Spotlight on Parker-Bennett-Curry: Chinese Language Program
Each month a different school in the district presents a brief presentation highlighting a program or activity in their schools. This month, Parker-Bennett-Curry shares their Chinese Language activities that include twice-weekly lessons in grades K-5. Chinese artwork and projects from Parker-Bennett-Curry are also on display in the Board Room of the District Office.

SPOTLIGHT VIDEO

District Administrators Recognized for Recent Awards

(Left photo) Vicki Writsel, Associate Superintendent and Director of Special Programs was named the Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year by the Council for Exceptional Children. (Right photo) Kim Simpson, Food Service Director, received the Farm to School Award for her work providing locally grown fruits and vegetables to students.

2013 TELL Survey Results and Unbridled Learning Delivery Targets Reviewed
Superintendent Joe Tinius shared state-reported results and current improvement practices with members of the Board of Education on Monday. TELL Survey results are consistent with Employee Survey Results collected in 2012, with most employees agreeing they are satisfied with the district’s efforts to provide a positive working environment. Unbridled Learning Delivery Targets demonstrate there is still work to be done to meet proficiency and gap group targets. District leaders and school principals are currently studying data and hope to make adjustments to see improvement next year.

Bank Depository Change Made
The Board of Education reviewed proposals from four local banks regarding district depository services. After considering all options, the Board of Education voted to transfer banking services to Independence Bank. Employees will not notice any changes in direct deposit services throughout the transition or with the district’s change to Independence Bank.

BGHS Research Study To Begin
Dr. Amy Brausch, WKU has been approved to study and track self-harmful behaviors, eating disorders, and other mental health issues such as depression and anxiety over a period of 18-24 months in high school students. According to her research proposal, the goal is to determine behaviors that may appear first in adolescence, and what behaviors may follow. The study will also obtain information about thoughts and attitudes about the body and an adolescent’s eating/dieting/exercise behaviors related to mental health and self-harm behaviors.

Dr. Brausch and her assistants conducting the study will work with school counselors and school psychologists, as well as additional local mental health professionals to make confidential referrals for service, if needed, while obtaining research from BGHS students.

2014-15 School Calendar Approved
The Bowling Green Board of Education approved the 2014-15 Academic Calendar at the December 9 Board of Education Meeting. Considering survey results, option one of two was the most popular option among parents, community members and employees. Employees will
report for the first day of 2014-15 on August 4, and students will begin on August 6, with an
employee workday on August 5 to meet federal and state training requirements.

The complete calendar is available on the district website.

2014 Board Meeting Schedule Set
The Bowling Green Board of Education will meet in 2014 on the second Monday of each month at
6:30 p.m. The Board of Education will also meet on January 27 at 5:30 p.m. to review
Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, and April 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for the
district’s annual planning session.

BGISD To Continue Participation in FRYSC Program
Bowling Green City Schools will continue participation in the Family Resource and Youth Services
Center Program and meet required assurances.

Accept Offer of School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance
The district accepted an offer of assistance in the amount of $35,655 from the Kentucky School
Facilities Construction Commission. The assistance is part of a twice annual offer that is matched
by the district to provide technology services and equipment to schools.

Bus Declared Surplus Property
One 1988 International 65 passenger bus has been declared surplus property and is for sale on
govdeals.com.

Agreement with Gallup Approved
Bowling Green City Schools will continue to work with Gallup to administer the TeacherInsight
online interview for certified teacher applicants.

Approved Fundraisers:
- Potter Gray school photo commission to raise money for student Chrome Books;
- T. C. Cherry ice cream sales to support student field trips;
- T. C. Cherry book fair to raise money for library programs;
- T. C. Cherry school photo commission for student activity fund;
- Dishman McGinnis book fair to raise money for books and Accelerated Reader prizes;
- Dishman McGinnis school photo commission to support the yearbook program;
- BGHS school photo commission to support the yearbook program;
- Potter Gray book fair to raise money for library programs;
- McNeill school photo commission for student activity fund;
- McNeill book fair to provide funds for library activities;
- Parker-Bennett-Curry school photo commission to support student field trips.

Approved Travel:
- Parker-Bennett-Curry 5th grade travel to Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN on Wednesday,
  December 18;
- BGJHS cheerleaders to KAPOS State Competition January 11-12, 2014.