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To: Blue Ridge Board of Education  
Dr. Hillary Stanifer, Superintendent

From: Burton Huddleston, Principal, Blue Ridge Intermediate and Junior High School

Date: 5/8/2025

RE: Principal Report

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **May**

- 2 JH SVC Track Meet at Fisher JH @ 2:00pm
- 3 Mansfield Alumni Banquet
- 10 JH Track Sectionals at Ridgeview
- 16 JH Track State Meet at East Peoria
- 19 JH Museum Open House
- 20 8th Grade Promotion @ 9:00am
- 22 Last Day of Student Attendance-Dismissal at 2:20pm
- 23 Teacher Institute Day

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Behavior**

There were 64 behavior referrals written in the month of April. There were 97 referrals recorded in April of 2024. Since the last board meeting there was one out of school suspension for abusive language/profanity.

#### **8th Grade Exploratory for 2025-2026 School Year**

For the 2025-2026 school year, 8th grade students will be taking a Career Course/Economics class for one quarter as an exploratory. Ms. Meghan James will be using Xello, a career exploration program, and other resources to teach students Illinois PACE and economics learning standards.

#### **Junior High Track and Field**

Our track and field athletes are racing to the finish of their season. The athletes will compete on Saturday, May 10th at the IESA Sectional Meet in hopes to qualify in events to proceed to the IESA State Meet beginning on Friday, May 17th. Athletes can qualify for the State Meet by qualifying time for races or qualifying marks in field events. Additionally, first place athletes advance to the state meet. We wish our athletes the best of luck at Sectionals!

### **Spring Academic Achievement Assembly**

We will hold our 2nd spring Academic Achievement Assembly on May 16th. We will present two assemblies that day, one for intermediate and one for junior high. At the intermediate assembly, we will recognize students that had 95% and above attendance and those that met their growth goals in reading and math during the spring iReady diagnostic. At the junior high assembly, both of the categories will be recognized, along with honor roll recipients.

### **Real World Simulation**

On Friday May 9th, two 8th grade teachers, Mrs. Jamison and Ms. Kennell, will be collaborating with 4H to conduct a simulation with our 8th grade students. The simulation will involve students choosing careers, budgeting finances, and learning about the expenses that come with living as an adult. This will be the 2nd year that Mr. Henry Kraft and his crew from 4H will have come to support our 8th grade students in this important simulation.

### **8th Grade Promotion**

Blue Ridge Intermediate and Junior High School will have an 8th grade promotion ceremony on May 20th at 9:00 in the junior high gym. The celebration will consist of the presentation of various awards and promotion certificates, along with an address by Mr. Huddleston. Earlier that morning, the parents of some 8th grade students and the Boosters will provide a special breakfast. From 5:30-7:30 on Monday, May 20th, the 8th grade students are invited to attend a cookout and DJ sponsored by the BRIJHS Student Council run by Ms. Becky Dodson and Mrs. Melissa Whisman.