

Boyceville Community School District



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Boyceville High/Middle School

Principal's Report

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Facilities

Perhaps the most visible upgrade to our building took place this past Friday as we received furniture for ten different classrooms. More than one hundred and fifty tables, along with nearly 300 chairs were delivered at the end of the week - providing upgrades for six middle school classrooms and four high school classrooms. These upgrades resulted in furniture being repurposed from our sixth grade classrooms to our agriculture and technology education classrooms. Thank you to Derrick Retz and his staff for their ability to pivot and answer the call to have furniture removed from our classrooms and prepped for all the new.

We continue to upgrade the furniture in our Library Learning Commons; we are excited about the changes as the students have demonstrated an appreciation for the environment that continues to be impacted by these upgrades.

Academics

We have made it two-plus weeks into the school year and there have been meetings regarding our assessment practices; departmental meetings that address curricular needs and common classroom strategies; middle school team meetings in which we are considering a school-wide method for vocabulary instruction, as well as creating a school-wide student-learning outcome (SLO) providing each teacher the opportunity to collaborate with others to help grow our students. It is early, however, there is important work taking place in the hopes of moving from good enough to excellent in each facet of our school community.

School Culture

Homecoming Week took place over the past week and included traditional activities that serve to enhance community among our student body. There was great participation from our students including an overwhelming amount of students (and parents) at the Power Puff Football Games on Labor Day Monday. As of this writing, we are eagerly anticipating a victory over Osseo-Fairchild in our inaugural Dunn-St. Croix Conference match-up.

Thank You!

There are an endless amount of "Thank Yous" that need to be distributed over this past month - from the start of the school year to Homecoming Week after only seven days of school - everyone has had to be flexible, patient and student-centered. Our entire staff have been all of these things and more - from Teddi Humpal's willingness to create a Tailgate lunch for Homecoming Friday; to Laura Ulrich working with the transportation department to conduct our first bus safety drill; to Derrick Retz and his continued ability to simply get things done; to all our teachers for simply starting and welcoming our students back to all the great things that we have going on here at BHS/BMS.