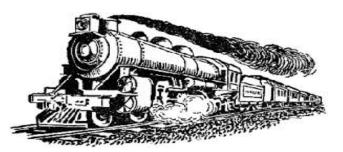
# RAILROADER RUMBLE October, 2020 Volume 4; Issue 1



### Joe Hurst, Superintendent By: Gage Wills



Mr. Hurst feels that all things considered, that the school year is going very well so far! Teachers, administration and staff have done a

great job preparing for this year and overcoming MANY new obstacles. Bradford has additional technology in the district, additional sanitation equipment and procedures, additional air filters, additional protocols for identifying and tracking illnesses, additional ways of teaching/learning, and our students are back in the classrooms!!!!

Mr. Hurst feels that the students will abide by the mask rule. Whether a person believes in the mask ordinance or not, he believes that people realize that the only way we will be able to remain in school and participate in athletics is to follow and continue the mask mandate.

Mr. Hurst sees many positive activities going on right now, but he does fear that remote learning is a true possibility. He certainly hopes that this does not happen, but feels confident that we will be more prepared this year if we are forced to make the transition.

In conclusion, Mr. Hurst is proud of what he has seen this year! Our staff has been exceptional in preparing for this unusual start to the year. Our resilient students have adapted and reacted in a positive and productive way with perseverance, hope and optimism.

Mrs. Lavey, Elementary Principal By: Isabella Hamilton

Hi Great Bradford School Family!!!



It is so great to be back together here at school. This year has had its challenges but we got this and with each other, we will make it through all things. The words that

Mrs. Lavey is going to focus on, for the elementary family, this year is kindness, flexibility and learning. If we keep these 3 words in mind it will help us in different ways through the year. The students and staff here have done an awesome job with doing their part to make this a beginning of a successful school year.

## Mr.Triplett, High School Principal By: Buzz Brewer



Mr. Triplett would like to welcome back the students, he's going into his 4th year as the middle school/high school principal. He said it is an honor to have the opportunity to serve such outstanding

students and to be a part of the Bradford community. It is his desire to work with you and the staff to continue to promote a strong sense of community in order to increase student achievement and school pride.

The entire staff has worked very hard over the summer to create a positive environment where every student's unique strengths and talents are celebrated. Even though things may look a little different due to Covid, as always we have a culture of high expectations academically for our students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Triplett challenges each of you to find what you are passionate about in life and go for it. Harriet Tubman once stated, "Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." If students need anything I encourage them to reach out to me, Mrs. Ray, Mr. Daughtery or any other employee as we are all here to help. Remember, no dream is too big. Have a great year and Go Railroaders!!!

## New Staff: Glen Etter, Bus Driver By Alexis Barhorst



Bradford High School would like to welcome Glen Etter as the new school bus driver for our school. Glen Etter has three children followed by three extra and he has 8 grandchildren. He lives outside of Bradford

and graduated from Bradford High School as well. He has driven buses for Greenville and Piqua for several years. The OBI for Bradford told him that Bradford needed a bus driver so he came and talked to them. In his spare time, he has a small farm that keeps him busy and also when he can get away he goes and helps rebuild houses from disasters. For instance he has helped rebuild houses in Dayton from the tornado that hit over that area.



# Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Melissa Kommer, Assistant Treasurer By Molly Clark



Mrs. Kommer is the assistant treasurer for Bradford Exempted Village School. She has been working at Bradford for 13 years. In Mrs. Kommer's free time, she enjoys reading, crocheting, puzzles, baking, spending

time with friends and family, and watching movies. Her favorite animal is a German Shepherd. She doesn't have a favorite book, but she does have a favorite author, Stephen King. She said her favorite part of Bradford is that it doesn't matter what town or city you grew up in, Bradford makes you feel like part of a huge family.

## Library Spotlight By: Dalton Reck



Mrs. Canan has the scoop on the new upcoming library additions! She also has another part to her job besides just the books along with

new rewards for the elementary students for their outstanding reading.

To really brighten up the environment in the library, Mrs. Canan plans to have murals and fun cartoons painted on the blank walls to give the library a more fun feeling. She is in the process of adding over 100 books to the library shelves! Some of these books were bought by the school, while many were donated over the summer by the great community of Bradford. Not only is she in charge of the books, but now she gets to be in charge of the loan computers, meaning if a student's chromebook isn't working they go to her to get a loaner until theirs is fixed.

If you didn't know already, elementary students can earn points by reading books. With

these points if they reach a certain goal, they can get a free small fry coupon that is donated by McDonalds. Then by the end of the year, if students, kindergarten through second grade, reach their goal they get to go to Jumpys, while the third through fifth grade students get to take a trip to Scene 75. Definitely a great motivation for the kids to read their books!

#### Sports With Covid By: Rylee Canan



Our athletic director, Chloe Thompson, has a few things to say about how sports are going with Covid-19. There are a few things that we had

to change this year which is to make sure everyone social distance, wears their masks and maintains the capacity limit. "Our gym is quite large so we have been able to accommodate most people who support our volleyball games," says Mrs. Thompson. She says "Football has been a little more difficult, but we had a variance accepted that allows for 4 spectators per athlete (football, band and cheer). That variance also gives the opponent 4/athlete which is huge because I do not think a lot of other schools have that big of a number for opponents!" We have been checking EVERY athlete and opponent's temperature as well, just as another safety precaution.

For the most part, everything has run smoothly. She is super thankful for all of the help she receives with helping put things away and sanitizing everything that needs to be sanitized. We have been playing for a few weeks now, and have gotten into a rhythm. Most fans and athletes know what to do at this point! "I would say people are following the rules 90% of the time. I would love to say 100% but this is a change that people don't necessarily enjoy...so there are always going to be a few who push back a little. I will say that our volleyball fans are doing a FANTASTIC job at home games, my job is fairly easy during those games." Concerning our ticket entries, Mrs. Thompson says, "They're doing as well as can be expected. It is very different from what is normal, so people forget or do not understand the process. That is okay though, we are getting better at it and the athletes are very responsible in terms of making sure they get home!"

I would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs. Thompson for doing all that she can to ensure we are able to have a season!



## Movie Review: Uptown Girls By: Maggie Manuel



*Uptown Girls* was released on August 15, 2003. In this movie, a woman, Molly Gunn (Brittany Murphy) becomes broke after her manager steals all of her money. She then becomes a nanny for a little girl, Ray (Dakota Fanning). Ray's

attitude is very serious, and she does not get along with Molly, who is more care free. While Molly and Ray are together, Molly becomes a more responsible adult, while Ray also learns how to have more fun.

This movie is very funny but also very sad. Ray's dad is very sick and he dies later on in the movie. After this, Ray shuts down and Molly isn't able to talk and have fun with her anymore. Later on they become friends again after Molly tells Ray that she can relate, because she also lost her dad, who was a famous musician.