents- please see the important letter regarding Acceptable Use of District Devices [Acceptable Use Letter to Parents](#)

Important Information for Both Sites



- **Meal Distribution** will continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11am-1pm in the cafeteria doors at the Museum.
- **Technology Issues**—please call **(716) 816-4120** or the **BPS Tech Help Line** at **(716) 816-7100**. You can always go for assistance at **1515 South Park Ave.**
- Mental Health support questions or needs—please contact **Aregian@buffaloschools.org** (social worker) or **jonathan.krol@cfsbny.org**

- Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? Because it was stuffed! **59s Student Support Teams** are continuing to work on helping students bounce back and grow in their development. Please keep in mind, the earlier our students receive academic and mental health help, the better.. Don't be afraid to ask for help when needed..
- **Special Shout Outs this month go to the following students for being responsible and considerate** - Steve Gillison, Jaydan Catalan, Joanna Weatherspoon, Derrick King, Zyire Smith, Derrick Chestnut, Noah Quiles, Ava McAdams, Gianna Wilson, Mohamad Danish, Trinity Fisher, Mason Howell and Charles Jackson

Learning Resources



All of the BPS applications can be accessed through the Clever App for all of our students. They are accessible whether your child is at home or in the school building. This will require the students to log in using their school ID number (900#) and password or to scan their Clever badges (QR code). The following applications are useful for students to use on a daily basis:

myON is an electronic library of reading materials that are recommended to your child based on his or her reading level and their reading interests.

Lexia (Core5) is to help students improve upon their reading and writing skills. Teachers are able to assign students work based on their academic needs.

MobyMax is an adaptive learning program for K-8 subjects covering Math, Early Reading, Reading, Language, Writing, and Science. Students are given individualized assignments based on their needs in the application.

Zearn is a Math program that correlates directly with the current Math lessons your child is learning in the classroom. This is a great app to use to independently practice newly learned material.

Schoology is the platform where your child will find all of their school courses and where they can receive and submit school work. It is also where they will access their **Microsoft Teams** daily meeting.

Upcoming Dates



4/2-4/9: NO SCHOOL- Spring Recess (Classes resume Monday, 4/12)

4/12-4/16: Spirit Week!

4/13: SBMT Meeting: All are invited! Stay tuned for a Teams link closer to the date.

4/28: Early Release Day (11:30 am dismissal)

4/29: No School