



# BEDFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

a 'National Community School of Excellence'

(Coalition of Community Schools – 2006)

Michigan Community Education Program of the Year – MACAE 2009

Proudly celebrating 40 years of  
service to our community

Sponsored by Bedford Public Schools  
and Bedford Township Park Commission

**“Systems in a community function  
or are dysfunctional to the extent  
That they either connect or disconnect.”**



**“Everything is interrelated -  
Family, physical health, mental health,  
emotional health, education, the curriculum,  
the teaching, everyday living  
you can’t pull them apart.”**



***Frank Manley***



# BEDFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION



**MAKES THE CONNECTION**



# A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AND A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT:

Provides access, services, support and opportunity

Supports Bedford Public School's mission of lifelong learning

Facilitates comprehensive academic, recreational, enrichment, social, cultural, and educational opportunities

Addresses community needs



# A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AND A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT:

- Develops strong community partnerships



- Brings parents and children and community together



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Recreation and Enrichment



Latchkey



Child Care



Fab 4's (GSRP)



# GSRP Fab 4's Program

Home based intervention for at risk 4 year olds.  
Provides parents and children with strategies and techniques to prepare for success in school.



*Harvest  
Dinner*



*Magician  
Andrew  
Martin*



**Hayride**



*Trabbi Farms*

**pumpkin  
patch**



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Health Van

Meals on Wheels

Special Events

Community Involvement



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Adult Education

Serving over 100 students  
ABE/GED Classes  
Official GED Test Center



Proud partner in NWLB demonstration grant, providing wrap-around service for adult learners and seamless transitions as they progress to training and employment.

## Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

600+ volunteers serve 102 sites county wide  
Intergenerational projects with youth  
Community Service



# CASA

(Court Appointed Special Advocates)

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Coordinated through RSVP, in partnership with the Monroe County Court System

30 CASA workers served 84 children who are in the court system because of abuse or neglect, spending over 2000 volunteer hours in direct service to the children.

Two of our CASAs have been honored as 'Advocate of the Year' by the State of Michigan

# Bedford Senior Center

Celebrating 40 years of service to the senior community!  
Full service center provides programs and activities for  
800+ members



Our talented kitchen staff prepare and serve over 37,000 meals each year, including 75-80 home delivered meals a day. (Over 17,000 home delivered meals annually.)

A full array of activities keep the seniors busy, active and engaged.



# Recreation and Enrichment Classes

Youth and Adults of all Ages

Learn, Create, Activate, Engage, Have Fun



Over 4,000 participants per session

# Cooking up something good



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade/RSVP Summer Service Project



## Geocache Bash – Summer Parks

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- Over 10,000 participants annually
- Over 1,500 volunteers annually including 600+ RSVP volunteers, donate over 80,000 volunteer hours per year.
- Over 37,000 meals served each year at Bedford Senior Center, with 17,000 meals a year going out for the Meals on Wheels program. (Delivered by RSVP volunteers)
- RSVP volunteers collate nearly ¼ million sheets of paper in preparation for the start of school each year
- Over 3,567 rides on the Health Vans (6 vans, 6 drivers, 365 days per year)
- Over 400 children attend the child care center, and latchkey before and after school, and summers, meeting the needs of our working families.
- Coordinated services for the adult learner through partnerships with Michigan Works, Monroe County Community College, and others, to provide a seamless transition from education, through employment skills, to job training, and, ultimately, to successfully entry to the workforce.
- Continuous learning opportunities for all.

**Involvement - Service - And Fun!**



# Community Partners

**American Cancer Society**

**American Red Cross**

**Bedford Business Association**

**Bedford Lions Club**

**Bedford Public Schools**

**Bedford Public Library**

**Bedford Soccer**

**Bedford Township**

**Bedford Township Fire Department**

**Bedford Township Park Commission**

**Bedford Community Foundation**

**Child Advocacy Network (C.A. N. Council)**

**Consumer's Power**

**Family Medical Center**

**Food Town**

**Goodfellows**


**Housels Nursery**

**Humane Society of Monroe County**

**Kiwanis**

**Kroger**





On behalf of Bedford Public Schools,  
Bedford Township, myself, all of my  
wonderful, very passionate and  
dedicated staff, all the volunteers (who  
we couldn't do without), and all our  
children, adults, parents, seniors and  
community members who are served by  
Bedford Community Education,

**THANK  
YOU VERY  
MUCH!**