



The District Update

Burrillville School Department

September, 2018

Welcome back to a new school year! Here's a peek at the first day at the Callahan School:
[Callahan Elementary Students Report For First Day](#)

News Worth Celebrating:

- Congratulations to [Ms. Charlene Chevrette](#) and the [Burrillville Unified Broncos](#). Burrillville High School has been chosen as one of only **five** schools in Rhode Island to be named a **National Unified Champion School**. The distinction is given to schools that meet specific criteria from Special Olympics and then the state office must narrow down the schools to be awarded a banner. This is a big accomplishment for the small number of students who participate in the club but it is a huge honor for the whole school. In order to qualify, we have to have the support of more than just the people who are behind the scenes - we need every student and every adult in the building to accept and include EVERYONE. We are so proud to have a building that does this!

Spotlight On:

Burrillville Middle School

- Check out this Robotics "trailer" video from Ms. Lauren Conti, one of our BMS technology teachers. Lauren's class is one of two gateway courses that BMS proudly offers this year. Our gateway courses prepare students to enter the CTE Engineering pathway at BHS!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NzKOudihyqTcbHNeFWgkbbCZR1ZV5T8T/view?usp=sharing>

From Mrs. Mayhew:

- We are very excited to be piloting new instructional materials in math, grades K-5. **Eureka Math** is a nationally recognized for its excellence. It is the most widely-used math program in the United States. This is a big learning year for teachers and for students! What should families expect? You may find that your child experiences some challenges with the material, since we are teaching skills in a different sequence and asking students to approach tasks in a different way - and in some cases students may not have learned foundation skills in previous years. Rest assured that teachers will be monitoring children's progress closely and working to support their learning along the way - and always feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions! Parents can create an account at GreatMinds (the publishers of our Eureka materials) by following this [link](#). Your account will allow you to access parent "tip" sheets for homework helps, and other resources to support your child's learning!

From Dr. Sollitto:

- We are looking forward to the start of two new district initiatives designed to connect our youngest and oldest learners. With the help of School Resource Officer [Dave Beauchemin](#), we will soon be kicking off [High Five Fridays](#) at our elementary schools. Members of our BHS sports teams will be traveling to a different elementary school each Friday to greet and “high five” elementary students as they leave their buses and head into school. [Andy Aldrich](#) and our high school Robotics Team members are helping us get [K-5 Robotics](#) clubs off the ground! The clubs are expected to run after school starting in January, and they will culminate in a robot competition in the spring! We’ll be looking for parent volunteers to help out with supervision and construction, so please be on the lookout for more information!

From the Technology Director:

- We are making our Chromebooks available to BMS and BHS students for home use. If you would like your child to be able to bring his/her Chromebook home, please follow the links below to view the virtual orientation on our website, and to read and sign the policy/permission form! Forms may be returned to the office at your child’s school.

[Mobile Device Home Use Policy Orientation for Parents](#)

[Mobile Device Home Use Policy](#)

Upcoming Events:

- **October 8: Columbus Day, No School**
- **October 9: District Professional Development Day - No School for students**
- **October 25: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES SFE/WLC**
- **November 6: Election Day - No School**
- **November 8: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ATL**
- **November 12: Veterans’ Day - No School**
- **November 15: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES BMS**
- **November 21-23: Thanksgiving Recess - No School**
- **November 29: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES BHS**
- **November 30: The next District Update!**

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