

Belfast

Central School District

“a school dedicated to excellence”



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Belfast Public Library News

The Library is open and running on temporarily limited hours.

In person and contactless hours:

*Monday 10-1,
Wednesday 3-7
Saturday 10-1.*

Additional phone hours:

*Tuesday 10-1
Thursday 3-7*

We are providing contactless services as well as in person services. We have a three at a time patron limit so it is best to make an appointment to assure your time in the building. We are also open for family appointments at the annex, which means if you have a family of three or more, you will have the building to yourselves for the 30-minute time slot!

We will be providing take and make programs throughout the fall and winter so keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages to see what's coming! For contactless service, to make an appointment, or if you have any other questions or comments, call us at

585 365 2072 or email belfast@stls.org

Stay Healthy Belfast !



Belfast singers make Conference All-State Choir!

Congratulations to Emma Sullivan and Aidan Heaney for being selected to the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) 2020 All-State Choir. Congratulations also to Stephen Struckmann who is an alternate. Selected from thousands of applicants from across the entire state regardless of school size, these two outstanding young musicians will have the opportunity to learn challenging music, work with gifted conductors and sing with 158 other high school singers. There is one catch; It will all be done virtually. Using cutting edge technology, these students will learn the pieces, rehearse in small groups via video meetings and record themselves singing this music. NYSSMA will then gather all of the individual recordings and master it into one virtual choir. Watch this space for more information on how to view the concert. Way to go Belfast!

2020 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING IN THE PARK

DECEMBER 6 @ 6:30 PM

**INCLUDING CAROLING, HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES,
AND SANTA CLAUS IN THE TOWN PARK**

**TO PLACE AN ORNAMENT ON THE MEMORIAL TREE AND HAVE YOUR LOVED
ONE COMMEMORATED DURING THE CEREMONY, PLEASE CALL OR
TEXT 716-777-1021 BY DECEMBER 1.**

BE SURE TO INCLUDE:

~NAME OF PERSON(S) MEMORIAL ORNAMENT HONORS

~NAME OF PERSON(S) GIVING ORNAMENT

(REMOVE ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OR RETRIEVE FROM THE TOWN HALL BY JANUARY 8.)



Education in the Era of COVID



Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined what operating a public school during a global pandemic would be like for students, teachers, staff, and the community. Social distancing, wearing face coverings, and

half of our students in the building at a time are our new reality.

Everyone's job and role in our school has dramatically changed since March 12, 2020. Few people (if any) heard of or used ZOOM prior to COVID and now it is an essential tool for students, teachers, and families. Our cafeteria staff is preparing meals for students participating in in-person instruction, remote instruction, and delivering and picking up meals in the building with a smile on their faces. Our custodial staff is working tirelessly to clean and sanitize the building from dusk until dawn. Our teacher aides are supporting teachers, students, the cafeteria, and jumping in to help wherever necessary. Our bus drivers are implementing increased health and safety measures while transporting students and delivering meals across the district. Our counselors

are coordinating supports for families in school and in students' homes. Our office staff are completing health screenings and working to help the building run efficiently in a socially distant capacity. Our principals and department heads have worked tirelessly to adapt and support changes in all areas of operations.

The resiliency in our students and staff is incredible. They have adjusted to all of the changes the school has implemented to follow the NYS Department of Health and Education Department guidelines. Everyday functions are a challenge, but our students, teachers, and families are in almost constant contact to identify strategies to support hybrid learning for students at all levels. The District has also applied for a grant to increase Internet access for our students in remote locations to help address the connectivity issue that exists across the District.

Open communication is key to making an undesirable situation successful. Please reach out to teachers, administrators, staff, or myself to ask questions or identify needs. As we work together, we will get through one of the biggest challenges faced in education and our country.

Sincerely,
Wendy Butler, Ed.D
Superintendent

A Message from Mrs. Hess, PK-4 Principal

November is always a time that inspires thankfulness in me, and this year is no exception! Every day that we have been able to have students, faculty, and staff in the building has been a day that I have been thankful for. As a parent and an educator, I completely understand the struggles that hybrid learning brings for families. But I also know that because of these struggles, great opportunities are being presented! Our students are becoming more independent – even our littlest learners can utilize our technology to view, complete, and return assignments to their teachers. Our students are learning to be responsible, organized, resourceful, and are becoming advocates for their own learning. The struggles that hybrid learning have brought is also allowing our parents to take a more active role in their children's education



– something that could be very difficult before when everything happened within the walls of our school building. I am also incredibly thankful for our teachers who have redesigned the education they provide our students virtually overnight, for our teacher aides and assistants who have supported our teachers and students in and out of the classroom, for our cafeteria staff who have managed to prepare meals for all of our students every day, for our custodial staff who have worked to keep our building safe and clean, and for our transportation staff who have helped deliver meals and keep our students safe on the roads so we can see their wonderful faces each day! While 2020 has not been without struggle, it has certainly given me a lot to be thankful for! Like always, I am thankful for the opportunity to be a BCS bulldog!

Jessica Hess
Pre-K – 4 Principal





A Message from Mr. Bull , 5-12 Principal

At the time of this writing we have made it through Columbus day!! We are succeeding far better than many predicted. The conditions are not perfect but we are making progress. We are learning together; teachers are learning new technologies, students are learning how to manage remote/distance/on-line learning (which in their futures they will use in both college and career), and Administrators are learning new strategies to lead with.

I have received numerous questions regarding help with TEAMS and questions regarding being able to see your child’s grades. Mr. Morgan has posted a few great resources on the school web page to assist you in helping your student in TEAMS. Go to the school website, under the “Department” tab, click on the “Technology” link (2nd from the bottom of the list), then click on “online Resources” (bottom of the list). These resource are geared toward helping parents help their children maneuver through TEAMS.

In addition, there are hotspot internet access points throughout the district. You can find them at these locations:

Belfast Central School

Town of Caneadea – far side of the parking lot or across the street

Town of Belfast – across the street from the town building, by the park

Oramel Fire Department – along the side of the building by the mailbox, not in front of the building

To connect click on “Belfast remote”.

The Belfast Library also has WIFI that students can access. The password is belfastlib.

To assist parents in keeping up with their child’s school work we offer Parent Portal access. This will allow you, the parent, to be able to see your student’s grades (updated weekly) as well assignments and test/quiz scores. If you would like access to parent portal, please contact Kayla Green in the Main Office.

Thank you for working with us as we continue to provide a high level education to your children even through these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns; you can email me at rbull@belfastcsd.org, call the Main Office 585-365-8285 or come in and meet with me.

I am here to help you in any way I can.

Rick Bull
5-12 Principal

THANK YOU!!!

The Senior Class would like to send out a sincere thank you for your amazing support for our basket auction. It was an auction with many different requirements due to COVID-19 and we really appreciate your help and patience in making it a success!




Gracias

to my Spanish 3 students for always showing up!
Jaiden, Alicia, Brianna, Colton, Max, Matt,
Señora Barber

Thank You!!!

The Senior Class would like to thank the community for their continued support. We are very thankful for all of those who purchased Krispy Kreme doughnuts from us. We truly appreciate your love and support!





Nurse's Corner

Hello! A reminder to all parents/guardians to please call when your child stays home sick. As there are ongoing changes provided to us by the Allegany Health Department and the State of New York, it is very helpful that you call the Nurse's Office if your child is sick. This will give us the opportunity to inform you of the most recent protocols

and changes that we have been given. The 2020-21 school year is very different than past years, but if we keep the lines of communication open, it will go smoothly!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Be well,
Amy Giboo, RN



Vienna Memorial Golf Tournament Great Success!

The 46th annual Paul H. Vienna Memorial Golf Tournament was held September 12th. All proceeds from the tournament fund the Vienna Memorial Scholarship. 132 golfers enjoyed donuts, lunch, chicken bbq, some golf and especially seeing old friends. Kathy Taylor won the women's low gross, while Alex Ackerman won for the men. Special thanks to our sponsors: Belfast Mini Storage, 3 Bums Pizza, Townline Car Wash, CPL, Allegheny Hills Golf Course, Mike & Jan Nelson, Dr. Michael Vienna and Lorraine (Vienna) Hasper. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked the tournament. Without their dedication and efforts the tournament would not take place and would impact the scholarship. Over 35 past winners and families were on hand to help make the tournament a great success. We look forward to the tournament next year on September 11, 2021.

FAFSA

It's never too early!

Thank you to all those who attended Financial Aid night on October 27.

Seniors should be well underway in the college application and financial aid process! Filling out the FAFSA is easier than ever thanks to the IRS data retrieval tool! Simply go online to fsaid.ed.gov to obtain your FSA ID. This serves as your electronic signature! Then go to fafsa.gov and begin filling out the financial information. There is information that applies to the STUDENT and a separate set of information for the PARENT. Make sure you are working on the right section! If you list at least one school in New York state on your FAFSA, you will be eligible to apply for NY State aid using the TAP application which you will be directed to at the end of the FAFSA.

Financial aid for the 2021-22 school year (this year's seniors) is based on your 2019 income taxes, so there is no need to wait until the Spring to apply.

Financial aid is given on a first come, first serve basis, so file now!!

If students need help with applications or financial aid, please see Mrs. Heaney in the guidance office!

Order Your 2020-21 Belorea Yearbook Today

STUDENTS NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

Online ordering available at: [YBPAY.com](https://www.ybpay.com)

Lifetouch School Code: 7765220

\$35.00 until Dec 31st, 2020 (\$40.00 after Jan. 1, 2021)



*Please complete the information and return with payment to your homeroom teacher.



-Thank you from the 2020-21 Yearbook Staff

Belfast Children's Christmas Fund Application

Christmas 2020 will look a little different for many of us for many different reasons. As we approach fall, we would like to receive all applications by 11/20/20 for Belfast area families who may need assistance with Christmas presents for their children. These applications will be given a number and be reviewed anonymously by an impartial committee. Each family will be notified of the committee decision no later than 12/1/20. Please give a reliable phone number and an alternate phone number where we can leave a message about your application or inquire further about how we can assist.

Thank you, BCF

All applications should be mailed on or before 11/18/20 to:

**Belfast Children's Fund
7708 County Road 26
Belfast, NY 14711**

Name of parent or guardian _____

Address for physical delivery of items _____

Primary telephone number _____

Best time to call _____

Alternate telephone number for a message _____

Number of adults living in the home _____

Number of children under age 18 living in the home _____

Annual income from all persons residing in the home (please include employment, unemployment benefits, SSI, SSDI, child support, other income sources)

\$ _____ per year.

Please tell us why you would like help at Christmas in 2020.

Belfast Children's Christmas Fund Application

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Please complete one section for each child listed above.

First name of child listed above _____

Circle three items that your child needs most and list the size, and style or color preferred.

Pajamas Socks Underwear Shoes Sneakers Boots
Winter Coat Pants Shirts Books Toys Other item

First name of child listed above _____

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Here's what we have been up to!



Using our heads.



Cooking.



We learn like we always have.



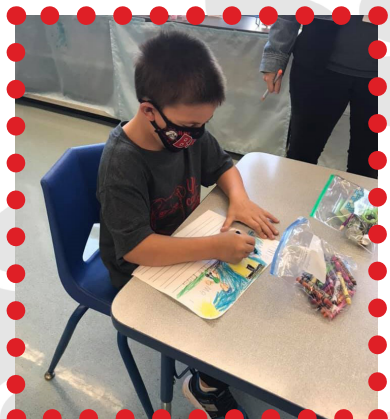
Playing on the playground.



Doing math...



Learning about bugs.



Creating stories.



...and doing more math.



Learning very important things.

Art News

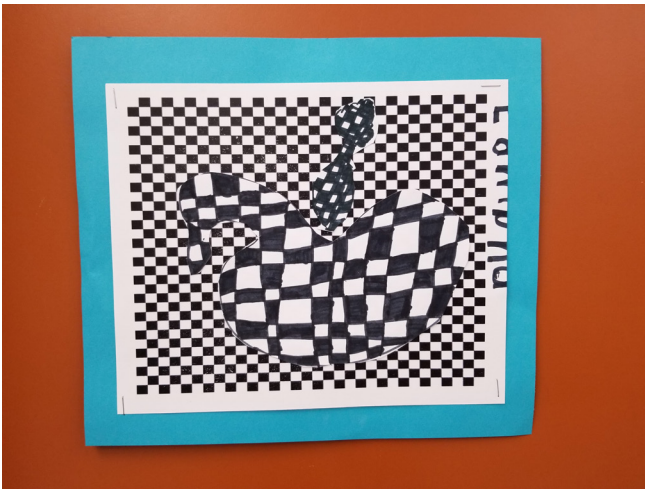
It has been a fast few weeks of school in elementary art. Self-portraits, animal portraits, Kandinsky circle art, optical illusions, Gustav Klimt Tree of Life Paintings, and the influence of Joan Miro are just a few examples of artwork being created. Some examples from Belfast's many creative artists are shown here.



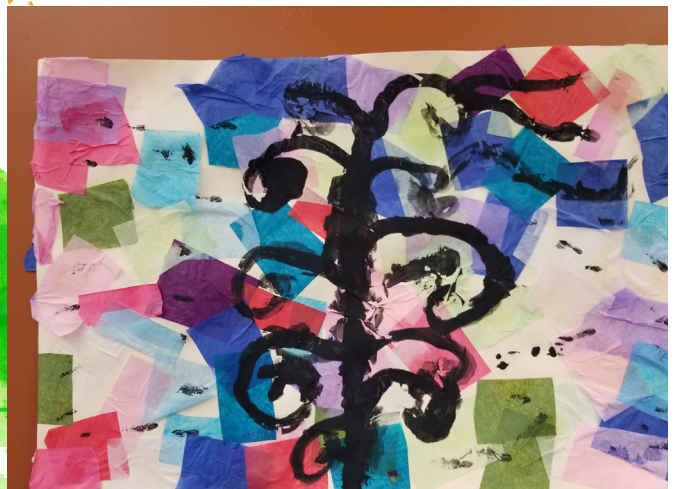
Wyatt Bliss- Influence of Joan Miro



Zoey Button - Kandinsky Circle Art



Edmund Horne - Optical Illusion



Brody Edwards - Tree of Life



Pre-K Art

NOVEMBER

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- HOLIDAYS - OFFICES CLOSED
- PROF. DEV. DAYS (NO STUDENTS)
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE
- BREAKS (NO STUDENTS OR FACULTY)
- REGENTS EXAMS

NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS' DAY
 NOVEMBER 23 PARENT TEACHER CONF. (12-8)
 NOVEMBER 24 SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY
 NOVEMBER 25-27 THANKSGIVING RECESS

DECEMBER

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DECEMBER/JANUARY 23-1 CHRISTMAS RECESS
 JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 JANUARY 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

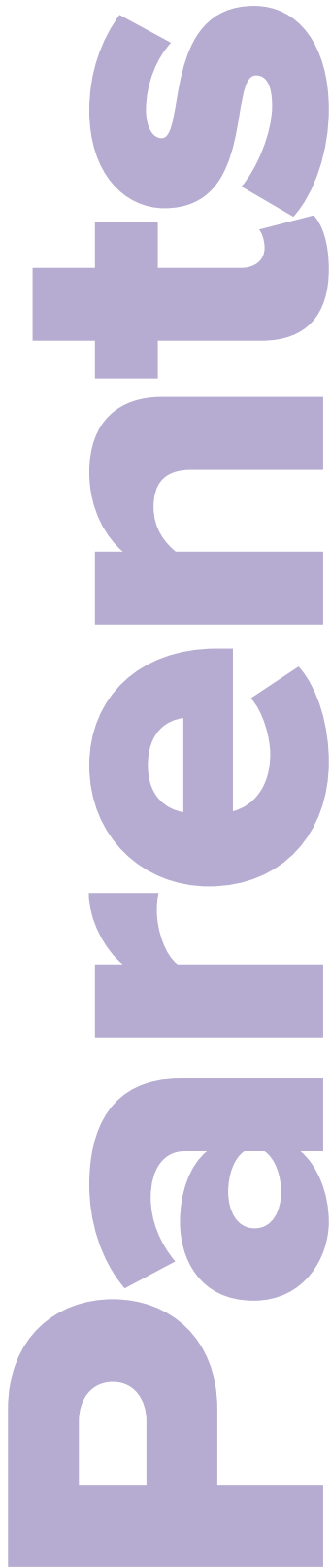


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Fight Flu at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

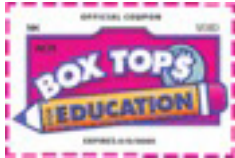
health.ny.gov/flu



Did you know....

Our school receives 10 cents from every box top given to the school!?! This money helps to keep the cost of the BCS Yearbook down. And like many other things, box tops are going digital. For now, we can accept both digital and those cut from the packaging. But soon, only digital will be accepted. Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the Traditional Box Top tops clips to the new Box Top label. Please read over this month Box Top information sheet to learn how you can help.

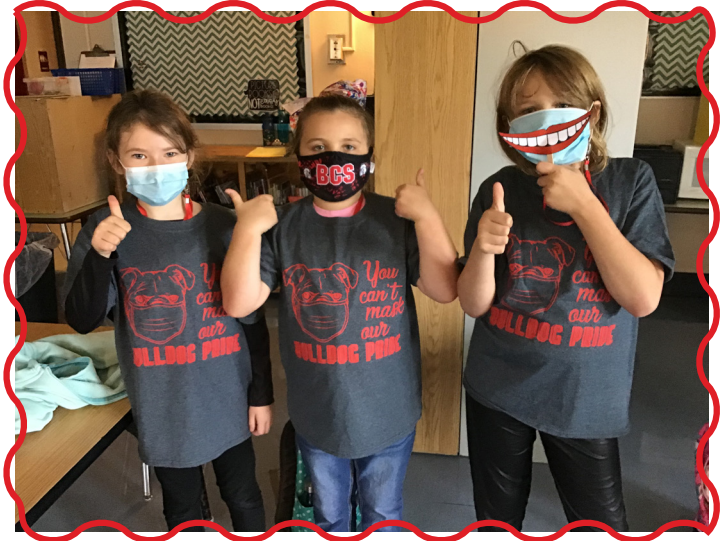
See this Clip it!



See this Scan it!



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You can't mask our Bulldog Pride!





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Teaching and Non-Teaching substitutes needed!
Please go to the Belfast Central School website at:
<https://www.applitrack.com/caboces/onlineapp/>

ACCORD Programs Offer COVID Relief to Families
 ACCORD, as part of our commitment to the community to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 can provide resources and support for families who may be impacted by COVID-19.

Federal CARES Act funding is available to provide assistance with housing costs, food, childcare, personal care, employment supports and many other needs. Families in need may contact the ACCESS Center by dialing (585) 268-7605 (press 2), Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, or visit www.accordcorp.org to contact Child Care, Housing and Domestic Violence programs directly. Email inquiries can also be made by emailing info@accordcorp.org. Please allow 48 hours for a response if emailing.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs are accepting applications for children 0-5 years at all centers throughout Allegany County. Meals and snacks are provided and transportation may be available. Please contact the Head Start program to inquire about enrollment opportunities at (585) 268-7605 ext. 1525. Give your child a head start!



The PTO continues to support students, teachers, and staff during these unprecedented times.

As we were unable to hold our annual fall fundraiser, any donations are welcome to help us continue to meet our school's needs this year. If you are able to donate, please send any donation to Ashley Yackeren at 9 East Hughes Street, Belfast, NY, 14711. Donations can also be sent via PayPal at paypal.me/BelfastPTO. Your donations will help us continue to help our community. Thank you for your support!

Board of Education Meetings
 Belfast Central School Board of Education Meetings
 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM
 Conference room, South Street entrance.

In order to better protect our children, Belfast Central School is asking **PARENTS** to take a very important step in helping us to keep your child safe. Please call the school if your child is at home sick or absent from school for any reason. Our policy is to account for the attendance and absence of every child. We want to make sure that every child who leaves home for school arrives here safely, therefore **PLEASE** call **365-2053** if your child will be absent. Thank you again for helping us to keep your children safe.

