

The Bridge



Historic Carrollton Covered Bridge

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Important Dates

November 8	Board of Education Meets at BOE Office (6:00 p.m.)
Nov. 9-13	Benchmark #1: Mathematics and RLA
November 10	Instructional Day Two-Hour Delay Schedule
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday: Schools Closed
Nov. 16-20	Professional Learning Community Meetings
Nov. 22-24	Out of Calendar Days: Schools Closed
November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday: Schools Closed
November 26	Out of Calendar Day: Schools Closed
November 29	Board of Education Meets at Kasson School (6 p.m.)
Nov. 30 to December 11	WorkKeys Administered to Grade 12 at PBHSC
December 6	Board of Education Meets at V-C Elementary: 6 p.m.
Dec. 14-18	Writing Benchmark #3 Administered
December 15	ISE Day: No School for Students (except tutoring)
December 20	Board of Education Meets at Belington Elem. (6 p.m.)
Dec. 22-23 & Dec. 27-30	Out of Calendar Days: Schools Closed
December 24	Christmas Holiday: Schools Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve Holiday: Schools Closed

Dear Colleagues,

On November 2nd, the board of education held an emergency meeting to grant approval for Dr. Guido to take a medical leave of absence. In Dr. Guido's absence, I will be filling-in as acting superintendent. As of the writing of this article, it is my understanding that Dr. Guido may be out as long as six weeks.

The reason the board had to act in an emergency meeting is that this item couldn't wait for the regularly scheduled board meeting. At a regular board meeting, only the superintendent can make recommendations to the board and develop the board agenda. With Dr. Guido on medical leave, an agenda could not be prepared and the business of the board could not be conducted.

The board president has requested that during Dr. Guido's absence, he does not want anyone to contact him by any means (cards, letters, flowers, phone calls, e-mails, etc.). However, if you would like to leave cards or messages for Ben at the Board office, we will keep them in a box for him to look at when he comes back.

All of us here at the board office and the board of education wish Dr. Guido a speedy recovery. I look forward to working with him again upon his return.

I would like to send a big congratulations to the PBHS cross-country team and their coach, Missy Kaiser. Recently, the girls' team came in first in the state and the boys' team came in second. Also, Sarah McCauley was a state champion. I am very proud of their accomplishments.

I hope that your year is going as well as the cross-country teams. While you may not win a state championship, you may win a child's heart and mind with your efforts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Kaiser".

It Was a Great Day to Be a PB Colt!



The chilly morning of Friday, October 29th, proved to be the dawn of several firsts for the Philip Barbour High School athletic program as the Colts' girls and boys cross-country teams competed in the A-AA West Virginia State Meet at Cabell-Midland High School. Months of hard work and dedication paid off as the girls' team (above left), paced by WV state champion, Sarah McCauley (above center), claimed the 2010 crown to cap off a remarkable season. Sarah's time of 18:33 set a state record for the Class A-AA meet and came within four seconds of the all-time state best by any female runner.

McCauley and Brianna Waybright were named to the all-state team for their third and second times respectively by finishing first and fifth place finishes among the best distance runners in WV. Teammates contributing to the championship were: Katie Mahoney, Amber Abbott, Allison Villers, Mary Beth Long and Marissa Long.

The boys' team (above right) almost pulled off a surprise sweep as the PB runners outran all other qualifying squads except neighboring Grafton High School. The Colts' Wes Anderson paced Philip Barbour and earned all-state honors with his tenth place finish. Matt King, Scott Nesland, Trey Furby, Chase Byrne, Andrew Phillips and Nick Stockberger all contributed to the Colts' runner-up finish with strong performances as well.

The two squads, under the direction of head coach, Melissa Kaiser, and assistant, Marty Waybright, became the first male-female team tandem from Barbour County to reach the state championship round in the same season. The girls' state crown marks the second team crown in Philip Barbour athletic history, joining the 2006 volleyball team. Colt fans and the general public are invited to a reception for the student-athletes to be held at the high school on Sunday, November 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Staff Development Opportunities Scheduled for Coming Days

Personnel who are interested in attaining staff development credit hours can take note of the following opportunities during the next few weeks. Remember that a comprehensive schedule is maintained and updated regularly at the Staff Development link on the Barbour County Schools website.



***Class #059: HACCP Monitoring** (2 hours credit) Rebecca Nesbitt
November 9, 2010; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Philippi Middle School

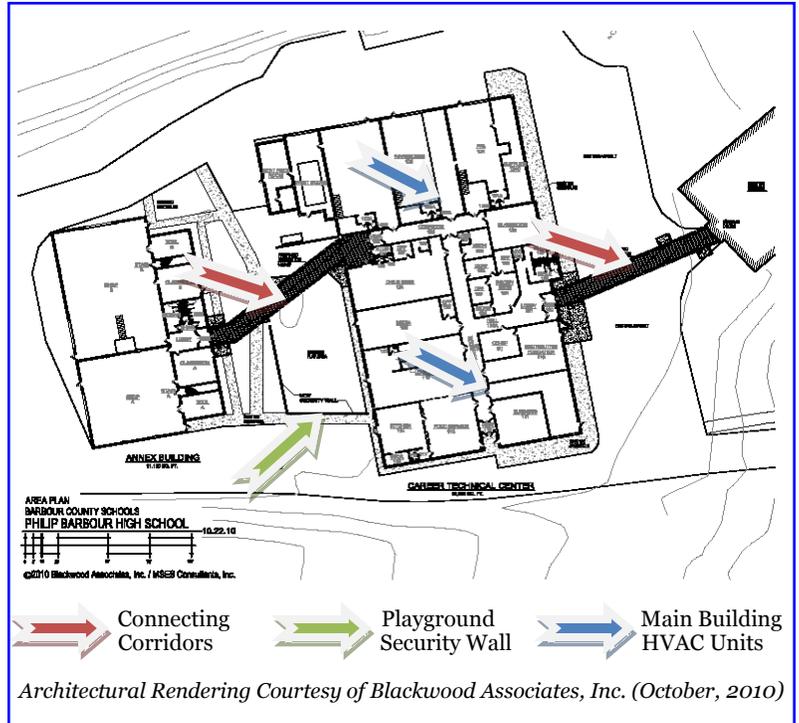
***Class #069: Review of Emergency Plan** (3 hours credit) Lisa Lepsch
November 18, 2010; 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; LGI Room @ PBHS
Review Emergency Operations Plan (Color Codes, Threat Protocols)
Note: Service Personnel May Attend Only 2 hours (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

***Class #062: Menu Planning** (2 hours credit) Rebecca Nesbitt
December 14, 2010; Philippi Middle School (*Note: PES & PMS Cooks only*)

Latest Barbour SBA Proposal Stresses CTEC Health/Safety

Barbour County Schools has submitted a \$1.96 million dollar Needs Project to the West Virginia School Building Authority for consideration during the 2010-11 round of funding. During the past three years, the county has benefited from SBA grants that have allowed major renovations to occur at Kasson School and Junior Elementary School.

The new proposal emphasizes health, safety and security needs at the Career and Technical Education Center at the PBHS Complex. Many of the project components were identified in recent Safe Schools surveys, vulnerability assessments and the county's Response and Crisis Management Plan.



Among improvements cited in the Needs Project are: construction of two permanent facility connectors that will provide enclosed hallways among all campus facilities; erection of a masonry security wall between the pre-school playground area and the parking lot and highway; video surveillance cameras and a recorder, electronic access control stations at entries; a comprehensive sprinkler system for all areas of the CTEC; new rooftop HVAC units on the original building; vinyl flooring for areas still carpeted; restroom renovations to meet ADA regulations; replacement of doors and mobile barriers in disrepair; and masonry, roofing and ceiling repairs.



Employee Absence Call-In Reminders

To ensure appropriate coverage in the case of employee absence and to provide the best possible service to students in Barbour County, the county office is providing this reminder of procedures to be followed by professional and service personnel. Ronda Jones, a central office staff person, fills the daily absences for professional personnel from established lists of substitutes. Sharon Cross, also a county office staff member, will continue to call service personnel substitutes. Questions or concerns regarding these procedures may be directed to Elaine Benson, Director of Personnel. The following steps were enacted in August of 2009

Professional Staff

Professional employees are to call 457-3030 (ext. 142) before 9:00 p.m. Teachers must leave their name, school, teaching assignment, date, time of reporting and reason for absence. After checking at 9:00 a.m., messages are not checked again until 5:30 a.m. Emergency calls can be made between 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. (absences such as doctor's appointments, approved no-cause days, professional leave, etc. are not emergencies and must be reported within 48 hours of receiving written approval, but no later than 9:00 p.m. the evening prior to the absence). After 5:30 a.m., you must call pager number 1-304-987-0903. Leave your entire phone number and Ronda will return your call.

Service Staff

Regular service employees are to call 457-3030 (ext. 141) any-time between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on the day prior to the absence. Messages will be checked at 9:10 p.m. and 4:45 a.m. After checking at 9:10 p.m. messages will not be checked again until 4:45 a.m. Emergency calls can be made between 9:30 p.m. and 4:40 a.m. (absences such as doctor's appointments, approved no-cause days, extra-curricular trips, etc. are not emergencies and must be reported on the day/evening prior to the absence). After 4:40 a.m., call pager number 1-304-987-0902 and leave your entire phone number and Sharon will return your call. This number is to be used only by evening employees or in cases of. emergency

— Odds 'N' Ends —

➤ **Two-Hour Delay Dates:** Calendar dates have been designated for two-hour delays that will enable teaching staffs to evaluate data and make plans to best meet student needs. These dates include: *November 10, January 26 and March 9*. A fourth date in May of 2011 will be established and announced if it is deemed necessary.

➤ **Thinking of Retirement?** The Finance Office has issued a final reminder that the date for classroom teachers to submit early written notification of their intent to retire in order to receive the \$500 bonus authorized by WV Code 18A-2-2(g) is **December 1**. In completing this process, please remember that a county board may consider the position of a classroom teacher who has provided notice of retirement as vacant and the board may immediately post the position as an opening to be filled at the conclusion of the school year. If another teacher is hired to fill the position prior to the start of the following school year, the retiring classroom teacher is disqualified from continuing his/her employment at that position. For more information about the early notification process or to secure the necessary form, interested teachers may contact the Finance Office at 457-3030 (ext. 136).

➤ **PEIA Affidavits Can Reduce Premiums:** Public school employees across West Virginia can become eligible for premium discounts of \$4.00 per month beginning on July 1, 2011. The "Living Will Discount" will apply to policyholders who have completed a living will or an advance directive for healthcare. Interested personnel can complete one of four advance directive forms found in the annual Shopper's Guide or online at www.wvendoflife.org by April 30, 2011 to enroll. Further information about this new PEIA program will be included in each county employee's November pay envelope.

A Message from the Board of Education

Dr. Guido has been placed on medical leave by his physician for at least six weeks. Due to this prolonged illness, the Board has named Mr. Jeff Kittle as Acting Superintendent until such time as Dr. Guido is released to resume the duties of the Office of Superintendent of Barbour County Schools. The Board would like to wish Ben a complete recovery and looks forward to having him resume the leadership of Barbour County Schools.

-The Barbour County Board of Education (November 2, 2010)



Actual Student Essay Responses



"Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin, which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theatre and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career."

"The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Romeo's last wish was to be laid by Juliet."

"In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java."