

Hours of Operation

DISTRICT OFFICE -

Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -

Main office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SECONDARY SCHOOL -

Main office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2020-21 Notable Days

First Day of School Gr. 1-12 Sept. 11

Pre-K & Kindergarten Orientation Sept. 14

First Day of Pre-K & K Sept. 15

Winter Regents Exams Jan. 26 - 29

Spring Regents Exams June 16 - 24

Last Day of School (K-12) June 25

Class of 2021 Graduation June 26

2020-21 Days Off

Oct. 12
Nov. 11
Nov. 26 - 27
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
y Jan. 18
Feb. 15 - 19
April 2
April 5-9
May 18
May 31

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A message from Dr. Mundell

September, 2020—Six months ago we were focused on the coming spring and all the school activities that go with the last quarter of the school year. In what seemed to be an instant, the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus turned the world upside down. In the interest of public health and safety, the Governor ordered schools closed, beginning March 18, and over the following weeks, a society went into lockdown to stop the spread of the virus. Early on, we acknowledged, "we are in this together." As a result of our collective community sacrifices, support, and hard work, the BKW school community welcomed our students, faculty and staff back to work preparing students for their future.

Let me say this to all of you: "Thank you! I am humbled and proud to be a member of the BKW Bulldog community." I have observed this community abide by the expectations laid out by State officials, seen 24,000 meals delivered to those in need, watched students and families work with faculty to navigate virtual learning environments, participated in celebration parades and an awesome student designed drive-in graduation ceremony. As we turned our attention toward reopening, I was impressed by the efforts of more than 50 stakeholders who labored for two months to design a safe plan for returning to school.

As we rolled that plan out to parents and the community, I was most impressed with the engagement and participation in the six open forums held to share information and answer questions. Recognizing the unpredictable nature of the virus, and the expected

protocols to ensure safety, we have all learned to be flexible and responsive to individual needs, while keeping everyone safe and healthy. Kudos to our community!

As we venture into the new school year, let's do so with hope and optimism, while being disciplined and focused. We are confident in our plans for distancing, face coverings, barriers, health check system, and plan to manage those who are sick. It is important that we all do our part each day.

Our buildings have been transformed into great new learning spaces, with the most advanced technology capacity in the entire Hilltowns region, technology that will be used to ensure all students have equal access to learning. We have redesigned our student support system to ensure we have equitable counseling resources at all levels, as well as an efficient way to process student needs on a daily basis.

I have been impressed with the team learning of our faculty and the skills of our students to find the path, and this truly new environment holds great potential. Our mission remains centered on students, their well being and their learning Together, we will embrace the bold and courageous shifts in our system. We may find things that need to change for improvement, and we may find new things that are truly excellent. Our open communication and thoughtful engagement with each other is the key to success.

Thank you for your support and trust. We are in it together, and will be stronger as a result. "They are because we are!"

2020-21 BOARD OF EDUCATION

The public is invited to all Board of Education meetings and to speak during the time set aside for public comment. Meetings typically begin at 7 p.m. in the Secondary School cafeteria and are streamed on Facebook Live. Check the district website for schedule changes.

Contact the Board at BKWBOE@bkwschools.org

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Important Notices

State and federal laws require schools to post a variety of notices for parents/guardians and residents. These are some of those notices. The full list can be found on the district website.

Release of information to military recruiters

NCLB requires that school districts disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our high school students.

However, parents or students may request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information. Parents, or students who are at least 18 years old, may exercise the option to withhold their consent to release this information by contacting the high school principal's office.

Access to student records

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents and students over 18 years of age have the right to inspect and review the student's records or request an amendment of records believed to be incorrect. They can also withhold consent on disclosure of personally identifiable information, except in cases where the law allows for disclosure without consent.

Student Directory information

The district releases certain types of student information (name, address, phone number, photo, etc.). Under FERPA, parents may request in writing to not release that information.

Student Privacy

The district's privacy policy offers parents the opportunity to excuse their child from any survey that reveals information on personal behavior or political beliefs. Parents are also notified and offered the chance to exclude their child from activities that gather personal information about students which can be used for marketing purposes.

Special needs

Children with special needs may be entitled to additional services from the school district in which they reside. If your child has special needs and is not known to the school administration, please call the District Office.

New York State Education Law also requires that each public school district account for the education of all resident minors. Please help BKW comply with this requirement. If your child is homeschooled or attends a private or parochial school and has not previously been registered with the District Office, please call 518-872-1293.

Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with federal law, the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District has in place a management plan to identify and manage asbestos building materials.

The Asbestos Management Plan is on file and available for review in the District Office during regular business hours.

Pesticide notification

It is mandatory for school districts to inform parents or guardians and staff members of potential pesticide use during the school year.

To be placed on a list to receive 48-hour notification prior to the application of pesticides, please call the District Office.

Student Health Data

Because New York State is interested in child health data, schools are required to record students' height, weight and Body Mass Index (BMI). If our district is surveyed by the state, we will only share group data (for instance, the number of second grade boys whose BMI is below the fifth percentile), not individual data. However, if parents wish their child's data to be excluded from such group calculations, they may do so by contacting their school nurse.

APPR Ratings

All parents/guardians have the right to obtain the APPR quality ratings and composite effectiveness scores for their child's current teacher(s) and principal(s) once they are available. For additional details, please visit the district website or contact your child's school.

Attendance Policy

Please contact the main office of your child's school to leave a message when your child must be absent from school due to an illness or other appropriate reason.

Elementary School: 518-872-2030 Secondary School: 518-872-1482

To follow up, please send a written excuse with your child upon his/her return to school.

If your child will be absent for several consecutive days, we recommend that parents make arrangements with teachers to pick up missed assignments.

Good attendance has been linked to higher academic achievement. Please help maintain BKW's high attendance rate by encouraging your child to attend school every day.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Calendar Accuracy

Calendar dates may change after printing. Please visit the district website for updates to meeting dates and for times and locations.

Publicity

Students' names, grade levels and photos may be published on the BKW website, in school publications, or released to the media to recognize student achievement or activities of the BKW School District. Parents who object to the use of their child's information or image should notify BOTH the superintendent of schools and their child's building principal – in writing.

PLEASE NOTE: The district is not responsible for media that cover news happenings, sporting events or school events.



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	13	Pre-K & Kindergarten Orientation	First Day of Pre-K & Kindergarten	16	17	18	19
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Emergency Early Release drill

The school district conducts an annual Emergency Early Release" drill, which tests emergency communications and procedures. Parents/guardians will be informed of this date.

Registering to vote in BKW

Any U.S. citizen who is 18 years of age or older and a resident of the School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote is eligible to cast a ballot in the budget vote. But first you must be registered. Those who are registered for the general elections are automatically registered for school votes. For any questions on how to register to vote, contact District Clerk Anne Farnam at 518-872-1293.

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11	Columbus Day (offices closed)	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26 BOE Meeting	27	28	29	30	31



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In case of inclement weather or other emergencies, school closings and delays are posted to the district website, Facebook and local media.	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	2	3	4	5	6	7
A notification will be also sent directly to parents, staff, and community members through our Blackboard Connect messaging system.	8	9	10	Veterans Day (offices closed)	12	13	14
How do you sign up for Blackboard Connect?				NO SCHOOL			
If you're a parent or guardian: Just make sure your contact info in the eSchoolData Parent Portal is up to date.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
If you're a community member: Create an account to receive community news.							
Log on to www. bkwschools.org and click on the Blackboard Connect link at the bottom of the page.	22	BOE Meeting	24	25	Thanksgiving Recess (offices closed) THANKSGIVING	Thanksgiving Recess (offices closed)	28
When school is closed during the day, all					NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
afternoon and evening functions are canceled unless otherwise scheduled by the Superintendent.	29	30				OCTOBER 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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	20	BOE Meeting	22	23	24 Holiday Break CHRISTMAS EVE	Holiday Break (offices closed) CHRISTMAS DAY	26
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District required to hold 12 safety drills per year All New York school districts are required to conduct 12 safety drills	DECEMBER 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28				Holiday Break (offices closed) NEW YEAR'S DAY NO SCHOOL	2
every school year. Four of those drills must be lockdown drills. The remaining eight drills are evacuation drills – widely referred to as fire drills.	3	4 Classes Resume	5	6	7	8	9
During a lockdown drill, students and staff practice clearing hallways, locking doors and taking positions out of sight as quickly as possible. Evacuation drills ensure	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
students and staff quickly and calmly exit a building in the event of an emergency.	17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (offices closed)	19	20	21	22	23
BKW	31	25 BOE Meeting	26	27	28	29	30

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Emergency Management Plan	SUNDAY	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY
BKW School District has an Emergency Management Plan as required by the Commissioner's Regulation.	7	8	9	10	11	12	1;
A copy of this plan is available for public inspection in the District Office.							
Please remember that New York State law requires drivers to stop for school buses when their red lights are flashing.	14	15 Winter Break (offices closed) PRESIDENTS' DAY	16 Winter Break	17 Winter Break	18 Winter Break	19 Winter Break	20
Always approach school buses with caution. There is precious cargo on board: OUR FUTURE!	21	NO SCHOOL 22 BOE Meeting	NO SCHOOL 23	NO SCHOOL 24	NO SCHOOL 25	NO SCHOOL 26	27
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	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	15	16	17	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS
	21	BOE Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
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Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote is eligible to cast a ballot in the budget vote. But first you must be registered. Those	4	Spring Break	Spring Break	7 Spring Break	Spring Break	9 Spring Break	10
who are registered for the general elections are automatically registered for school votes. For any questions on how to register to vote, contact District Clerk	11	NO SCHOOL 12	NO SCHOOL 13	NO SCHOOL 14	NO SCHOOL 15	NO SCHOOL 16	17
Anne Farnam at 518-872-1293.	18	BOE Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

MAY 2021

<u> </u>	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memorial Day Events • Berne & Knox Memorial Day Parade • Town of Knox Community Day	APRIL 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30					1
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	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	Superintendent's Conference Day Budget Vote & Board of Education Elections	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28 School Holiday Memorial Day	29
	30	Memorial Day (offices closed)				Weekend	

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What is your senior doing after graduation?

Is your graduate off to college or a trade school?

The work force?

The military?

The Guidance Office needs to know.

Don't forget to give the office a call at 518-872-1483 to let us know your grad's future plans.



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13	14	15	REGENTS EXAMS Secondary School last day of class	REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS	19
SUMMER BEGINS	REGENTS EXAMS BOE Meeting	REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS Final Day of School	25	26 BKW Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony
27	28	29	30	MAY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



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<u>/</u> &/\&/\&/\&/\	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Summer Reading Summer is the perfect time for children to engage in leisure reading. BKW students should continue their education on their own by reading as many	JUNE 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	AUGUST 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			1	2	3
books as possible during the summer. Students in grades 6-12 are required to read at least two assigned books, but they should try to read more for enjoyment.	Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
Summer Reading lists Our assigned reading lists are available at www.bkwschools.org or in our main offices.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Attention residents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
District residents who are age 55 or older may obtain a senior citizen honorary ticket that entitles them to free entry to all BKW events, except graduation.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
For more information, please call the Superintendent's Office at 518-872-1293.							
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