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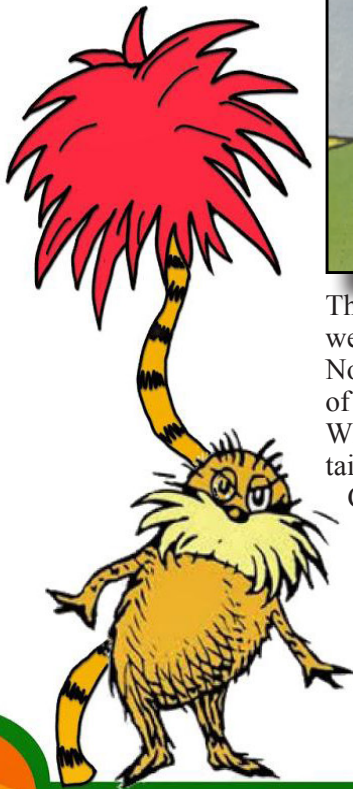
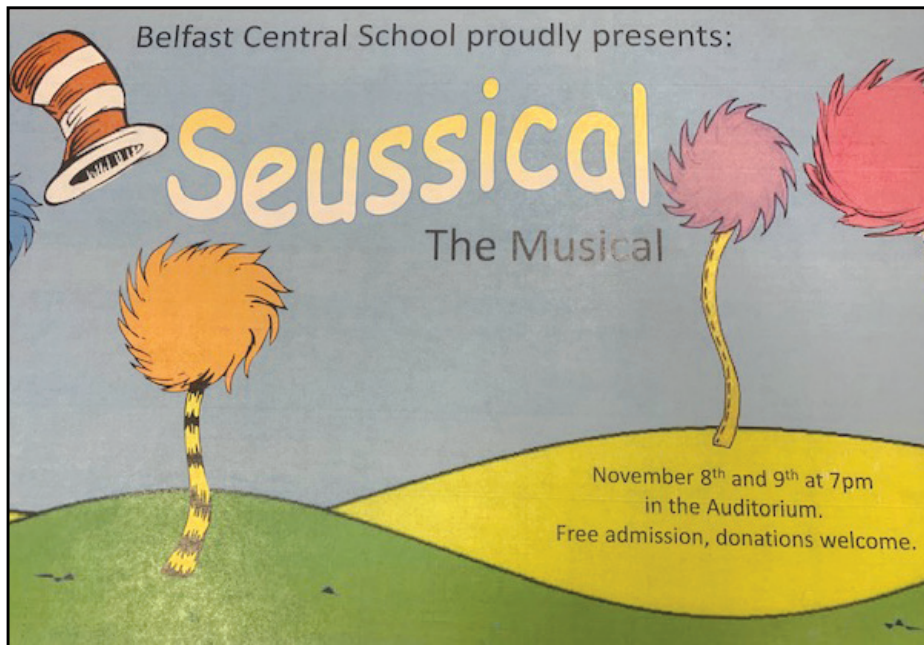
Central School District

“a school dedicated to excellence”



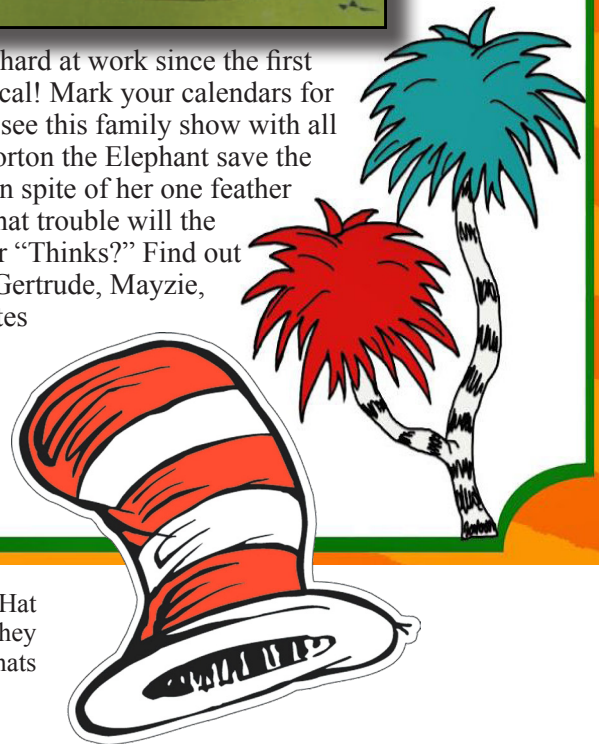
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Seussical the Musical



The cast and directors of Seussical have been hard at work since the first week of school to perform this fun filled musical! Mark your calendars for November 8 and 9 at 7 PM and come out and see this family show with all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters! Will Horton the Elephant save the Whos? Will Gertrude win Horton's affection in spite of her one feather tail? Will Jojo make it back to his parents? What trouble will the Cat in the Hat get them all into next with her "Thinks?" Find out this and so much more with Jojo, Horton, Gertrude, Mayzie, The Sour Kangaroo and many other favorites when you see Seussical!

You do not want to miss this show!



Join in on the fun celebration of all things Seuss by purchasing a souvenir Cat in the Hat HAT of your very own! We will be selling hats during the week of the show and they will also be available at the show if supplies last! Only \$5! Students may purchase hats in the office from November 4-8.



From the desk of Mrs. Hess, PK-4 Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,
 This year we have decided to replace our traditional K-4 quarterly awards ceremonies with an opportunity for our students to STOP, DROP, & CELEBRATE! their work. We will provide them with opportunities to work towards goals that will be more aligned with our curriculum, allow our students to strengthen their growth mindsets, and create a more trauma sensitive environment. During a traditional awards ceremony, we call names for students to come up and receive a paper certificate for various categories, including academic subjects and special classes. These awards had varying and loosely set criteria and many times we found the same students receiving awards. We found these ceremonies had little effect on motivation throughout the quarter and in some cases left students feeling defeated.

To motivate and engage ALL students, we will designate 4 days (11/21, 2/14, 4/30, 6/25) this school year for students to STOP, DROP, & CELEBRATE! their learning. Each student will choose one piece of work that demonstrates their achievement of that quarter's goal to share with their class and other classes throughout grades K-4. On these dates, student work will also be highlighted on the BCS Facebook page for parents and community members to see. This way, all parents can share in the celebration without having to change work, sleep, or childcare schedules and arrangements.

For our celebration on 6/25, parents and family members will be invited into school to view student work as they share their personal successes from the year.

Our goals for the STOP, DROP, & CELEBRATE! days will be as follows:

- Quarter 1: Overcoming Challenges
- Quarter 2: Kindness
- Quarter 3: Working Toward a Goal
- Quarter 4: Personal Success

By celebrating student work in this manner, we hope to achieve the following:

- Every student is celebrated
- Students are given an opportunity to take ownership and pride in what is displayed
- Students get to see genuine work samples and expectations of their peers
- All parents get to share in the celebration
- We will be able to build a culture of mutual celebration and uplifting of peers

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Hess for further clarification.

We will still be awarding students who demonstrate top notch PAWS behaviors with the TOP DOG award.

HAT AND DRESS DOWN DAYS

On a Friday morning has your child asked you for a quarter or said they want to wear a hat in school? Maybe you've been in our school on a Friday and have noticed faculty and staff wearing jeans or students wearing hats. Every other Friday we have "hat/dress down days" where students can pay a quarter to get their hand stamped with a special designated stamp to wear a hat; faculty and staff donate money to wear jeans to school. The money we collect is donated to various worthy causes in our community.

Thank you for your support as we continue our "hat/dress down days."



Dental Clinic
 coming to BCS
 November 19th – 21st

The Belfast Central School is fortunate to again offer a Dental Clinic to our students. Information about the clinic will be sent home closer to the date. If you are interested, please complete the forms and return them to school.

Quick Reminder

Parents/guardians – if your income information changes due to seasonal lay off, etc., please complete a new verification form.

2019-20 New Free and Reduced Lunch Form

With the start of the CEP (Community Eligibility Program) grant that allows all students to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch, the annual free and reduced lunch application is no longer required. However, many grants offered to school districts require some form of income eligibility guidelines to verify that our district is eligible for various funding opportunities. With that in mind, we are requiring all families to fill out the much shorter version of the free and reduced application included below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Lingenfelter at 585-365-8289.

List all occupants within your household below (parents, students and other occupants whether related or not):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please choose your annual household income range below:

_____ \$0 - \$20,000	_____ \$50,001 - \$75,000
_____ \$20,001 - \$35,000	_____ \$75,001 - \$100,000
_____ \$35,001- \$50,000	_____ \$100,001+

Please return the form either with your beginning of the school year paperwork to your child's homeroom teacher or send it to the Superintendent's office, attention Gina Larrabee.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and

to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal state or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or

Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, state or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Order Your 2020 Belorea Yearbook Today

STUDENTS NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

Online ordering available at: YBPAY.com

Lifetouch School Code: 7765220

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



*Please complete the information and return with payment to your homeroom teacher or Mrs. Atherton or Ms. Brace.



-Thank you from the 2020 Yearbook Staff

Kids Clubs SIGN UP TODAY!

Monday-Thursday
3:15-5:15

Late Bus Provided

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 5:00pm

Subject to change

Mondays: Lego Cub

Tuesdays: Dance Club

Wednesdays: Art & Drama Club

Thursdays: Explorers Club

For more information

Contact Esther Cox at

(585)268-5213 ext. 1002

Or Jane Foster (585) 365-2646 ext.2210



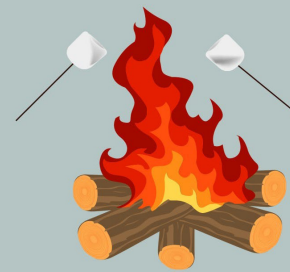
Is your child eating breakfast or need a snack for later?

As you know, Belfast Central School offers **free breakfast** to every student PreK-12. But is your student taking advantage of this? We've noticed a trend in the 7-12 students who aren't doing so. We have a Breakfast Cart for this group of students that has a hot breakfast (on the menu), a variety of cereals, cereal bars, juice, fresh fruit and milk daily. Many mornings we offer a second hot breakfast item or other grab n go items. Even if your child is not hungry first thing in the morning, they can always grab a cereal bar and a juice and save it for later in the day. They make a great snack before or after practice, a game or a concert. Remember, it's hard to concentrate on an empty stomach!



Paid Work Experience for Eligible Youth

Are you out of school and looking for employment? Contact Allegany County Employment & Training to find out if we can help you get a job and start earning money! If you are 18 – 24 years old and having trouble getting a job, call Sherry Weirich, Employment Counselor at 585-268-9445 or email weiricsb@alleganyco.com.



Student Council wants to thank everyone who helped with the bonfire. Thank you to those who brought wood, to Amy and Patty for working in the Snack Shack, to Mr. Roche and Nick Miller for chaperoning, and to the PTO for donating the s'mores.

Do you remember Bump the Dump?

Concerned Citizens of Allegany County (CCAC) would like you to share your memories of this historic event in Allegany County. In January of 1989, approximately 5000 people gathered at Belfast Central School to hear about a proposed nuclear dump in Allegany County. The dump was to be built without county resident's approval. Residents united together which led to a Supreme Court decision that now protects every community in the United States. Share your memories of this important time in local history. Email contactusccac@gmail.com or call / text 585-466-4474.

Calendar of Events

November 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 -Junior High All State (Hornell)	2 -Junior High All State (Hornell)
3 -Daylight savings time ends	4 -Picture Retakes -Club Pictures	5 -"Keys to Effective Discipline" 6:00-7:30pm in the Pre-K room.	6	7	8 -Veterans Day Celebration - Musical "Seussical" @ 7:00pm	9 -Musical "Seussical" @ 7:00pm
10	11 -Veterans Day – No school	12 -Board of Education Meeting @ 5:30pm	13 -Fall Sports Pictures -"Keys to Effective Discipline" 6:00-7:30pm in the Pre-K room.	14 -National Honor Society Induction @ 6:00pm	15	16 -Lego League Tournament @ Houghton
17	18 -Woody's Supper Club	19 -Dental Clinic (see ad)	20 -Dental Clinic (see ad) -"Keys to Effective Discipline" 6:00-7:30pm in the Pre-K room.	21 -Dental Clinic (see ad) -Stop, Drop, and Celebrate (see letter from Mrs. Hess) -Pre-K Make a Car night	22 -Honor Roll Breakfast	23
24	25 -Parent Teacher Conferences – No School for Students today	26 Superintendent's Conference Day – No School for Students today.	27 -Thanksgiving Recess No School	28 -Thanksgiving Recess No School	29 -Thanksgiving Recess No School	30

Thanks!!

The PTO would like to thank everyone who joined us at the Fall Festival on October 26th!

A special thank you to BCS students, staff, parents and the Belfast community for your unwavering dedication to the PTO. With your support the PTO can continue to award student scholarships, host neighborhood events, and support local efforts that empower our children, school and community.

We invite you to attend the next PTO meeting held on Monday, November 4 at 5:30 PM. Childcare will be available.





October 24 marked domestic violence awareness day at BCS

The students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to wear purple on October 24 to raise awareness regarding domestic violence. Art projects were completed by many students to focus on what healthy partnerships entail. Prizes were awarded to random students for participation. Magnets with a "family matters" theme were donated by ACASA. Purple chocolate kisses were distributed throughout the day.

"Teen dating violence prevention, domestic safety and overall community wellness were topics that teachers and counselors geared lesson plans and conversations toward," explained Jane Foster, Home to School Coordinator.

"Our goal every day is that a safe and caring school community can come alongside students with adverse experiences and effectively minimize trauma and maximize learning," stated Mr. Roche, 5-12 Principal.

BCS students to attend New York State School Music Association Festival

This fall seven BCS musicians will represent Belfast at NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) honors festivals. November 1st and 2nd three eighth grade boys. Thayne Cobb, Owen Heaney and Sean Mahon, will sing in the Junior High Area All-State Mixed Chorus at Hornell High School. On November 15-16 four juniors will participate in the High School Area All-State festival in Corning. Aidan Heaney will sing in the Treble Chorus, Emma Sullivan and Kylie Francis will sing in the Mixed Chorus and Stephen Struckmann will play in the Concert Band. These seven outstanding musicians were selected for these honors by scoring in the top ratings at last springs' solo festivals.

Congratulations! Emma Sullivan will sing in the Conference All-State Mixed Chorus at the NYSSMA Winter Conference December 5-8 in Rochester.



Belfast Central School

Honoring all who have served our country

Friday, November 8, 2019

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Belfast Central School Auditorium

1 King St.

Belfast, NY 14711

Patriotic songs, readings, reflections by our students.

All veterans and their families are welcome.

Call the school at 585-365-2646 for more information.

FAFSA

It's never too early!

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 2020-21 school year (this year's seniors) is based on your 2018 income taxes, so there is no need to wait until the Spring to apply. Apply now!! If students need help with applications or financial aid, please see Mrs. Heaney in the Guidance Office!



New Bulldog Artwork

Juniors from Mr. Minnick's Advanced Art class work to complete the Belfast Bulldog's kickboard facing the Varsity playing fields. The painting was completed this Fall for all to see when visiting our school for athletic events!

Dia de los Muertos

The Spanish students have been making Day of the Dead Caskets to celebrate the Mexican Holiday from Oct. 31st to Nov. 2nd, that celebrates loved ones who have died.

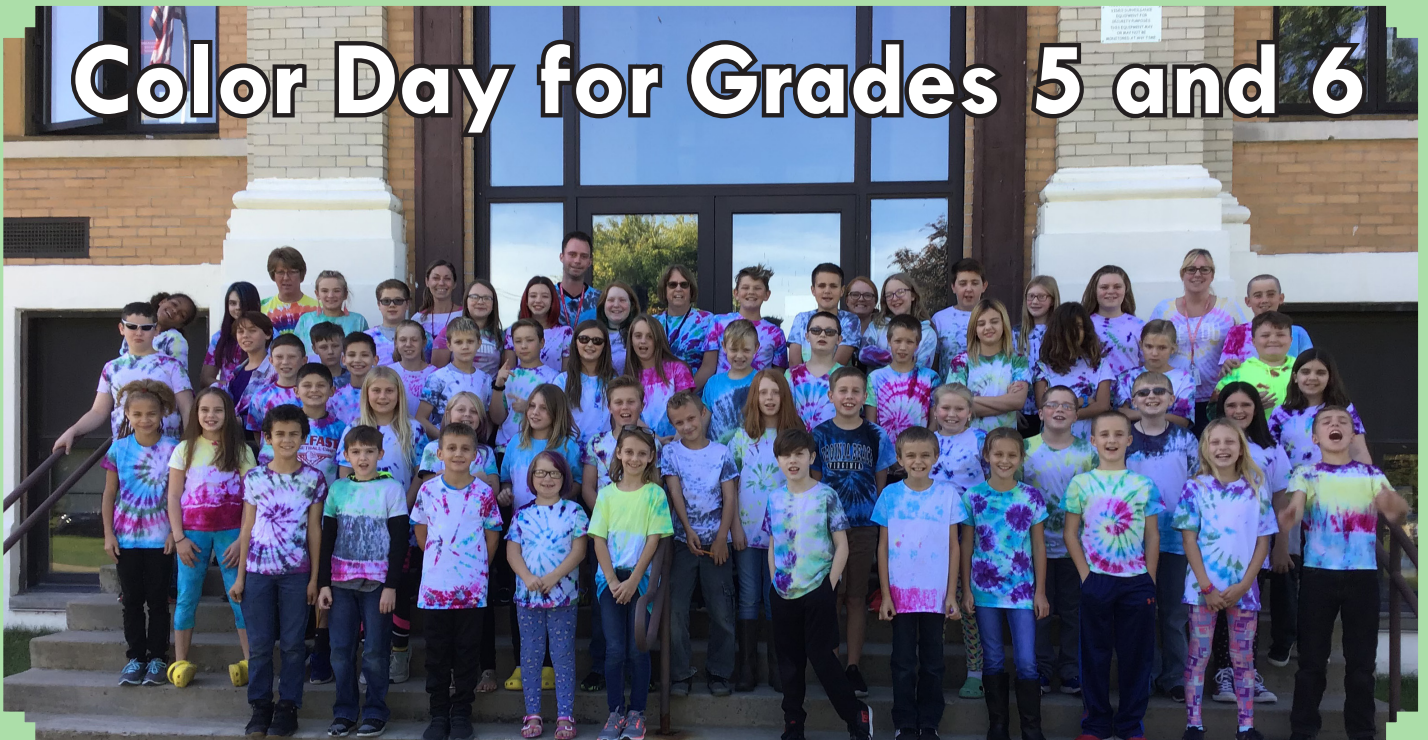


New Student?

BCS teacher Jasmine Shephard has introduced Pancake, a Bearded Dragon, to her students. Shown here with Colt Cobb, Pancake loves being part of the class!



Color Day for Grades 5 and 6



Everybody wants to be Mr. Roche!



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!

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:



HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2019!



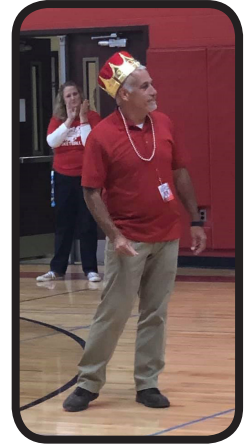
Homecoming King and Queen Junelle Shaw and Andrew Blocho



BCS Girls' Varsity Soccer Team



BCS Boys' Varsity Soccer Team



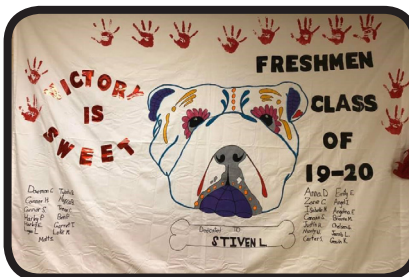
Principal Mike Roche crowned King for the day



Senior Night



Pep Rally Games



Freshman Banner



Sophomore Banner



Junior Banner



WINNER! Senior Banner

Belfast Children's Christmas

Times are tough and money is in short supply for many.

As the holiday season approaches, please reach out if you are in genuine need of help. We would like to help those that are really struggling to provide for their kiddos. You can contact Jane Foster Home to School Coordinator at BCS (585-365-2646, ext. 2210) or Robin Owens (585-307-8724).

Also, if you are able to help with this project by donating new toys, clothes or money, please contact Robin Owens (585-307-8724) or Annette Kish (716-474-9760). Monetary donations can be sent to: Belfast Children's Christmas, PO Box 116, Belfast, NY 14711.

Thank you to all the folks who have helped year after year to make this a success!

Family Gift Giving

It is that time of year again! Community members would like to host the 8th annual Family Gift Giving event for our students here at school. This will take place at the Belfast Town Hall Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday, December 16-18. We are asking for any donations of gently used or new gifts for any family members (brothers, sisters, parents, ect.) or even wrapping paper/gift bags. Students PreK-6 have a chance to come "shop" for their family members and get their gifts wrapped to take home for Christmas presents. Our kids enjoy this each year. If you have any items you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer to help wrap, please contact one of the following people: Gail DeRock (585)307-4171, Ethel Denning (585)365-2282, or Lisa Denning (585)610-7779. Thank you for your support! We will open it up to Belfast families Tuesday evening from 4-6pm.

Mark your calendar!

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10th
12:30 pm

We welcome old friends and new at our Annual Senior Citizen's Luncheon. Watch next month's newsletter for reservation and location information!

2019 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING IN THE PARK DECEMBER 8 @ 6:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY CAROLING, HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES,
AND SANTA CLAUS IN THE TOWN HALL



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.)

Holiday Food Distributions

- Thursday, November 14, 2019
 - Thursday, December 12, 2019
3:00pm-5:00pm
- No income eligibility. - Numbers are limited.

Reservations are required.

Call today to reserve your meal:
585-268-7605 ext. 1404 or 1001

Location: Belmont Fire Hall
80 Schuyler Street
Belmont, NY 14813

~For your health and the health of others, please do not arrive before 2:00pm, and please dress for the weather.



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IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Superintendent's Office.....	365-9940
Principal's Office	365-8285
Business Office	365-8289
Guidance Office	365-8297
Bus Garage.....	365-2609
Nurse's Office	365-2053
Special Education Office.....	365-8847
Preschool.....	365-8088
Automated Attendant	365-2646
Fax.....	365-2648
Website.....	www.belfast.wnyric.org

Teaching and Non-Teaching substitutes needed!

Please go to the Belfast Central School website at:
<https://www.applitrack.com/caboces/onlineapp/>
for an application, or stop by the greeter's desk at the rear of the building to pick up an application.

Tax Information

We are unable to collect taxes at the school at any other times.

Taxes may be mailed to:

Robin Owens, Tax Collector
Belfast Central School, P.O. Box 419, Warsaw, NY 14569.

Payment of taxes may be made during the month of September with no penalty or in October with a 2% penalty. No taxes will be collected in November at the school, by mail or at Allegany County Treasurer.

Please remember our school safety tip line. This line remains at **365-2053** and may be used for anonymous calls for reporting student safety concerns.

Board of Education Meetings

Belfast Central School Board of Education Meetings
2nd Tuesday of each month
5:30 PM
Conference Room located near gymnasium

COMING SOON!

Bulldog Basketball



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.

