Normandy and Westerly Elementary will begin learning Spanish this school year. Students will learn the basics of the language on a weekly schedule starting in Kindergarten.

A 2014 study by the Bay Village Schools Citizens Advisory Committee concluded that education research supports the introduction of foreign language in elementary schools. In addition, a survey of district parents and of similar school districts suggested strong support for adding a foreign language program, with Spanish the language most in demand, at the K-4 level.

“There is a lot of evidence that says the earlier the better for instruction to languages,” said Superintendent Clint Keener. “It seems to help students in reading and math studies, as well. I am delighted that we could add this new component to our elementary curriculum.”

Math curriculum

Teachers of mathematics from Kindergarten through grade 5 examined a variety of math textbooks and curriculum guidelines and selected the revised edition of Everyday Math. The district has been using this series of math textbooks for a number of years, and student achievement in state and college-entrance math test scores have generally improved. This revised series supports the new Ohio Learning Standards for math.

The district is also investing in ST Math, an online math enrichment program that uses game-based instruction and graphic-rich animation to teach math concepts. “ST Math is based on the latest research on learning and the brain,” said Char Shryock, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. “It was developed by Mind Research Institute, a non-profit group of university researchers, to be visually rich so that even struggling readers could be successful in math. Students are motivated to work through one level to the next, at

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their own pace.” If the program proves helpful at the K-4 level, the district will expand it to the middle and high school levels.

Positive Behavior Support
From their kindergarten classrooms through senior year at Bay High School, our students are given clear expectations about acceptable behavior. Those behavioral expectations have now been further developed and finely tuned so that students will be hearing a consistent message of values and expectations, regardless of their grade level in our district.

Respect (for yourself, for your school and for others), Act (safely, kindly and fairly), and Accept (responsibility, challenge, and all others) are the foundation values that teachers and administrators will be promoting with age-appropriate examples and messages. Bay High assistant principal Aaron Ereditario led a team of teachers and guidance counselors in bringing together this plan for consistent behavioral support for our K-12 staff and students.

Added support for technology use
The use of technology is moving from a focus on how to use certain software or hardware to one of how to use technology to solve a problem.

“Technology is a tool,” said Shryock. “It’s not an end in itself. We want students and teachers to think about what they want to accomplish, and then select a technology that will best help reach that objective.”

To support teachers as they infuse technology into learning, the district has created a new position and hired a Technology Coordinator.

Shorter state tests
Ohio legislators voted to discontinue using PARCC, the coordinator of state tests designed to determine if students are meeting Ohio’s New Learning Standards. They are replacing them with tests, created by The American Institutes for Research (AIR), limiting testing time to three hours for math and three hours for English Language Arts. High school science and social studies tests were on the AIR platform last year, so district officials anticipate a successful transition for staff and students.

Alana Bernys earns top ACT score of 36
Alana Bernys earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on the ACT college entrance exam she took in February as a junior at Bay High. On average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earns the top score. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.85 million students earned a composite score of 36.

Alana is a member of Bay High’s National Honor Society, a Bay High Rockette, and a team leader for the school’s Team Africa. She has been a serious student of ballet and a member of the ballet company at Beck Center, putting as much as 11 hours per week into her pre-professional training.

While Alana hasn’t yet decided on a future college or career, she is interested in doing medical research. “I will probably major in biochemistry or microbiology,” she said. Alana has attended the Bay Village Schools since fourth grade. She resides in Bay Village with her parents, Julie and Bill, and three younger siblings.

“Since her freshman year, Alana has always been able to balance her involvement in school groups, her involvement in groups outside of school, and the expectations of a rigorous schedule,” said Bay High Principal Jason Martin. “It is great to see such a diligent, hardworking student receive such positive feedback for her commitment to learning. This is a score that truly reflects her ability due to her effort and positive attitude toward learning.”
Bay High continued its long record of high achievement in Advanced Placement (AP) college-level course participation and scores this year.

Number of tests taken: 400
Number of students testing: 231
Number of subject areas: 17
Percent passing the tests at a score of 3, 4 or 5: 78.4%

A score of 3 is often the requirement of colleges and universities accepting college course credit for high school AP classes.

**We salute our Bay High graduates who will enter military service.**

**Where is the Class of 2015 headed?**

- Ashland University
- Baldwin-Wallace College
- Berklee College of Music
- Bowling Green State University
- Brown Aveda Institute
- Capital University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland State University
- College of Wooster
- Colgate University
- Cleveland Institute of Art
- Cuyahoga County Community College
- DePauw University
- DePaul University
- Duquesne University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Evergreen State University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Grand Valley State University
- Hiram College
- Hocking College
- Hope College
- Indiana University
- Indiana University - Bloomington
- International Yacht Restoration School
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University
- Lakeshore Work Program
- Lorain County Community College
- Marietta College
- Mercyhurst College
- Middlebury College
- Muskingham University
- Miami University
- Northwestern University
- Notre Dame College
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio University
- Sam Houston State University
- Shawnee State University
- State University of New York
- The Ohio State University
- Tulane University
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of California at Berkeley
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Findlay
- University of Florida
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of Michigan
- University of Montana
- University of Notre Dame
- University of South Carolina
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Wisconsin
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Marine Corps
- Utah State University
- Vanderbilt University
- West Virginia University
- William Peace University
- Wittenberg University
- Xavier University
- Youngstown State University

School board and K-12 staff continue their long tradition (since 1994) of marching with students on graduation day.
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Amy Mihaljevic Memorial: Katherine Butler & Katherine Kerka
BAYarts: Mason Kuh
Bay Alumni Foundation: Cameron Caskey, Nicole Polkamp, Matthew Trimble
Bay Class of 1966: Emilia Drenkhan
Bay Historical Society: Emilia Drenkhan
Bay League of Women Voters: Jessica Mosier & Alec White
Bay Men's Club: Andrea Bliscik, Molly Klonk, Piotr Kotowski & Lilly Pattyn
Bay Rotary Club: Laura Wilson
Bay Republican Club: Mary Woods
Bay Teachers Association: Jessica Guinter & Molly Klond
Bay Village PTA: Cameron Caskey, Jessica Guinter, Molly Klond, Katherine Koomar, Katherine Kotora, Lilly Pattyn & Matt Trimble
Bay Village Women's Club & Foundation: Collin Kendall, Katherine Kerka, Piotr Kotowski, Stephen Krauser, Jessica Mosier, Lilly Pattyn, Veronica Switzer Poplar, & Madeline Voiers
Coca-Cola: Maria Lally & Don Mlakar
Eleanor Kellam: Andrea Bliscik
Jothon T. Cahoon, Jr.: Katherine Butler & Katherine Koomer
John Solomon Memorial: Paige Aleksandrovic & Matthew Trimble
Kiwanis Club of Bay Village: Jamie Kantor & Dominic Muccio
Kiwanis Key Club: Katherine Butler, Bethany Comienski, Ian Janos, Claire Mercer & Jessica Mosier
Kiwanis Principal Scholarship: Jack Rodman
Lisa Huendorf Memorial: Jessica Mosier & Don Mlakar
Medical Mutual: Rachel Brumagin
Megellan: Jessica Mosier
Mark Ule Memorial: Jacob Meder & Dominic Muccio
Music Boosters: Timothy Garner & Jordann Schach
O'Neill Healthcare: Madeline Voiers
Outstanding Senior in Mathematics: Veronica Switzer Poplar
Outstanding Senior in Science: Joseph O'Brien
Outstanding Senior in Social Studies: Paul Brandt Award: Joseph O'Brien
Outstanding Senior in Orchestras: National School Orchestra Award: Jordann Schach
Outstanding Senior in Vocal Music: Sam Fiorella
Outstanding Senior in Jazz: Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Christopher Allison
Outstanding Senior in Dance: Timothy Garner
Outstanding Senior in Band: Timothy Garner
Outstanding Senior in Band: John Phillip Sousa Award: Jonathan McAvinue
Outstanding Junior Humanitarian: Hannah Downing & Evan O'Donnell
Outstanding Leadership Awards: Outstanding Leadership Awards: Katherine Kerka & Jack Rodman
Outstanding Citizenship Awards: Jessica Mosier & Alec White
Outstanding Service Awards: Katherine Koomar & Joe O'Brien
SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
Buckeye Girls State: Annamarie McGuire (Annie Peters-Alternate)
Buckeye Boys State: Eric McDonald (Evan O'Donnell-Alternate)
Kiwanis Inspirational Award: Caroline Eifert & Branson Stang
Kiwanis Key Club: Andrea Bliscik & Susan Shaw
Kiwanis Inspirational Award: Kayla Hampton
YPF Leadership Award: Laura Wilson
YPF Laurie Wilder Award: Molly Klond
Note: This list includes 2014-15 awards given to students at Bay High, but it may not include every award students have earned this past year.
This list also includes local scholarships awarded. College and university scholarships are not included in this list. The Class of 2015 was offered more than $11 million in college and university scholarships (including renewable amounts up to four years and multiple offers).
Bay Middle School welcomes new asst. principal

**Thomas Grodek selected for grade 5-8 building**

Thomas Grodek will be the new Bay Middle School assistant principal beginning this fall.

He comes to Bay Middle School from Memorial Middle School in the Mentor Exempted Village School District where he served as assistant principal. In addition to the typical duties of assistant principal, his position allowed him to contribute to a wide number of initiatives as an administrator, including a one-to-one, blended learning initiative and implementation of the PARCC testing technology strategy and schedule.

Prior to his assistant principal position, Grodek served as an instructional coach at Mentor High School, taught middle school mathematics and fourth-grade math and language arts. He served on a wide variety of district committees including a District Technology Committee, Response to Intervention Committee, Building Leadership Team, Energy Conservation Committee and an Anti-Bullying Committee. He also coached middle school football for seven years.

Sean McAndrews, principal of Bay Middle School, said that Grodek was one of more than 160 applicants for the position and went through an exhaustive selection process, including interviews with Bay Middle School teachers, district administrators and board of education members.

“We are excited and pleased to welcome Tom to our administrative team and to Bay Middle School,” McAndrews said. “His background in instructional leadership and technology, and his experience as an assistant middle school principal, will be a valuable resource for us and will insure his success as our assistant principal.”

Grodek holds a Bachelor of Science degree in middle childhood education with concentrations in math and language arts from John Carroll University and a Masters Degree in educational administration, as well as principal licensure, from Ursuline College.

School board member Bill Selong noted that he had an opportunity to be part of an interview with Grodek. “We were all extremely impressed with Tom, and I think everyone else will be, too,” he said.

Grodek and his wife, Kate, live in Bay Village and have a young child. “This is the community we chose to raise our daughter,” said Grodek. “I’ll be working for the benefit of her education, our nieces and nephews and our neighbors. I’m thrilled, and I thank the board for having faith in me and giving me this opportunity.”

He replaces Kevin Jakub, who leaves the position to serve as principal at Independence Middle School.

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**Aqua Girls place second at Global Finals in Destination Imagination**

**Three teams, 17 students, compete in Knoxville, TN against students from around the world**

Competing with dozens of teams from Singapore, Turkey, Korea, Qatar and other countries, as well as from many states across the U.S., the Aqua Girls of Bay Middle School earned a second-place rank in their category at the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, in May. Two more teams from Bay Village Schools also competed at the event following a Destination Imagination season that drew 20 teams from the Bay Village City Schools competing at the regional level.

This was the Aqua Girls’ fourth visit to the Global Finals competition that focuses on creativity, problem solving and teamwork. Members Eliza Aleksandrovic, Grace Chilton, Caroline Fowles, Ava Ransom, Audrey Ray, Olivia Reed; (back) team manager Kim Ray, Grace Chilton, Ava Ransom, Patty Yuhas and team manager Michele Moore.

Other Bay Village teams at the finals included Bay High students Jessica Bohannon, Jessica Perri and Olivia Risch; and Westerly Elementary students James Chilton, Annie Davenport, James Fowles, Patrick Lehane, Finn Meadows, Maeve Ransom and Iain Ray.

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**Search for children with disabilities**

**Early detection and services help children reach potential**

The Bay Village City School District seeks to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth to age 21 who may have a disability.

Disabilities include conditions like hearing and vision impairments, speech and language impairments, specific learning disabilities, multiple disabilities, mental retardation, autism, traumatic brain injury, emotional disturbance and other health and physical impairments.

Anyone who knows of a Bay Village child who may have a disability and may need special education and related services can call 440-617-7300.

District officials will talk with the parents to determine if an evaluation is necessary.
Welcome Back
School begins for students on
Thursday, August 20.

Starting and ending times by school are as follows:

Bay High School
7:50 a.m. - 3:11 p.m.

Bay Middle School
7:45 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Westerly Elementary
8:05 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Normandy Elementary
8:35 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Kindergarten a.m.
8:35 a.m. - 11:08 a.m.
Kindergarten p.m.
11:57 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

School supply lists
are on our website:
bayvillageschools.com/supplies

Emergency/medical
forms can be filled in
online, saved and printed:
bayvillageschools.com/forms

New age eligibility for Kindergarten in 2016:
For the fall of 2016, children must be age 5 by August 1 to enter Kindergarten.
Read more about this change that occurs next year at:
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