

# SFSS Cares

Student and Family Support Specialist Newsletter



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## Supporting Families in the Berea City School District

The Student and Family Support Specialists (SFSS) at Berea City Schools support families by providing counseling, access to community resources and building connections that enhance and promote student success. The SFSS are here to help you. If you need support and do not know where to start, please contact the Student and Family Support Specialist in your child's school.

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

### BCSD Summer Day Camp 2022

<https://www.berea.k12.oh.us/domain/93>

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

SFSS Services Include:

- School-based Counseling
- Emergency Assistance
- Assistance with Community Referrals
- School and Community Programs
- Collaboration with School and Families
- AND MUCH MORE!!

[BCSD Community Resource Directory](#)  
[BD Virtual Calming Room](#)



# Building Activities/Events

## Brook Park Elementary

### BPE Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Group - Friday, April 8th @ 9:15am

Please join us for supportive conversation and light refreshments

- This group is for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren

## Big Creek/Grindstone

Girls on the Run: Hosted at Big Creek but students from BPE or Grindstone may also join. Registration begins Feb 4th. Practice dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays at Big Creek from 3:45-5:00 beginning March 14th and ending May 14th. For additional information contact Gina Steele at [gsteele@bereaschools.org](mailto:gsteele@bereaschools.org). To register either go online to [www.gotrneo.org](http://www.gotrneo.org) or call (234)206-0788

## BMMS

- We're almost done with State Testing, but we got one more to do!! On Tuesday, April 5th, grades 5-8 will be taking the Science State Test. Again, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast that morning!
- On Wednesday, April 6th, 5th graders will take part 2 of the Science State Test. Yay! We're all done!
- Make sure you and your family rest and relax during Spring Break, April 15th-22nd! We've Earned It!

## BMHS

- **"T.O.S.S." - Titan Outreach Student Support** | This is a Mental Health Awareness Program in conjunction with NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness). Once a month during LL1&2 in the ATLAS Room a representative from NAMI will present to interested students and staff about various topics. April 27th: Mentors.
- **Social Club** - This group provides students with a supportive space to make connections with peers, as well as work to develop skills in group dynamics, and leadership roles.
- **Behavior Focus of the Month-Accept Challenges.** As individuals and as a Titan community, we will take risks and be open to new ideas. We are taught to lean into productive discomfort to continuously grow and learn as people and a community. When a titan is faced with obstacles, we use these opportunities to solve problems with courage. No matter how difficult the task, a titan does not make excuses and always tries their best.



# April Topics

## Culture Playbook - Be Honest and Trustworthy

### PBIS

Berea City Schools are implementing Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports to help encourage prosocial behaviors and reinforce positive choices kids make. To accomplish this goal, we are emphasizing three distinct values and reminding kids how they play out in all the settings kids occupy: the bus, the hallways, the cafeteria, the classroom, on the playground, in the restroom, after school activities, on-line and at home. These values are: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe.

This month we will emphasize PBIS expectations on the playground:

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| <b>Be Respectful</b> on the playground: -  | Use kind words and actions<br>Cooperate and include others<br>Listen to adults on playground<br>Take turns and share |
| <b>Be Responsible</b> on the playground: - | Line up when signaled<br>Agree on and follow game rules  |
| <b>Be Safe</b> on the playground: -        | Use equipment properly<br>Keep hands, feet, and objects to self<br>Stay within bound                                 |

## Autism Awareness Month

Every April, World Autism Awareness Day, on April 2, kicks off a month focused on providing opportunities to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change.

[Autism Society](#)

[Milestones Autism Resources](#)

## Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to act collectively to raise awareness and empower people across the nation to play a role in making great childhoods happen.

[Childhelp Child Abuse Education & Prevention Resources](#)



# Community Resources

## Summer 2022 Camps/Programs

[2022 Northeast Ohio Summer Camps - Best In Person & Virtual Camps](https://clevelandsummercamps.org/)

<https://clevelandsummercamps.org/>

[Tri-C Youth, Kids Summer Camps: Cleveland Ohio](https://www.classroomantics.com/cleveland-summer-camps/)

<https://www.classroomantics.com/cleveland-summer-camps/>

[Summer Camps | Cleveland Metroparks](https://www.clevelandymca.org/day-camp-cleveland-ymca)

<https://www.clevelandymca.org/day-camp-cleveland-ymca>

[Summer Camps & Programs on Cleveland's West Side](https://www.clevelandymca.org/day-camp-cleveland-ymca)

## Connecting for Kids - Events

[register for a program with My child](#)

[Service Provider Directory](#)

## Cuyahoga County Public Library:

Berea, Brook Park and Middleburg Heights Branches

### Homework Centers

[Homework Help](#)

### Tutor.com

Live, online tutoring — FREE with your library card

[Tutor.com](#) is an online tutoring service that connects students (and parents!) to live tutors in online classrooms. Live tutors are available from 10 AM to 12 AM every day except major holidays.

### Kids Cafe

[Kids Cafe](#)

Starting Tuesday, Monday, April 4th kids ages 18 and under can get a free meal provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank at the Cuyahoga County Public Library Brooklyn Branch weekdays from 3:30-4:30pm, while supplies last. It is no longer available at the Brookpark, Middleburg, or Berea branches. The Kids Cafe program is open to all kids ages 18 and younger and runs through the week of May 13, 2022.

[Digital Navigators](#)

Digital Navigators service offers one-on-one assistance to help you connect to the internet, get a device, set up a telehealth appointment and more.