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Dear Bristol Public Schools Community,

It is hard to believe the school year is coming to a close and we now have eight days remaining. As we transition out of the 2019-20 school year this week's communication will highlight: Summer Learning Options, a Reopening 20-21 Parent Survey, School Transitions, BPS going 1:1 and recognition of our staff and students.

Summer Learning Options

The Office of Teaching and Learning has created multiple options for summer learning for our Pre-K through grade 12 students. These options include: Self-Directed Virtual Learning Boosters, Teacher-Directed Virtual Learning Boosters for grades K-5, Teacher-Directed Virtual Learning Boosters for grades 6-8, and Credit Recovery options for students in grades 9-12. Detailed information regarding these programs will be sent to you next week and posted on our website.

Parent Survey- Reopening Plans 2020-21

Bristol Public Schools convened a Reopening of School Task Force to develop options and plans for the 2020-2021 school year. While it is our strong belief that students have a better experience when physically in school, we will continue to closely monitor the Governor's reopening plan and public health orders, as we are aware that information regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing.

As we begin planning for the upcoming school year, we would like to hear from our families. Please respond to the brief survey by Friday, June 12, 2020.

[Reopening Plans 20-21 - Parent Survey Link](#)

We will provide additional details regarding the reopening of school as more information becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we work through this situation together.

School Transitions

Unfortunately, due to the school closures we were not able to host our typical student tours and orientations this spring. However, we have made every effort to create a seamless transition for our scholars who may be starting in new schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Through an exciting collaboration with 360 Properties LLC, we have created virtual tours of all Bristol Public Schools. These welcoming tours will allow students and families to visit the schools virtually so that you and your student can be connected and familiar with your new school. Returning students and families can enjoy seeing familiar sights and highlights of the school community. Virtual tour links will be communicated to all families by each school's administrator.

If your son or daughter will be enrolled in one of our specialized programs, your child's current case manager will be sending you a link to an additional virtual slide presentation as well. The slide show will provide an overview of the program so that your student can familiarize him/herself with program staff (including contact information), physical space, routines, and highlights.

BPS Going 1:1

We are excited to announce that Bristol Public Schools will be a 1:1 school district for the 2020-21 school year. All students will be issued a device during the coming months. In grades 9-12 students will receive a Dell laptop through the CT Partnership donation to our district. Students in grades 3-8 will be issued a Chromebook and students in grades Pre-K -2 will receive a tablet. Detailed information will be sent to all families at the school level regarding the process for distribution later in the summer.

This spring some students were provided a Chromebook for at-home use during the school closure. If you and your family were issued a Chromebook, we ask that you maintain possession of that device per the user agreement. If you are a graduating senior or a student in grade eight in possession of a Chromebook, you will receive directions for returning the device through your school administrator.

Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award

Bristol Public Schools is excited to share that for the first time Bristol has selected a paraeducator who will represent our district in the Connecticut competition for the **Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award**. This Award recognizes the important role of the paraeducator in supporting student achievement. The award is named in honor of Anne Marie Murphy, a paraeducator who lost her life at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. Bristol has selected Bristol Central High School paraeducator, [Rheannon Harvey](#) as our **2021 Bristol Paraeducator of the Year**. Mrs. Harvey lives our mission and has made it her personal goal to support all of her students in finding their own passion and purpose.

Teacher of the Year

BPS is also pleased to announce our 2021 Teacher of the Year as, [Mrs. Gina Gallo Reinhard!](#)

Mrs. Gallo Reinhard truly embodies the spirit of our district and community, Bristol All-Heart. Mrs. Gallo Reinhard is truly a lifelong learner. She has recently attained her teaching certification in Latin and is about to embark on a journey toward achieving her doctorate in Italian. Mrs. Gallo Reinhard was also named the CT COLT Language Teacher of the Year for 2021. We already know that Mrs. Gallo Reinhard is a truly a positive force within our community, and we're so excited to see the force she will be when she represents Bristol's 635 teachers in the statewide competition as [Bristol's Teacher of the Year for 2021!](#)

Kudos to our Students

At the recent Board of Education meeting, the following students were recognized for receiving a leadership award or an art or athletic distinction.

CABE Awards

Lorrin Jackson and Tyler Manzone - Bristol Central H.S. – Gr. 12 – CABE Leadership Award
Anabelle Redline and Patryk Kustra - Northeast M.S. – Gr. 8 8 – CABE Leadership Award
Alex Kuzniar and Brittany Cantres-Cruz - West Bristol K-8 – Gr. 8 – CABE Leadership Award
Jacob Stringer and Arianna Rivera - Chippens Hill M.S. – Gr. 8 –CABE Leadership Award

CAS Awards

Katherine Funk and Mark Petrosky – Bristol Central – CAS Scholar Athletes
Lorrin Jackson and Mackenzie Pina – Bristol Central – CAS Arts Awards
Rebecca Bender and Drew Dauphinee – Bristol Eastern – CAS Scholar Athletes
Luke Ashworth and Kelvin Catalano – Bristol Eastern – CAS Arts Awards
Austin Childers and Vanessa Drury – Chippens Hill – CAS Arts Awards
Liam Gagnon and Ava Gesner – Northeast – CAS Arts Awards
Nathan Johnson and Aleida Lyon – Greene-Hills – CAS Arts Awards
Emil Berube and Isabel Paolino – West Bristol – CAS Arts Awards

All State for Basketball

Donovan Clingan - BCHS

All State for Track & Field

Jose Ramirez - BCHS

All Heart Leadership Award

Drew Dauphinee - Bristol Eastern High School - Grade 12

Katherine Funk - Bristol Central High School - Grade 12

Congratulaitons to all of our award reciepients!

As always, We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol All Heart! We are all in this together!

In partnership,



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