

May 22, 2020

Dear BASD Families,

As we head into Memorial Day weekend, the Burlington Area School District wanted to reach out to share updates and reasons to celebrate. Traditionally during this past week, several schools would have hosted Memorial Day events to honor the many people who have made great sacrifices to our country through their service. Please take a moment to remember those in our community who died serving America.

We now find ourselves in the home stretch of the school year. Students in grades 4K-8 have had an opportunity to pick-up their personal items. BHS announced [details on the high school pick-up during the last week of school](#). **June 5 is the Last Day of School for this current school year. Stay focused and finish strong Burlington students!**

Safer at Home

We continue to monitor all developments at the national, state, and local level. While the recent Supreme Court ruling overturned the Order of Safer at Home, the ruling specifically excluded the section that called for school closure. Therefore, BASD schools remain closed for purposes of instruction and extra/co-curricular activities through June 30.

Summer School

BASD will offer virtual summer school for students currently in grades 4K-7 in Google Classroom Monday-Thursday from June 15-July 16. Programming will focus on grade-level standards in English Language Arts and Math. Lessons will be posted by 8 am and teachers will be available from 8-11 am to provide direct instruction, facilitate small group discussions or for other activities. Summer school is a great way for all students to reinforce grade-specific skills.

[Registration Forms \(English/Spanish\)](#)

Also, Burlington Community Education will offer virtual classes (such as Mad Science) starting in June. Watch the [Community Ed website](#) for details.

Chromebooks

Students returning to BASD in the fall may keep their Chromebooks over the summer. It is important to take care of the Chromebook because students will use the same device for the next school year. Students transitioning to a new school (to Dyer, Karcher or BHS) will take their Chromebook to their new school in the fall. **If a student is graduating or planning to not enroll in BASD in the fall, the Chromebook (or iPad) along with the charging cords must be returned to the school.**

Class of 2020

We celebrate the Class of 2020 for its accomplishments and the character these students have shown while students in the Burlington Area School District. Recognition videos and senior spotlights are being shared on [BHS's Facebook page](#) and on the [Class of 2020 website](#). BHS will have a virtual commencement ceremony on Friday, June 5 at 7 pm in addition to a drive-up diploma presentation and cap-toss video.

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Meal Program

The district will continue to distribute breakfast and lunch at seven sites on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12 noon – 12:30 pm through June 5.

From **June 8-August 14**, grab-n-go meals will be available Monday and Wednesday from 12-12:30 pm at Waller Elementary and Burlington High School. Five days worth of breakfasts and lunches will be handed out at no cost.

COVID-19 Testing

Burlington High School, an emergency location for the community, was used as a COVID-19 testing site. The National Guard conducted 1662 tests. In June, a blood drive will take place at the high school. The high school was also a staging location during the 2017 flood. As a district, we're grateful that our facilities can be used not only for instruction, but also in times of need.

Here to Help

Racine County Human Services' Youth & Family Division launched a new initiative "[Here to Help](#)" to help families navigate resources for additional support. Anyone with questions, or who is in need of services, should email HereToHelp@racinecounty.com. In addition, families and youth should visit RacineCountyFamilyResources.com, a [one-stop website](#) that contains a variety of information, resources, and a community directory for families and youth needing support.

Attendance Boundary Committee

A volunteer citizen committee has met twice to develop a proposal for new attendance boundaries when the district reconfigures to have five 4K-5 elementary schools. Please visit [this website](#) for updates and to read the information the committee is studying.

School Construction

With students studying at home, referendum-approved construction projects scheduled for the summer have started throughout the district. BHS is having a section of the roof replaced. At Dyer, window replacement for the entire building and bathroom remodeling will take place over the summer. Dyer's main office will move downstairs to the parking lot level to provide a new secured entrance. Waller is having ceilings, lights, and windows replaced and two bathrooms remodeled. At Cooper, the four bathrooms are being remodeled. Lyons is getting a new roof, too.

In closing, we encourage you to take a break this weekend. Take time to go outdoors, spend time with family, and enjoy activities that make you happy. Then return on Tuesday, May 26 ready to finish the school year.