District Qualifies for $11.5 Million in Interest-Free Bonds for New Construction

The Berea City School District, working through the Ohio School Facilities Council, was awarded $11.5 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds (interest-free) for construction of the new elementary school in Berea, which represents half the anticipated construction cost for the facility. Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) are authorized by the federal government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The bonds provide federal tax credits for bond holders in lieu of interest in order to significantly reduce an issuer’s cost of borrowing for public school construction projects.

Said Superintendent Derran Wimer, “The application timeline for these bonds was very short. Because the district’s plans were so well-defined, we were able to act quickly to apply for these funds. The end result for the district – and therefore our taxpayers – will be millions of dollars in savings on our construction costs.” Bonds will be issued this fall as the district begins construction on the Fairwood site.

To follow the progress of the Design Committee for the new building, please visit www.berea.k12.oh.us then click on Our District, then Facilities Committee, then New Berea Elementary School wiki.

Fairwood Bricks will be Available

Asbestos removal operations have been underway at Fairwood during the month of July, with demolition scheduled to begin on August 5. If you are interested in obtaining bricks from the building, they will be made available outside the construction fence during the month of August.

Honoring the Past and Looking to the Future

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For those who wish to purchase special commemoration items, there is a wooden replica of “old” Fairwood, created by The Cats Meow available for purchase ($16), and there will also be a commemorative DVD available in the fall ($10), created by Berea PTA Council President, Ana Chapman, which will include historical pictures, building photos, and the closing ceremony. Please contact the Community Relations Department, 440-243-6000, to order either item.

Second-grade student, Danielle Zavasnik, reads her memories of Fairwood

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Big Creek Students Visit the Browns

A lucky group of fourth-grade students at Big Creek had access to what is traditionally a closed practice of the Cleveland Browns as a reward for doing well in the classroom. Their hard work and determination in school paid off.

The students received the camp invitation to reinforce the fact that you don’t have to be the “star” of the class to be recognized for working hard. The 30 students from Big Creek were identified for this reward by the building staff because they always try hard and give their best efforts, demonstrate good behavior in school, consistently have good work habits and work well with others. As an added reward, head coach Eric Mangini and the entire Browns team visited with the kids and signed autographs for each student.

Wearing Number 73

Browns’ jerseys are Big Creek student Emily Johns and Browns’ Offensive Lineman Joe Thomas.

Brookview Student is Playwriting Winner

Congratulations to Ford sixth grader, Elena Joyce, who is a winner of the Marilyn Bianchi Children’s Playwriting Festival, sponsored by the Dobama Theater. For 31 years, Dobama Theater has produced the work of young playwrights, ages 6-18. These plays explore all sorts of subjects using a range of styles. What distinguishes the plays that win the Festival and end up on their stage is the playwright’s capacity for original storytelling and imaginative dialogue and characters.

This is the fourth year in a row that Elena has been a winner in the Festival. Her latest play was selected as a winner out of more than 300 plays submitted from across Cuyahoga County. Elena received her award, a $100 savings bond, and publication of her play on June 11 on Opening Night at the Westfield Studio Theater at the Idea Center, Playhouse Square.

District Students Perform in All-State Honor Choir

On May 14, the Gifted Services students from the district in grades 3 through 5 participated in a service-learning project called "The Power of One." After the students studied various individuals who have made a difference in others' lives, they decided on a problem in the community. Students researched their problem, found out who was affected by this problem, and if there were organizations or groups already trying to address the problem. Once this was completed, they developed an action plan to determine the outcome of their solution. Many students took their plans to the next level and went out into the community to help. Some of the projects included donating food to the various food pantries, collecting money for animal shelters, addressing returning soldiers’ feelings from war, educating others about health issues, and even speaking to Mayor Gary Starr about the unemployment concerns in the city.

The Berea City Schools were well represented at this year’s Ohio Choral Directors Association All-State Honor Choir. This outstanding group rehearsed and performed June 22-24 at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, under the direction of renowned Children’s Choir director, Lynne Gackle, of Tampa, Florida. Four Fairwood Bulldog Singers Chorus members, two Smith vocalists, and one Parknoll Chorus member were selected and represented our school district in the choir. There were over 150 students participating from throughout the state. Congratulations to the following vocalists: Fairwood: Michael Herrmann, Bridgit McCaffrey, Andrew Schoenhofer, and Adam Wade; Smith: Julia Campbell and Leiana Yates; Parknoll: Vanessa Hemminger.
Partnering with Berea City Schools in education and the arts.

Ford Track Students Finish First at Southwest Conference

Congratulations to Ford 8th graders and Boys Track Team members, Nick Lopez and Lou Styles. By finishing in first place in their events at the 2009 Southwestern Conference Middle School Track and Field Championship, they became Southwestern Conference Champions. Lou was a three-time champion by winning the 800 meter run, 200 meter hurdles, and the 400 meter dash. Nick finished first in the discus.

Also finishing in second place and winning a silver medal was the boys 4 x 200 meter relay team of Jerry Hopkins, Kameron Manhard, Branson Repasy, and Taylor Hunt. The Ford team finished in second place overall at the meet, and was 12-1 overall during the season. For the Ford Girls Track Team, Alexsandra Dragovic finished second in the shot put, winning the silver medal.

A Record Year for Midpark Girls Track

The Midpark Girls Track and Field Team wrote a new page for the Midpark history books. They won the Southwest Conference Title – the first time in Midpark history – then went on to win the Division I Northeast District title with 133 points, 8 more points than the Southwest Conference. The Midpark girls defeated runner-up Brunswick by 25 points and third-place Medina by 42.5 points!

After completing a superb season, the team also received some highly deserved recognition at the SWC Coaches meeting. Sophomore Jade Barber was unanimously chosen as the SWC Girls Most Valuable Athlete.

In addition, sophomore Renee McKee qualified for State Competition on the high jump; sophomore Kaila Barber placed 5th in the 200-meter dash at State; and senior Domenica Rossi placed 6th in pole vault at the State meet. Two weeks later, Domenica also competed in the Nike Outdoor National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina and placed 4th in the Nation with a school record vault of 13 ft. 3.25 inches.

Midpark Lands “Cool School of the Week”

Congratulations Midpark High School for being named Fox News 8’s “Cool School of the Week.” Fox 8 News Anchor Kenny Crumpton was at Midpark on May 26 to highlight several of Midpark’s great programs. The segment aired on May 28 and was also featured on the Fox 8 website.
Berea High School’s “Top 10”

Scott Charles Campbell - Valedictorian - son of Bob & Lori Campbell - will attend Emory University with an undecided major in Mathematics or Special Education
Principal's Roll; Academic Achievement Award, Seven-time Varsity Letter Winner; SWC Scholar Athlete Award for Cross Country in Track; BHS Academic Hall of Fame; Michelson-Murley Award; Joe Stitt Award; Cross Country MVP; U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Scholar Award; Berger Scholarship; Cpl. Brad Squires Scholarship; Principal's Leadership Award; Phi Beta Kappa Award; Emory University Merit Scholarship. Activities: Philharmonic Orchestra; Meistersingers; National Honor Society Vice President; Physics Club; Key Club; Recycling Club; Varsity Men's Golf; Men's Baseball; Varsity Men's Cross Country; Varsity Track & Field.

Michael Anthony Schnurr - Salutatorian - son of Jim & Annie Schnurr - will attend Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University majoring in Math and Computer Science
Gateway Excellence Scholarship from Ohio University with full tuition. Activities: Academic Challenge Grades 10-12; Academic Challenge Captain Grades 11 & 12; Drama Club; Junior Statesman of America.

Jennifer Lynn Windsor - Third in Class - daughter of Linda Windsor - will attend The University of Akron majoring in PreMed/Chemistry
National Honor Roll; Who’s Who Among American High School Students; Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award; HOBY Alumni; Social Studies Academic Achievement Award; Eloise Tressell Award; OHSAA Scholarship; Jessica Leigh Brown Golf Outing Scholarship; Berea Kiwanis Scholarship. Activities: Women's Soccer; Minniesingers; Orchestra; Meistersingers; Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra; Contemporary Youth Orchestra.

Gillian Emiko Ryan Kuroiwa - Fourth in Class - daughter of Wallace & Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa - will attend University of Denver majoring in Cello Performance
Chancellor's Scholarship; Music Scholarship; Dr. J. R. Andrisek Scholarship; BHS Class of 1976 Merit Scholarship; Ralph Hilty Music Award; U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Award; Link Gifted Services Award; National School Choral Award. Activities: Women's Soccer; Minniesingers; Orchestra; Meistersingers; Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra; Contemporary Youth Orchestra.

Katherine Hodder - Fifth in Class - daughter of Edward & Renee Hodder - will attend Baldwin-Wallace College majoring in Music Education
Baldwin-Wallace College Scholarship; Presidential Scholarship; B-W Alumni Award; Academic Scholar Award; National School Orchestra Award. Activities: Book Club; Orchestra; Choir; Orchestra Treasurer; Minniesingers.

Bryan Christian Rager Bohrer - Sixth in Class - son of Bradley & Bonnie Bohrer - will attend Bradley University majoring in Actuarial Science
Presidental Scholarship; Drama Boosters Scholarship; Robert Shaw Award; Jack Kocher Award; Academic Achievement Award - 4th Year; Academic Award for Merit; Honors Diploma; Student Leadership Award for Orchestra. Activities: National Honor Society; National Thespian Honor Society; Philharmonic Orchestra; Meistersingers; Minniesingers; O.K. Chorale; Mi-Bro-Be Resident; Berea Limelight Theatre; Drama Club.

Chad Michael Flanick - Seventh in Class - son of Jeffrey & Debra Flanick - will attend Syracuse University majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Founders Scholar; All Ohio Swimmer; SWC First Team All Conference; SWC All Conference Scholar Athlete; Mike Martin Swimming Award; Six Varsity Letters; OHSAA Scholar Athlete; All Sun Swimmer; National Honor Society Scholarship; Duncan J. Moore Memorial Scholarship. Activities: National Honor Society President; Varsity Soccer; Varsity Swimming; Varsity Tennis; Marching Band; Drama Club; Recycling Club; Physics Club; American Mathematics Competition; SWC Honors Band.

Nicole Pedersen - Eighth in Class - daughter of Gary & Mary Ellen Pedersen - will attend Ohio Northern University majoring in Forensic Science or Chemistry after studying abroad in Norway for a year as a Foreign Exchange Student
Student of the Quarter for AP Physics; Academic Achievement Award; AFS Robbie Robinson Scholarship; Dean’s Scholarship from Ohio Northern University College of Arts & Sciences. Activities: AFS Club; National Honor Society; Philharmonic Orchestra; Physics Club; Student Aide; Camp Mi-Bro-Be Counselor and Resident.

Patrick James Chadowski - Ninth in Class - son of James & Ann Chadowski - will attend Wheeling Jesuit University majoring in Mathematics
Presidential Scholarship; Athletic Scholarship SWC & VP for Swimming; Lechner Award Winner 2006-2009; SWC 2nd Team All Conference; 2006 Scholar Athlete Award; 2007 & 2009 OML Highest Accumulative Score Awards; 2007-2009 Swimming High Point Award; 2009 Pool Record. Activities: Swim Team; Marching Band; Secretary of National Honor Society; Social Affairs Officer of AFS Club; Recycling Club; Physics Club; Drum Line; Orchestra; Symphonic Winds.

Alexandra Lynn Martinson - Tenth in Class - daughter of Len & Andrea Martinson - will attend Kent State University majoring in Biochemistry or Special Education
Trustee Scholarship; Educational Community Foundation Scholarship; Smith PTA Scholarship; U.S. Army National Scholar Athlete Award; Academic Achievement Award; Principal's Roll; Who’s Who in America’s High School Students; National Honor Roll; Four-year Varsity Letterman; Board of Education Award Merit; SWC Scholar Athlete Award; Joe Stitt Track & Field Award; Captain's Award; Track & Field Outstanding Jumper Award; Track & Field School Records Holder Award. Activities: Varsity Soccer; Varsity Cross Country; Varsity Track & Field; National Honor Society; Student Government; Key Club Officer; RSVP Aiding; Tutoring; Project Support; Key Leader Organization.
Midpark High School’s “Top 10”

Joy Florence Viceroy - Valedictorian - daughter of Laurel Viceroy - will attend Saint Mary’s College majoring in Vocal Music Performance and Theatre (with an emphasis on playwriting)
Saint Mary's College Moreau Music/Presidential Scholarship; James V. Connell Scholarship; Middleburg Hts. Chamber of Commerce Scholarship; Midpark Music Boosters Vocal Scholarship; Midpark PTA Scholarship; Bruce Wagner Scholarship; Jason R. Worden Outstanding Character Scholarship; Academic Letter - 4 years; Award of Merit; English Senior Department Award Winner; Distinguished Participation Award - American Mathematical Competition & Ohio Math League Competition; Phi Beta Kappa Award; Presidential Award for Educational Excellence; Scholastic Achievement - 4 years. Activities: Camp Mi-Bro-Be Cabin and Resident Counselor; Drama Club; Midpark Magic Showchoir; Symphonic Choir; Model United Nations; National Honor Society; Shakespeare Competition.

Tabetha Ratliff - Salutatorian - daughter of Roy Ratliff and LaShonda Azzano - will attend Johns Hopkins University majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Minor-applied Mathematics
Link Scholarship; Johns Hopkins University Scholarship. Activities: Speech and Debate; SADD; Senior Class Executive Board; National Honor Society; Key Club; Yearbook; Mock Trial; News Sun Writer; Tutor.

Aimee Marie Klingbeil - Third in Class - daughter of David & Tina Klingbeil - will attend Oberlin College majoring in Creative Writing
National Merit Scholarship; John F. Oberlin Scholarship; PTA Book Scholarship Scholastic Awards; Award of Merit; Presidential Award; Academic Letter; Excellence in Mathematics Award; Award of Excellence in Reflections Program. Activities: Key Club; Drama Club; National Honor Society; Camp Mi-Bro-Be; Look Up to Cleveland; Chamber Ensemble; National Shakespeare Competition; Theater Productions.

Ryan Andrew Geiger - Fourth in Class - son of Robert & Karen Geiger - will attend The Ohio State University majoring in Business
Cavaliers/First Merit Bank Scholarship; Midpark Alumni Association Scholarship; Junior Achievement Scholarship; National Honor Society Scholarship; Ford Middle School PTA Scholarship; Ohio State Provost Scholarship. Activities: National Honor Society President; Senior Class President.

Kelsey Lynn Johnson - Fifth in Class - daughter of Marc Johnson & Carol Kerslake - will attend Duquesne University majoring in Pharmacy
PTA Book Scholarship; OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award; Scholastic Letterman Award; Honors Chemistry Class Award; Honors Organic Chemistry Class Award. Activities: Swim Team; Cross Country; Track; Yearbook Club; Completed Three Triathlons; Habitat for Humanity; Camp Mi-Bro-Be Counselor; Lifeguard.

Jonathan Glenn Schuler - Sixth in Class - son of James & Sally Schuler - will attend The Ohio State University majoring in Mechanical Engineering
Cuyahoga Community College Dean’s List; Junior Achievement Scholarship; Richard and Joanna Conway Honorary Engineering Scholarship; Midpark High School Alumni Association Scholarship; Columbia Hills Country Club Brosky Scholarship. Activities: Cuyahoga Community College PSEOP Student; Cuyahoga Community College Leadership Certification Program; National Honor Society; Phi Delta Kappa Jill Herrick Prospective Educator Scholarship; Baldwin-Wallace College Scholarship; Berea Federal of Teachers Scholarship; National Honor Society Scholarship; James Buddie Scholarship; Educational Community Foundation Scholarship; Brook Park Firefighters Scholarship; Brook Park Memorial PTA Scholarship; Phi Delta Kappa Jill Herrick Prospective Educator Scholarship; Junior Achievement; U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award; National School Orchestra Award. Activities: Chamber Orchestra; National Honor Society; Ohio Achievement Test Tutoring; Peer Tutoring; Pitt Orchestra; SADD; Tennis; Altar Serving.

Katherine Ellen Crossen - Seventh in Class - daughter of James & Amy Crossen - will attend Baldwin-Wallace College majoring in Adolescent Education in Mathematics
Baldwin-Wallace College Scholarship; Berea Federal of Teachers Scholarship; James Buddie Scholarship; Educational Community Foundation Scholarship; Brook Park Firefighters Scholarship; Brook Park Memorial PTA Scholarship; Phi Delta Kappa Jill Herrick Prospective Educator Scholarship; Junior Achievement; U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award; National School Orchestra Award. Activities: Chamber Orchestra; National Honor Society; Ohio Achievement Test Tutoring; Peer Tutoring; Pitt Orchestra; SADD; Tennis; Altar Serving.

Joseph Eugene Wolf - Eighth in Class - son of Joseph & Janet Wolf - will attend Case Western Reserve University majoring in Chemical Engineering
Dean’s Scholarship from CWRU; Reno Ceo Memorial Scholarship; National Honor Society Scholarship; Midpark PTA Book Scholarship; Excellence in Mathematics Award; Melvin Worst Award; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Hall of Fame Social Studies Challenger Award. Activities: National Honor Society; Academic Challenge; Camp Mi-Bro-Be Counselor; Bloodmobile Volunteer; Brook Park Memorial Tutor.

Kenneth Valentine Kall - Ninth in Class - son of Kenneth & Christine Kall - will attend Hiram College majoring in Accelerated Biomedical Humanities
National Scholar/Athlete Award; West Suburban Optimist Club Scholarship; Michael Shugar Memorial Scholarship; Presidential Award of Excellence; Scholastic Award; Academic Letter and Pin; American Legion Americaism and Government Test Award. Activities: Football; National Honor Society; Volunteer CYO Basketball Coach; Volunteer Dishwasher at Local Church Hall; Altar Server; Math Club Tutor; Volunteer Scorekeeper.

Kyle David Albert - Tenth in Class - son of Dave & Paula Albert - will attend The Ohio State University majoring in Computer Engineering/Computer Science
PTA Scholarship; OAPSE Local 231 North Royalton Scholarship; Ohio State Trustees Scholarship; Class Awards in Anatomy/Physiology, Physics, PreCalculus; Academic Letter and Pin. Activities: Programmer for Midpark Robotics Team; National Honor Society.
Midpark Teacher Wins B-W Award

Congratulations to Midpark World Language teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Pinter, for being selected as one of the recipients of the 2009 James Thomas High School Teacher Award at Baldwin-Wallace College. Mrs. Pinter was nominated by graduating B-W senior and Midpark graduate, Dennis Santiago, Jr. He described the very positive influence Mrs. Pinter had on him in preparation for the college experience.

Midpark Students Produce “Real-World” Training DVD’s

This spring, Mrs. Sheri Williams’ Digital Media class from Midpark partnered with Cornerstone of Hope, a grief counseling agency in Independence, to create two DVDs for Cornerstone. The Digital Media students, some of whom were also members of the V-Team, along with the Drama Club and Mrs. Julie Richie’s first period Health class, produced two training videos. Some parts of the videos were taped at Midpark, and some at the BSC-TV studios. Later, the media class edited the tapes and produced DVDs.

The project was a huge success, and the students are hoping that this partnership, and similar ones, can continue to develop. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Richie’s first period Health class, the Midpark Drama Club, and the V-Team for everything they did in making this a success. Midpark also thanks Matt Williams, Clinical Director for Cornerstone of Hope, and to Cornerstone for giving the students the opportunity to apply classroom theory with real world experience.

Learning Experiences Beyond the Classroom

Congratulations to Berea High students Ashley Hart and Jesse Schuschu, and Midpark student Harjoat Singh for being accepted as interns at the Cleveland Clinic this summer. Jesse and Harjoat participated as first-time science interns, and Ashley returned for a second year as a nursing intern. The students complete their internship on August 7.

The Cleveland Clinic Science Internship Program was designed to increase high school students’ interest and literacy in science by expanding their learning experiences beyond the classroom. This nine-week, paid internship provides top science students throughout Northeast Ohio with the opportunity to work and learn alongside nationally renowned physicians and researchers from Cleveland Clinic, its community hospitals and family health centers. The program’s goal is to inspire students to not only embrace science and math as keys to success, but to also encourage them to continue scientific studies throughout their academic careers and the rest of their lives. Interns have garnered and accepted considerable scholarship awards at top universities and institutions such as Boston, Princeton, Case Western and Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine (NEOUCOM).

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

- Enough trash is produced in the U.S. to equal the weight of the Empire State Building.
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**Coming this Fall to Berea City Schools!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On October 21 at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School, the Berea-Midpark Orchestras and the Ford-Roehm 7th & 8th Grade Orchestras will be presenting a special program, *"An Evening with Randy Sabien, Jazz Violinist."* Randy Sabien is the founder of the jazz string program at the Berklee College of Music, a frequent soloist with symphony orchestras across the United States, and co-author of *"Jazz Philharmonic,"* a series of books to teach jazz to school orchestra students. This program is being supported through grants from Runzheimer International, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundations, and the Nordson Corporation.

**AFS is Seeking Host Families**

Berea and Midpark AFS chapters are looking for host families for students arriving here in August who will attend Berea or Midpark High Schools during the coming school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn about another culture, as well as your own, through a teenager’s eyes and ultimately build a relationship which often lasts a lifetime. All types of families make good hosts: single parents, couples with no children or grown children, or families with young children as well as teens. The commitment is to offer room and board and the same loving care and guidance you would want your child to receive from a host family. Every AFS student has some English language proficiency, spending money, and medical coverage. They all receive orientations before arriving here, plus several more during their AFS experience, to help them adjust to our culture and lifestyle. We strongly recommend hosting through the AFS program, because of their 60+ years of experience in international exchange.

If you are interested in being considered for this adventure of a lifetime, call Nancy Goette at (440) 234-3821 or email her at nagotte@yahoo.com or call Dave Lash at (440) 243-1419.

**Our PTAs Award Over $15,000 in Scholarships**

In 2009 PTA units from the Berea City Schools awarded more than $15,000 in scholarships to seniors from Berea High School and Midpark High School! THANK YOU, PTA, for all you do for our students!

Congratulations to the following seniors who won 2009 PTA Scholarships: Kyle Albert, Anthony Certo, Katherine Crossen, Natalie Fadenholz, Nicole Futoran, Ryan Geiger, Amy Geisman, Christina Gnizak, Melissa Haag, Kirstie Hegenus, Karmesha Hicks, Tara Killmer, Nicole Lade, Ross Lancaster, Jonathan Magy, Alexandra Martinson, Priya Mehta, Ashley Pintner, Rachelle Savitsky, Amandeep Singh, Joy Viceroy, Jennifer Windsor, Max Wither, and Emily Wood.

Congratulations also go to the following seniors who won book awards from the Midpark PTA: Laura Cappetto, Devon Gardner, Andrew Garrett, Ryan Geiger, Amy Geisman, Kimberly Hess, Katie Hill, Stacie Hurst, Kelsey Johnson, Aimee Klingbeil, Angel Laboy, Cory Phillips, Kristen Spaden, Kristin Tarnovecky, and Joseph Wolf.

**Early Childhood PTA is Recognized**

Brook Park Early Childhood PTA was recognized with *The Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award of Merit* from National PTA for demonstrating commitment to building partnerships between the PTA and the Berea City School District’s preschool program. The award was given to the Brook Park unit.

Brook Park Early Childhood PTA serves the Northeast Ohio area while supporting the Berea City School District preschools. Membership is open to all in the community with children from birth through kindergarten. For more information, contact Nicole Lesnick, 216-676-4248, nicolelesnick@wowway.com, or visit www.bpecpta.com.

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2009-2010 School Calendar

August 26.................First Day of School for Students
September 7..................Labor Day
October 16..................Professional Development Day
November 3 ..................Staff Inservice Day
November 25 ................Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 26 & 27........Thanksgiving Vacation
December 21 - January 3, 2010..........Winter Vacation
January 18..................Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 22..................Staff Inservice Day
February 12..................Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 15..................Presidents’ Day
March 29 - April 5..........Spring Vacation
May 31 ........................Memorial Day
June 10 ........................Last Day of School for Students

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