

The Falcon Brief

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May 2018

From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Falcon Families,

As we are entering our final stretch of the school year, please note that May is a very busy time for us. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will complete our end of the year assessments. Students in grades 7-10 will take the STAR test, the district's benchmark assessment, as well as the annual state assessments. The high school students will take their AP exams the first couple of weeks in May. Please make sure your sons/daughters are well rested and eat a healthy breakfast so that they are well equipped for a successful assessment experience.

As we prepare to graduate the class of 2018, please make sure your student has completed all graduation requirements. All seniors must meet the minimum graduation requirements for Brown Deer School District to participate in the ceremony. If you have any questions about your student's graduation status, please reach out to his/her school counselor. Parents of seniors, please make sure to review the graduation information that was mailed with the 3rd quarter progress reports, and that is attached to this newsletter.

As we plan for a strong finish to this school year, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our parents/guardians for your relentless support. It is also important that I acknowledge the students for their resilience and continuous display of good character. It goes without saying, that we have an awesome staff at Brown Deer Middle High School that work diligently to support our students as they strive for excellence.

It has been a great year, and I look forward to our future collaboration!

Respectfully,
Tosha Womack
Principal

Our Mission: At Brown Deer Middle/High School, we are not only preparing our students for the world, we are preparing them to LEAD the WORLD!

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SCHOOL COUNSELING

SENIORS

Graduation is quickly approaching and preparation for the graduation ceremony has begun. It is important for your child to finish the year strong and make sure they are meeting all requirements for graduation. Please check Skyward on a regular basis to make sure your child is not falling behind on his/her course work.

All senior business must be taken care of before graduation tickets will be issues. This includes:

- CTEERS survey
- Senior survey
- Unserved detentions
- Student fees

Your senior should also be checking out scholarships. They can go to the Brown Deer Middle High school website under Counseling Services, or through Naviance, to link to scholarship websites and to view other scholarship opportunities. It is very important to make sure your son/daughter is getting all documentation for colleges and scholarships submitted by their deadlines.

JUNIORS

All juniors recently took the ACT and ACT WorkKeys tests. Results should have been emailed and/or mailed home sometime during the month of April. There is another opportunity to take the ACT exam again on Saturday, June 9th at Brown Deer Middle High School. The registration deadline for the test is Friday, May 4th. Students that would like to retake the ACT will need to register on the act website (www.act.org). If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor. There is also an ACT testing date on July 14th. This test is not offered at BDMHS.

SOPHOMORES

Counselors met with the sophomores this past week, in small groups. The goal of the meeting was to review their transcript, discuss post-secondary goals, discuss college entrance requirements and set goals for their future years. This is a great first step for students to start their post-secondary planning.

ALL STUDENTS

AP Testing the AP testing window is from May 7-18. Please consult with your child's AP teacher to check the date and time of the test.

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SCHOOL UPDATES

7th and 8th Grade Lunch and Recreational Time

Since we've started our alternating lunch hour, when students are given the choice to have recreational time before they eat, we have noticed a steady decline in students participating in our lunch program. Some students are attempting to have recreational time only and are missing lunch. While we fully appreciate the positive effects of midday exercise, we also know how important it is for brains and bodies to be fed during the day to function well. It is our concern that students are snacking during the day on foods that contain little nutritional value and foregoing a healthy midday meal. Parents, please talk to your students and remind them about how important it is to make the right choice to eat a healthy lunch.

8th Grade Field Trips

All 8th grade students had the opportunity to participate in exciting field trips at the end of April. Many students participated in a field trip to Washington D.C., while others had the opportunity to visit the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Green Bay. We are excited to offer these alternative learning opportunities for our students, and we look forward to hearing about all they've learned from their experiences.

On June 7, all 8th grade students will have the opportunity to go to Six Flags Great America as a Celebration of Learning for their engagement and success in a Project-Based Learning Experience connected to their Physics Unit in Science. Students will be studying the physics of roller coasters and designing and constructing paper/card stock marble roller coasters in small groups, and applying all they have learned about force, velocity, speed, and potential and kinetic energy.



ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS AWARD NIGHT

We have revised some of our end of the year special dates. In former years, select students from the graduating class would be recognized during a Golden Tassel Ceremony on the Thursday prior to graduation. Many other awards were offered during our annual Awards Assembly in the Nowak Family Field House on the Friday morning prior to graduation.

This year, we will be holding an Activities/Athletics Recognition Night on Thursday, May 31st in the Multicultural Arts Center (MAC) at 6:30 P.M. During this ceremony, student athletes as well as student club and activity participants will be recognized for a variety of achievements in their respective fields. More information will be forthcoming about this new, exciting event

STUDENT SERVICES

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER NEWS

The **Falcon Family Group** (FFG) committee would like to thank all of the students, their families, and guest speakers who have participated in our meetings. We will continue to offer these meetings once per month during the evenings.

FFG is a group that offers parents the opportunity to learn about new topics, share ideas, express concerns and network with other School District of Brown Deer parents. Falcon Family Group cannot be successful without you!! We hope you will continue to join us.

The Falcon Family Group takes place from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the IMC (MHS Library). Childcare and refreshments are provided but we ask that you RSVP in advance so we can plan accordingly.

Below are the topics we will be discussing for the upcoming month.

May 30th - Community Connections

Hope to see you at our next Falcon Family Group meeting. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP please email Future Cain fcain@browndeerschools.com or Rashonda Spencer rspencer@browndeerschools.com.



2017-18 CALENDAR

MAY 2018

1-4 Wisconsin Forward Exam Gr 7 – 8
1-4 Dynamic Learning Maps Gr 7 – 11
1-11 State Testing
1-11 ACT Aspiring Testing Gr. 9 – 10
5 Prom
5 STATE Solo-Ensemble
16 Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. MAC
20 Choir Concert 3 p.m. MAC
23 MS Band Concert 7 p.m. MAC
25 No School Professional Dev Day
28 No School Memorial Day
29 HS Pops Concert 7 p.m. MAC
29-31 Senior Exams
31 Athletic Awards/Activities Night 6:30 p.m. MAC

JUNE 2018

1 Senior/ Parent Breakfast 6:45 – 7:45 a.m. North Commons
1 Awards Ceremony/Gold Tassel Recognition 8:15 a.m. Novak Family Fieldhouse
3 Senior Graduation 1:00 p.m. Novak Family Fieldhouse
5-7 Exams Gr. 9 – 11
8 Last Day of School
8 Early Release @ 11:02 a.m.
14 Report Cards mailed
18–7/20 Summer School

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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