

Berlin

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2022

Superintendent Welcome Letter

Dear Berlin Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. It is a tremendous honor for me to welcome back both our returning and our new families to a brand new school year.

The 2021-2022 school year presented many challenges and opportunities for all of us. A large factor in us successfully completing last year was your collaboration, understanding and patience with the district. We hope to keep building on the district's relationship with the community through stronger communication in both directions.

The Berlin school district has a new Strategic Plan that was created by a group of stakeholders that included parents, students, administrators, community members, teachers and support staff. This plan will provide us with a guideline for our goals and decision making in the coming years. Please review the plan on our website and send in your feedback to me, so that we can review and revise the plan for future years to continue to best meet the needs of our students.

Safety is a priority for us. We have made several strategic changes to enhance the security in our district. These are outlined in detail later on in the newsletter, but I wanted to highlight two of them – we welcome Deputy McGuire to Berlin as our School Resource Officer (SRO) and we look forward to incorporating his ideas and energy into our district's safety initiatives. We will also be installing a Raptor Visitor Management System in both our buildings. Any visitor to either school, will have to present a Driver's ID (or another acceptable form of ID that has a scannable barcode). This will help us to streamline visitor entry as well as keep an accurate log of visitors to the buildings.

We are excited to announce that since we are already a Google district, we will be using the Google Education Plus platform starting in the 2022-2023 school year, which offers enhanced Google features for our students and staff. This will also help us further integrate technology into our Teaching and Learning practices. This year we successfully completed a K-12 summer school in collaboration with Questar BOCES and we look forward to expanding our summer offerings in the coming years.

Our capital projects are progressing well. These projects have provided much needed updates to our aging systems and facilities and enhanced our security measures and academic learning environment throughout the district.

I am looking forward to the coming school year because we have learned a lot through the past three years that we can continue to incorporate in a meaningful way throughout this year to better serve our students, staff and parents. The excitement of our students and their smiles are always a welcome reminder of why we exist as a district.

I am sure that the 2022-2023 school year will have challenges, but with your collaboration I am confident that we will continue to be successful. Through the year we will continue to communicate important information to you as it becomes available.

In closing, I will say that it always fills me with pride to see the hard work and dedication that all our students, staff and families put in each and every day to help each other out and to ensure that our students are successful. Thank you for being our partner in this journey.

We are Stronger Together. Go Mountaineers!

Respectfully,

A. Joseph Dhara, *Superintendent of Schools*



BES Community Picnic

2021-2022 Year In Review at BMHS & BES

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As we prepare to head into the new school year, it is important to take a moment to reflect on the previous year and celebrate the successes of our students, staff, and families. While last year certainly came with its challenges, I continue to be proud to be a part of our wonderful school community.

We brought the 2021-2022 school year to a close with a special community event to commemorate all that our school means and represents to our students, staff, and families. On a beautiful early summer evening, our families gathered together to listen to some wonderful music, share stories, and enjoy each other's company. A true celebration of our community.

If we learned one thing from the pandemic, it was certainly that our school is at the heart of our community. We were excited to welcome all of our students back to five days of in person learning. We found that the majority of our students were most successful with the personal interactions and instruction from caring teachers. As a school, we focused on helping our students to adjust to returning to school. This return came with a variety of different emotions, reactions, and social emotional needs. We are fortunate to have a staff that



Principal Brownell and Principal Kent

recognizes the whole child and works to address their varied needs.

As the year went on, students were able to return to a number of events and extra curricular activities that brought joy and excitement. We held school wide assemblies that celebrated community and recognized our students for being responsible, safe, and respectful. Our students participated in After School Enrichment that offered them the opportunity to explore a number of interests and hobbies. Students participated in a number of field trips including Grafton

State Park, Bronx Zoo, and Joe Bruno Stadium.

As we look to the 2022-2023 school year, we will continue to remain focused on raising student achievement and providing a relevant and meaningful curriculum. We will provide interventions that target the specific needs of our students. By working together and maintaining a strong connection with families, we know this will be a successful school year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, students, and staff. Our theme for the upcoming school year is Stronger Together. By working together, all things are possible. I look forward to another year of amazing teaching and learning.

— Tracy Kent, *Berlin Elementary Principal*

BERLIN MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you to the entire Berlin Middle High School community for welcoming me into the Mountaineer family with open arms this past year. Although this year certainly presented its share of challenges, I could not have asked for a more supportive school community to help us all persevere and have a successful academic year. Before we continue to move forward into this new year, let us reflect and celebrate the achievements we made last year.

Through the pandemic, we learned that the majority of us feel in-person instruction is more conducive to learning. Returning to school in-person this past fall was so refreshing and ignited that sense of urgency towards academics that the pandemic had robbed from us. As time progressed, it was evident how much the faculty, staff and students valued the consistency of learning together and having the opportunity for more hands-on learning opportunities and rich discussions. Sports, clubs and extracurricular activities were in full swing and students were able to weave once again into the fabric of our school.

Having the doors to the school open once again for the community to join us in watching performances by our band, chorus and drama students or to showcase our students' art, brought a breath of fresh air and rejuvenation for all as we celebrated the talents of our students.

One of the challenges in returning from the pandemic was recalibrating on what school looks and feels like. Our teachers rose to the occasion to identify new ways to engage their learners within their content areas. For example, in January of 2022, BMHS hosted a successful course selection fair! BMHS

is excited to offer new electives in the 2022-2023 school year that include an enhanced distance learning program.

Additionally, a highlight for me was the opportunity to recognize our students who earned merit, honor or the Principal's List this year. The incentives ranged for earning this academic standing on any of the lists from ice pops, chocolate milk and cider donuts, bowling, mini-golf or a pizza and ice cream party. I am looking forward to the many ways we will celebrate our students' academic accomplishments in this coming academic year.

As we set our sights on the beginning of our 2022-2023 school year at the Middle High School, our theme is Stronger Together. We are committed to raising student academic achievement by engaging our Mountaineers in their academics through more hands-on, interdisciplinary and inquiry based learning that connects to real-world experiences. We know that through working collaboratively together we make the best team.

In trying to increase student exposure to real-world experiences, BMHS is organizing a Community Partnership Committee and we are inviting you to join us. The purpose of this committee is to increase community involvement in partnering with the school to expand the resources available to our students and school community as a whole. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Ms. Amie Decker at 518-658-1500.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community as we forge onward into 2022-2023. Go Mountaineers!

— Kimberly J. Brownell, *BMHS Principal*

Student Accomplishments 2021-2022

During the 2021–2022 school year the staff and students of the Berlin Central School District rose up through the challenges they faced head-on in the pandemic – mainly, the struggles both physically and emotionally, and for many a learning loss. The Mountaineers came back to the 2021–2022 school year strong and eager to strive for their best, whether in the classroom, out on the playing field or in the Arts.

The elementary school Ambassador Program, advised by Ms. Tracy Peter-Hoen and Ms. Gretchen Ruebel, and the middle high school Student Council, advised by Ms. Ariel Gilbert and Mr. Nate Ellis, led the charge with food drives to support

the BCSD community, spirit days and weeks to bring the Mountaineer pride front and center. The Ambassador Program also brought student participation and representation at the District’s Board of Education meetings.

The Mountaineer student voice at the monthly Board of Education meetings helped to open a direct line of communication and understanding between board members, school administrators, the student body and the BCSD community. This was an important focus for Superintendent Dhara when he arrived in the winter of 2021. The BCSD Board of Education members, staff and students are excited to be part of this effort.



Marine Biology independent study students and Mr. Christian in front of their jellyfish at Via Aquarium.

AQUATICS LAB NEWS

Mr. Matthew Christian’s unique Marine Biology program was also back in action in the aquatics lab. The Marine Biology independent study students and 2022 graduates Matthew Hart, Sophie Ericson and Bailey Catlin worked throughout the year on a Jellyfish Project. The participants raised Moon Jellyfish from polyps and dedicated themselves to maintaining tank water levels, feeding the marine life, keeping records, and critical thinking. The program raised the jellyfish to hand them over to the Via Aquarium in Rotterdam, New York.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOUNTAINERS AT QUESTAR III

Several Mountaineers thrived again at the Questar III Rensselaer Educational Center. This partnership allows for students to acquire hands-on experience and training in the fields of automotive, heavy equipment operation and maintenance, nursing, construction and cosmetology. It is an excellent partnership coordinated by the BMHS Academic Counselors Team: Ms. Caroline Testa and Ms. Rachel Harrison.

BES HOLDS NIGHT OF THE ARTS

The Mountaineers were back on the stage, and in the music and art rooms, creating dynamic and entertaining performances and art shows at both the elementary, middle and high school levels. The Night of the Arts at BES, combined the students’ visual art and performance art. These nights brought the community out to enjoy a return to the stage for the 4th and 5th grade band under the direction of Ms. Rhianna Baker and kindergarten through 5th grade chorus conducted by Ms. Katherine Labnon.

ARTS ALIVE AT BMHS

Arts Alive! An evening for the Grades 6–12 Artwork Exhibition was hosted by Art Educators Ms. Samantha Colbert and Ms. Shannon DeCelle to celebrate the hardworking artists – it was quite a creative and diverse showing of work! Along with viewing the art exhibit, there was an induction ceremony for National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and during the event, guests could donate towards photography and printmaking raffles, which benefited the Art Club, as well as an Empty Bowls fundraiser. The sales of the student-made ceramic bowls were part of NAHS community service project and ended up raising \$220 for local food pantries. BMHS Music Department’s Ms. Leslie Eliashuk and Ms. Jessica Gould organized wonderful music performances throughout the evening as well.



Berlin MHS Assistant Principal Mr. Paravella discusses artwork with a student at BMHS’ Arts Alive! night.

Thank you to all students, parents, family members, friends, faculty, administrators, Board members, and community members who participated in and attended these evenings!

There were many students’ achievements to celebrate this past school year. This is merely a snapshot. Students were able to go on field trips, take part in academic competitions in person again, and compete on the athletic field and host festivals and fairs.

Go Mountaineers!

BCSD Welcomes New and Familiar Faces

The Berlin Central School District is pleased to welcome new and familiar faces to the District. Please welcome to the BCSD Business Office Ms. Sherri Kellar-Willis, Payroll Clerk, Mr. Christopher Pallozzi, School Business Official. We also welcome School Resource Officer, Deputy Austin McGuire.

Likewise, the Berlin Middle High School is excited to welcome Ms. Samantha DeCarciolo as the new 7th grade Social Studies teacher, and Ms. Nicole West as the new 8th grade English and Language Arts teacher.

Berlin Elementary School is happy to welcome Ms. Jodi Cataldo to the administrative team as Assistant Principal at BES, and Ms. Deanna Baker as the new "Shooting Stars" Special Education Classroom Teacher; Ms. Tess Mulvey will be the new 4th Grade teacher; and Ms. Erin Lee will be joining BES as a Speech Pathologist.

The District will continue to hire new teaching and support staff through the end of August. To learn more about our new staff in their own words, and about those not listed here but who will be joining us soon, check out the Berlin CSD website at www.berlincentral.org.



*Clockwise from top left:
Ms. Mulvey, Ms. West, Ms. DeCarciolo, Deputy McGuire,
Ms. Baker, Mr. Pallozzi, Ms. Kellar-Willis and Ms. Lee.*

Capital Project Update Summer 2022

Capital Project work continued throughout the summer months at both Berlin Elementary School and Berlin Middle High School. This is a continuation of the multi-year project that was approved by Berlin voters in December 2019.

At Berlin Elementary School the exterior double doors will be replaced near the cafeteria. The front steps will be replaced and additional handrails will be added. There will also be landscaping work done in front of the building.

A majority of the work this summer has been taking place at the Middle High School. The main office has been gutted and will be completely renovated. Science classrooms 125, 126, and 127 will also see major updates with floor trenching, installing and replacing of electrical and plumbing, unit ventilators, countertops, and flooring.

In the cafeteria kitchen new walk-in coolers/freezers, dishwasher, and durable flooring will be installed. Along with trenching work for new plumbing.

New framing and doors have been installed at staff bathrooms 88-89. New windowsills in classrooms 110, 112, the business office 119, and the faculty room B120A are also being installed. Window caulk asbestos removal from classrooms 113-115, 118B and 118C has been completed, and windows in classrooms 107-118C are being replaced. Wall graphics and raised lettering will be displayed in the hallways.

Outside of the Middle High School new sidewalks will be installed in front of the district office where trailers were previously parked. Exterior doors at the gym, shop, classroom 111A, and the main entry will be replaced. The exterior insulation and finishing system will be recoated.

New drainage will be installed at the bus loop in front of the Middle High School for stormwater pollution prevention.

Maintenance upgrades include subgrade/grading of the west section of the parking area, inlet channel to detention pond, adding guardrail at the interior gas line in the northwest corner of the maintenance building, and additional power pedestals for buses.



BCSD Summer Academy

This summer approximately 100 Berlin Mountaineers attended the Summer Academy at the Elementary School and Middle High School buildings. The Summer Academy at Berlin was a opportunity to invite students to close the learning-loss gap due to the pandemic and to continue learning throughout the summer and set students up for success this fall.

At Berlin Elementary School (BES) there were about 50 students enrolled in summer school. During the six-week program students were able to engage in English and Language Arts and Math activities through fun and interactive ways. Students at the BES academy were also able to participate in weekly science and library classes, which focused on science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and problem solving.

"We were lucky to have visits from a magician, an online safety program, learn about Spanish speaking countries from Ms. Karen Day and, in our final lap, have a visit from a race car driver!" said BES Summer Academy principal Ms. Katie Hooks.

"This summer has been fun and rewarding for both students and staff. I look forward to next year and how our BES Summer Academy will grow in years to come."

Berlin Middle/High School's Summer Academy provided many opportunities for students. The Middle School students worked on their literacy and numeracy skills while also engaging in physical education, science, library, and language enrichment classes. Students built rockets with Mr. Christian, experienced building and escaping their very own escape rooms with Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, and learned about different cultures and the geography of some Spanish-speaking countries with Ms. Karen Day.

"To keep students engaged we were able to have a motiva-



PHOTO: GRETCHEN RUBEEL

BES Summer Academy's Ms. Kneer arranged for a visit from race car driver Dylan Madsen and his crew, to celebrate the "last lap" for the Summer Academy Mountaineers.

tional speaker join us as well as speaker from Cornell University to talk with students about the importance of online safety," said BMHS Co-Summer School Principal Ms. Ariel Gilbert.

High school students attended courses they needed for course credit and prepared for the Regents exams over the summer. They finished out the Summer Academy with the August Regents exams.

"Thank you to our families and students who joined us this summer," said BMHS Summer School Co-Principal Mr. Nate Ellis. "We would also like to thank our dedicated teachers, technology department, transportation department, nursing staff, custodial staff, and fellow administrators, for their part in making the BCSD's Summer Academy such a success!"

Congratulations summer school Mountaineers on all your hard work this summer!

SHOOTING STARS CLASSROOM

BES is excited to introduce the Shooting Stars Classroom. This new classroom is designed to meet the individualized needs of our special education students by providing additional structure and support with a smaller student to adult ratio. The Shooting Stars teacher, Deanna Baker, will work together with classroom staff and related services providers to provide targeted and engaging lessons, which will be tailored to the student's individualized needs. This class will expand our special education continuum of services within our district, while allowing opportunities for students to spend time with their grade-level peers.

Safety Initiatives

The district is looking forward to implementing new safety initiatives for the 2022-23 school year. Our top priority for the Berlin Central School District is the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. With that in mind we are excited to announce new security upgrades to the district.

Safety Resource Officer: Deputy Austin McGuire from the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department will be our SRO. He has already visited the district and met with some administration and staff members. His office will be in BMHS but will also have a presence at BES.

Security Cameras: They are almost completely installed in both buildings and will be operational in both buildings before the start of the school year.

Raptor Visitor Identification System: This will be in place at the start of school. Every visitor to our buildings will have to scan in their Driver's ID (or other identification) and will be given a name badge indicating the exact location they are supposed to travel to.

Electronic Access Control (for exterior doors): The hardware and panels for the doors are being installed. All exterior doors without access control will be blanked (keyhole removed). There will be a key fob at the beginning of the school year for each staff member to enter a building. Later in the Fall we may transition to a card system depending on how soon we can program the chips in the card.

Radios: We have ordered 41 brand new radios for both buildings combined and these should arrive in Fall. Each staff member going outside the buildings with students will carry a radio with them.

News from the Health Office

Emergency Cards — New Procedure: When your child receives his/her schedule in the mail, he/she will also receive a student demographic information page. The information printed on this demographic page is your child's current information the school has on file in regard to home address, parent phone numbers and emergency contact information. Please review the printed information and make any necessary changes then sign and date the bottom of the page. If there are no changes, just sign and date the bottom of the page. RETURN THE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC PAGE TO THE MAIN OFFICE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2022. This will replace the former emergency card.

Student Physicals: A reminder that all students new to the District, students entering Pre-K or K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades will need to have an up-to-date physical. In addition, all students participating in school sports will need an up-to-date physical. Physicals are valid for one year from the date of the exam.

COVID Update: The District will update when new information becomes available from the NYS Department of Health, on the district website. The health office has received another shipment of home test kits that are available for pickup or can be sent home with your child. Contact your building nurse if you are in need of home test kits.

Ms. Michele Corsey, RN-School Nurse

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School Meal Information

Effective June 30, 2022, Federal Meal Waivers from the USDA for the National School Lunch Program that have been in place during the COVID-19 pandemic have expired.

Below is the meal pricing for 2022–2023 (same pricing as 2019–2020). We accept online payments through Titan School Solutions, checks or cash at the register. We do not recommend sending cash with younger students as it can get misplaced or not make its way to the cafeteria. We are not responsible for lost or stolen money that does not get applied to a student's account.

Pricing for 2022–2023

BES: PreK–5 Breakfast = \$2.10, Lunch = \$2.60

BMHS: 6–12 Breakfast = \$2.10, Lunch = \$2.80

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact twhitman@berlincentral.org.

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

Board of Education Meetings

Third Tuesday of the month
Berlin Middle High School
Library, 7:15 p.m.

BMHS Spirit Week

9/26/22–9/30/22

BMHS Homework Club

Starting 9/21/22
Every Wednesday 2:50–5 p.m.

BES Open House

9/29/22

Columbus Day

NO SCHOOL
10/10/22

Fall Fest

Berlin Middle High School
10/15/22, 10–2 p.m.

District-Wide Emergency Early Release Drill

11/10/22

Veteran's Day

NO SCHOOL
11/11/22

Berlin Middle High School 2022–2023 Marking Period

Quarter 1 Ends 11/10/22

Quarter 2 Ends 1/27/23

Quarter 3 Ends 4/6/23

Quarter 4 Ends 6/16/23



Bus Safety

Stop on Red Kids Ahead! Is the motto from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles when it comes to bus stop safety.

Berlin CSD recently added three new buses to the fleet. BCSD's Transportation Supervisor, Ms. Jeaneatte Alderman, demonstrated the newly purchased "First Light Safety" products.

"While continuously looking at every angle to improve student safety, we pur-

chased three new buses with ultra bright illuminated stop arms and school bus signs," said Ms. Alderman. "These stop arms are visible from 1000 feet, the goal is to reduce the amount of illegal passing of school buses by other motorists and increase student safety."

As school reopens this month please Stop on Red Kids Ahead!

NEW DISTRICT-WIDE INITIATIVES

This year we will continue to focus on providing professional development and support for our instructional staff. Our teachers will be taking training throughout the year to learn more about how Professional Learning Communities can support the learning of all their students.

Additionally, teachers will participate in TCIS (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for School) training. Our hope is that we will be better equipped to support the mental health needs of all our students that bring to our schools a wide range of personal experiences.

2022 RETIREES & TENURED EMPLOYEES

The evening of June 21, 2022 in the Berlin Middle/High School Library, was filled with gratitude for the District's retirees and enthusiasm in welcoming the next generation of dedicated staff.

This gathering was an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and take a look ahead to the bright future of the recently tenured staff.

The evening was an opportunity for Superintendent Mr. Joseph Dhara and the Board of Education to hear first-hand about the dedication of the retirees and the commitment and innovation of the new tenured staff; Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Ms. Angela Pastizzo, BMHS Principal, Ms. Kimberly Brownell and BES Principal Ms. Tracy Kent spoke about the retiring and tenured staff.

Thank you to Executive Secretary and District Clerk Ms. Dawn Demick for putting the evening together.

Congratulations to the newly tenured staff and thank you to the retirees for your dedication and service to the District.



*From left to right:
Ms. Murray (tenure), Ms. Cornell (retiree),
Ms. Wynants (retiree) and Mr. Viner (tenure)
Missing from photo: Ms. MacDonald (tenure)*

DISTRICT MARKS YEARS OF SERVICE & WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Berlin Central School District thanks the following staff and marks their dedicated years of service to the District, as well as welcomes new staff. Congratulations, and thank you for your service to the Berlin Central School District.

Years	Name	Position at BCSD	Years	Name	Position at BCSD
New	Samantha DeCarciolo	Teacher	10	Stephanie Henry	Teacher
New	Tess Mulvey	Teacher	10	Stephanie Kneer	Teacher
New	Erin Lee	Speech Therapist	10	Melissa Mooney	Teacher
New	Steevi Savaria	Teacher	10	Elizabeth Oakes	Cook
New	Nicole West	Teacher	10	William Osterhout	Buildings and Grounds
5	Jean Barber	Senior Account Clerk	15	Caren Alderman	Bus Attendant
5	Christina Bauert	Teacher	15	Deanna Baker	Teacher
5	Courtney Bersaw	Teacher	15	Nicole Bedford	Bus Attendant
5	Lori Christian	Senior Typist	15	Kelly Berkau	Teacher
5	Delia Gallerie	Bus Driver	15	Shaun Cavanaugh	Bus Driver
5	Jessica Gould	Teacher	15	Danielle Wilson	Teacher
5	Megan Laz	Teacher	20	Carla Homiak	Clerk
5	Mikaela Marbot	Teacher	20	Tracy Peter-Hoen	Teacher
5	Jason Osterhout	Auto Mechanic	20	Stacy Sausville	Teacher
5	Leslie Teal	Bus Attendant	25	Wayne Cornell	Teacher
5	Richard Wagar	Head Auto Mechanic	25	Lisa Goodermote	Teaching Assistant



GRAFTON TRAIL DEDICATION: Berlin Central School District held a dedication ceremony on August 21, for the new trail head behind the former Grafton Elementary School building. Several district employees, current and former board members, scouts and community members were in attendance. This project has been in the works for several years and is led by Scout Troop 222 of Grafton.

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BNL BOOSTER CLUB

Ways to Get Involved:

- Attend a monthly meeting. (Check FB or school calendars for upcoming dates)
- Ideas...we love your ideas!
- Volunteer your time at an upcoming event
- Donate an item at an upcoming event
- Volunteer to be a "Team Parent"
- Volunteer behind the scenes with designing programs, flyers, collecting donations, etc.

Communication – Stay informed!

Follow us on Facebook - @BerlinNLBooster
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BNL Booster Club Officers:

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Jessikka Kreutziger – Voting Member at Large
Bridgette Dodge – Voting Member at Large
Candice Horton – Voting Member at Large

MESSAGE FROM THE IT DEPARTMENT

Thanks to the hard work and preparation of the IT Department's Ms. Tammy Dunlop and Ms. Trish Weber, students will again be one to one with devices this coming school year. Please take time to go over the Acceptable Use Form with your student and ensure they are using and treating their school devices with care. The BCSD Technology Protection Program enrollment is open until September 30, 2022. All students K–12 have been assigned a Chromebook or iPad (depending on grade level). The goal of this Technology Protection Program is to help families offset repair costs. These forms will accompany the issued device but if you would like to review them beforehand please find both of these forms on the BCSD Technology Department page of the District website <https://berlincentral.org/technology/>.

MESSAGE FROM THE BCSD PTO

The Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) from the elementary and the middle/high schools recently merged. We are hoping to count on those that are already volunteering while having the ability to reach out to new partners in both schools. If you are interested in joining or volunteering, or have any questions or ideas please send an email to one of the addresses below. We will post meeting dates and times by September. Please feel free to email the PTO with questions or if you are looking to volunteer. Elementary School: BESPTO@berlincentral.org or Middle High School: Berlinmshspto@gmail.com.