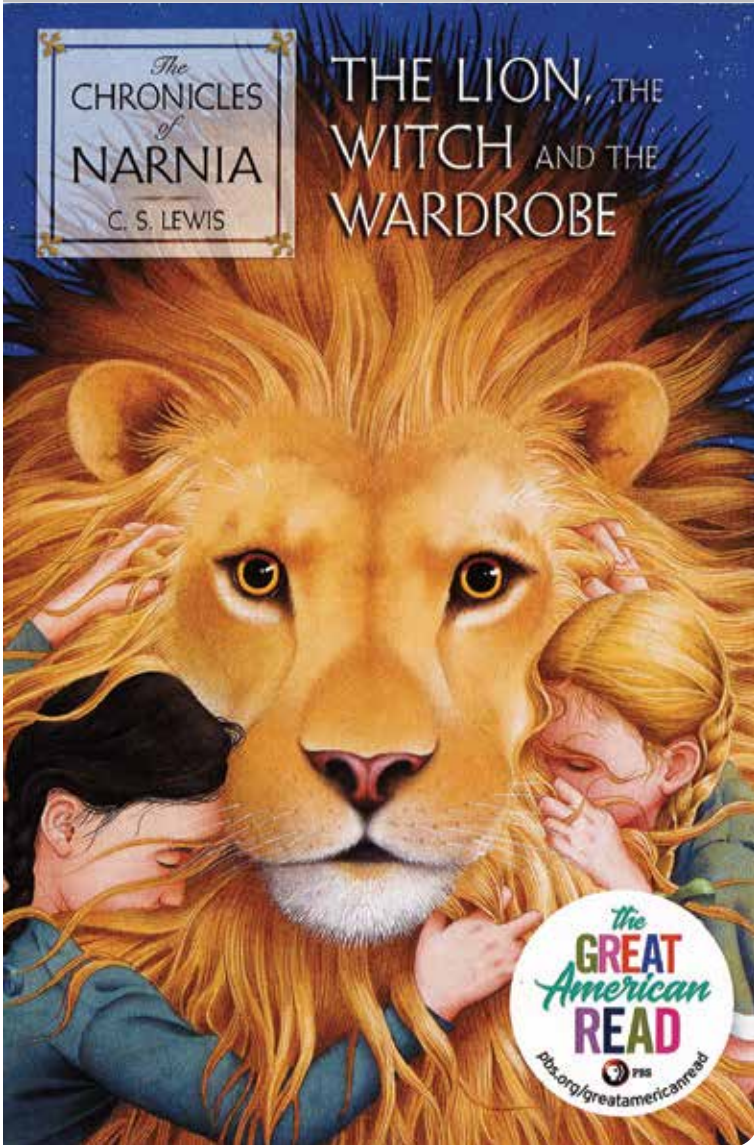




www.belfastcsd.org



"a school dedicated to excellence"



Kindergarten – 6th grade ~
"One School, One Book!"

The CHRONICLES *of* NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE



Belfast Central School
**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
PICNIC**

**AUGUST
28TH**

5-7PM

**Mandatory Senior
Class Meeting
at 7PM in the
New Café**

Be our guest for a free picnic dinner for Belfast Central School students and families. Students **must** be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Also includes bounce house, sno-cones, popcorn, cotton candy and much more!

- Meetings in classrooms as follows:
 - 5/6 at 5:00
 - 1-2 at 5:30
 - 3-4 at 6:00
- 7-12 at 5:30-6:00 (various teachers' classrooms)
- Title 1 Meeting - Old Café - 6:00
- 7-12 students at 6 (aud) to receive schedules, student handbook review
- Raffle drawings in aud at 7 pm (must be present to win)!
- Picnic out back before, during and after teacher meetings with free food for all

Grades 6-12 can experience substance abuse/alcohol prevention fun activities with an adult and extra prizes will be awarded for participation.

**Important information regarding our
BCS Breakfast/Lunch Program is located on page 4.**

School Opens Tuesday Sept. 4, 2018 - School starts 8:05 a.m.; building opens 7:45 a.m. for breakfast.

From the desk of Dr. Butler

It is crazy how fast this summer has flown by, and at the same time I am very excited to share some of the new things happening at BCS for the 18-19 school year.

- All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch every day;
- We will have an iPad for every student in the building, and students in grades 5-12 will be able to take them home;
- A new digital sign will be installed in the front of the building this fall;
- A new door security system is being installed to enhance security;
- Our fitness center will be open for community use (hours and requirements will be publicized);
- Digital signs are being installed in the building to support empathy and understanding among our students and community;
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in new clubs and activities during the year;
- We have added two Robotics classes in the middle and high school grades; and
- We have added Lego League, Vex



Robotics, Scholastic Challenge, and Masterminds teams as opportunities for our students.

The safety and security of our students continues to be a priority for our district. To that end, the following changes have been made for the new school year:

- All students will enter the building through the cafeteria door.
- All guests to the building will need to have a picture ID to enter the building, which will be scanned. This includes

parents of our students.

- All offices have been moved to the gym area to increase security.
- Students who are late or being picked up early will be picked up at this new main entrance, which is by the gym, on South St.
- We have added additional and upgraded our security cameras throughout the building.

We will continue to work on building security over the next several years. We are sorry for any inconveniences our changes may make, but we must take every precaution to help our students feel safe and protected at school.

It is an exciting time to be a member of the BCS community. Our halls and many of our classrooms have been painted, classrooms and offices have been moved, and teachers have worked hard to plan for the new school year over the summer. I can't wait to see our students and families at our Back to School Picnic on August 28.

Dr. Butler

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

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and we are gearing up for another school year! Our teachers have been hard at work this summer working on many new initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year. Our first big focus this summer was providing training for our teachers, classroom aides, and our teaching assistants on our new reading assessment tool. We will no longer be using the DRA, but rather a tool from Fountas and Pinnell called the Benchmark Assessment System, or the BAS for short. Your child will be assessed with the BAS three times a year (fall, winter, spring). This assessment will identify the reading behaviors your child can do independently, as well as their instructional level based on their reading accuracy, a comprehension conversation, and a writing piece. Teachers will use this information to guide their instruction in the classroom, as well as for intervention groups.

Our teachers, classroom aides, and teaching assistants have also been trained on a new intervention program, Leveled Literacy Intervention, or LLI for short. LLI is an intervention program from Fountas and Pinnell which ties directly to the Benchmark Assessment System. LLI has over 20 years of research to support its effectiveness in moving struggling readers into proficiency. LLI lessons are designed for small groups



that move at a rigorous pace. Students are reading books, writing, and completing word work activities daily. With a new schedule that allows for dedicated reading intervention, each grade level will have the support of two reading teachers and the classroom teacher(s), as well as any classroom aides or teaching assistants working with the grade level. You may be wondering, "What if my child reads on or above grade level? What will they be doing during intervention time?" Students who are reading at or above grade level will be able to benefit from our new guided reading library, also published by Fountas and Pinnell. This library will offer staff a variety of multiple copy books at each reading level. Both LLI and the guided reading library structure their lessons similarly to help strengthen students'

reading comprehension skills, as well as allowing students to easily transition from an LLI group to a guided reading group. These skills are then assessed using the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) to guide further instruction. By tying all of our reading assessment and intervention tools together, we will be able to improve student achievement and grow a love of reading in our students.

The students in grades PK-4 have an exciting new adventure in September as well. We are going to be launching a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports plan, also called PBIS. The focus of our PBIS initiative is to help our students demonstrate their character in all areas of the school; from the school bus to the cafeteria to the classroom and the hallways. We will be asking the question, "What print will your PAWS leave?" as our students Practice Safety, Act Responsibly, Work Towards Success, and Show Respect. On the first day of school students will learn the expectations for their behavior in the different areas of the school as well as some fun new words like KAHFOOTY! I can't wait to see what print your child leaves!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Back to School Picnic on August 28 from 5:00-7:00! Make sure you find me to say "Hi!" and earn your first PAWS ticket!

From the desk of Mr. Roche, 5-12 Principal

WELCOME BACK!

Hopefully you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

I hope that all students will push themselves to do their personal best in everything they attempt this year. With the continued support of our families and community, our students will surely shine.

I would like to personally invite you to visit our classrooms, volunteer at our school, and be involved whenever possible. I understand that each of us is very busy, but I believe there is no greater investment of our resources of time and energy than our children.

We will have our Back to School Picnic on Tuesday, August 28th. Our hope is that your family will join us for this event and many others as we work together to help each of our students be successful and build a sense of community together.

Just a quick reminder to consult the Code of Conduct regarding the specifics of our dress code, cell phone guidelines and school attendance policy. I have included a couple of general items from each of the policies for your family to review prior to the start of the school year.

Dress Code

Your dress reflects the quality of the school, your conduct, and your schoolwork. Students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress, hygiene, and appearance. Teachers and all



other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, shall: be safe, appropriate, and decent and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are to be turned off, and put away; in general their use will not be allowed during school hours. Examples of cell phone use include, but are not limited to, using the phone to make a phone call, texting, sending pictures, looking up information on the internet, and/or accessing social media. A student may use his/her cell phone during his/her lunch period, (please check with them to see when they eat lunch). A student may use his /her phone to make an emergency call/text in either the school office or nurse's office provided he/she has obtained appropriate permission. In some cases, at a teacher's discretion a student may use his/her cell phone with teacher permission in a classroom for instructional purposes.

We need your support as we help our

children to become responsible users of the powerful tool they carry in their hands and pockets.

We understand that there are times when you must get in touch with your children, however, if it is a true emergency, please call the Main Office.

Attendance

School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The District believes that the student's presence and classroom participation are critical to the educational program and, as such, are properly reflected in a student's final grade. Absences have an adverse affect on the student as well as the educational program. The Board of Education urges parents to make every effort to ensure their children's attendance. Consequently, for each marking period a percentage of a student's final grade will be based on classroom participation as well as the student's performance on homework, tests, papers, projects, etc., as determined by the school administrators and/or classroom teacher. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Consistent with the importance of classroom participation, unexcused student absences, tardiness, and early departures will affect a student's grade, including credit for classroom participation, for the marking period.

I look forward to working with you as we ensure that all our Belfast Middle & High School students have the courage to demonstrate Bulldog Pride as we look to graduate each of our students career and college ready.

Let's have a terrific year. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the school year.

Emily Nelson

My name is Emily Nelson and I am employed by Core - The Learning Center as a Counselor within the Belfast Central School. I came to Belfast in November of 2017. My background is in family-based therapy and home-based crisis intervention for youth.

I offer the following services at school:

- Individual/Group Counseling
- Crisis Counseling/Intervention
- Lunch Bunch
- Safe Dates
- Girls Circle/The Council for Boys and Young Men
- Home Visits



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so far. I look forward to getting to know more students and families. Please feel free to contact me at any time for more information regarding the services I offer at 585-365-2646 x2077. Thank you for making me feel welcome and a part of the Belfast community!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Drop Off and Pick up of Students

All students will enter the building through the cafeteria door. We are asking that parents drop students off in the parking lot behind the school. Please remember that students should not be in the building before 7:45 AM.

Sign in/out Procedure for all Students

- Students who are late or being picked up early, will be brought to, or picked up at, the new main entrance on South Street, near the gym.
- Parents and guardians must personally sign their children in and out.
- All parents and guests to the school will need to have a picture ID to enter the building, which will be scanned.

Dismissal of Walkers

Student walkers will leave by the playground doors.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN A NEW FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM FOR ALL THIS YEAR!

Every student Pre-K through 12 will receive one complete breakfast and one complete lunch at no charge everyday. A second breakfast will cost \$1.10. A second lunch will cost \$1.65 (K-4) or \$1.80 (5-12). Second meals and snacks must be paid for with cash or the student must have money on their account.

Myschoolbucks.com can be accessed through your smart phone! Please note, if your child does not have the funds for extras or snacks, they will not be allowed to charge them. There will be no charging permitted.

All children are required to complete the new simplified **2018-2019 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/ Milk Form**. All information is confidential and used solely for New York State reporting requirements and obtaining additional funding for the district.

In order to put money on your child's account you can:

- 1) send money in with your child (cash or check)
- OR**
- 2) use myschoolbucks.com

NEW LUNCH PROGRAM



2018-19 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$75,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - \$35,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,001 - \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35,001- \$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$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.

Who's My Teacher?!?

Grades K-4

(subject to change without notice)

Mrs. Ross (Pre-K)

Tegan Enders, Preston Foster, Owen Jablonski, Gabriella Kochendarfer, Kynlee Kranock, Mackenzie Lorenz, Owen Male, Bryson Mark, Carsyn Merrell, Grayson Moore, Lily Murns, Jareth Osburn, Allison Prosser, Allison Rose, Madison Rose, Gabriel West, Amelia White, Allison Yeaples

Mrs. Hamer (Kindergarten)

Eden Barney, Lana Blocho, Lucy Burr-Hadsell, Jack Cox, Brody Edwards, Aiden Elliott, Emerson Ely, Lawson Fuller, James Hazelton, Ayden Howard, Addison Kelley, Marcus Koontz III, Alexandria Litchner, Robert Long, Paislee Ludden, Isaac Miller, Brooke Rose

Mrs. Miller (1st Grade)

Samuel Bloxson, Nicholas Chamberlain, Cooper Grastorf, Matthew Guilford, Hannah Hill, Lyndsey Howard, Addison Hull, Kal Johnson, Logan McCarthy, Evan Moore, Taryn Moore, Catrina Mura, Taylor Murns, Adam Oskar, Brynn Preston, Shea Preston, Emmitt Charles, Evan Simzer, Jayce Shafer, Caleb Stork, Evan Trowbridge, Tesslynn Weaver, Mackenna Yackeren

Mrs. Romance (2nd Grade)

James Adams, Owen Armison, Jackson Barney, Delsin Bisig, Caylin Burrows, Ethan Chamberlain, Jessie-Joe Chamberlain, McKylie Elliott, Bradan Foster, Summer Histed, Megan Johnson, Lydia McDonald, Bradley Middaugh, Savannah Miller, Crystal Murns, Greta Smithers, Conan Tallman, Dustin Vaughn

Mrs. Hazelton (3rd Grade)

Payton Booth, Kamdon Brown, Elizabeth Brundage, Colt Cobb, Avery Enders, Sarah Hazelton, Lisa Hill, Khloe Jenkins, Pierre Lussier, Alexis Preston, Aria Saccamano, Anthony Snyder

Mrs. Borden (3rd Grade)

Onalee Aronson, Colden Caiazza, Emma Calanni, Alyssa Cole, Violet Edwards, Carson Foster, Isabelle Guilford, Aidyn Robbins, Colin Stork, Madeline White, Raelynn Wilson, Landon Wulf

Mrs. Bainbridge (4th Grade)

Derek Calanni, Vance Carrier, Korryn Cline, Richard Elliott IV, Alexander Griffis, Afion Hamer, Jenna Hitchcock, Josilyn Kirch, Noah Miller, Emma Moultrup, Sophia Rehler, Jackson Southwick, Carson Treusdell, Bill Truax, Iye Willard

Mrs. Mullen (4th Grade)

Landen Blocho, Jaela Brown, Carter Fenti, Erica Hull, Marley Kirch, Johnathan Male, George Merrell, Lilly Peet, Grant Preston, Kaylee Sortore, Liam Sortore, Bayleigh Tallman, Emerson Weaver, Wyatt Weaver, Madison Yackeren

Grades 5-12

(subject to change without notice)

Mrs. Arnold (Room 204)

Summer Buchholz, Cylie Burrows, Chloe Chamberlain, Kaytie Cole, Bryce Conley, Addisyn Ely, Donivan Fields, Monica Harriger, Leon Histed, David Hull, Tate Jenkins, Kaylee Knorr, Izabella Lindo, Abigail Morton, Preston Outman, Heather Padden, Lucy Simzer

Mrs. Guilford (Room 203)

Zachari Bloxson, Emalee Carman, Cory Cobb, Alexa Ely, Logan Estabrook, William Guilford, Finn Heaney, Samayah Lussier, Rachel Merriam, Carly Moultrup, Mariah Patton, Callahan Tallman, Zakk West

Mrs. Mahon (Room 206)

Matthew Barren, Mikaylah Cobb, Sadie Estabrook, Marcus Frazier, Braeden Geyer, Allyson Hazelton, Dillion Kelley, Autumn Morey, Carissa Mura, Dennis Rehler, Joseph Sadler, Alexander Stanton, Caden Stork, Ellyonah Wright, Morgan Yackeren, Sophie Zillgitt

Mrs. Paulsen (Room 202)

Ava Aronson, Catherine Calanni, Cody Cobb, Joseph Elliott, Lucas Frazier, Jenna Hill, Natalee Lindo, Jaizelyn Marcello, Kiara Miller, Blake Rehler, Danika Scott, Julie Sortore, Hannah Southwick, Harley Wardaugh, Kayliegh Wojcik, Clayton Wright

Mr. Heaney (Room 304)

Jacob Borden, Carley Burrows, Thayne Cobb, Michael Frazier, Cassondra Guilford, Mary Hamer, Owen Heaney, Ashlyn Hoffman, Audrey Hughsan, Tristan Jenkins, Aaliyah Knorr, Kadin Logue, Sean Mahon, Kyle McCumiskey, Jackson Stout, Abigail Sullivan, Christopher Weaver, Jonathan Webb-Aylor

Mrs. Marsh (Room 201)

Nathan Bradshaw, Tykora Burnell, Sondra Carrier, Anna Drozdowski, Emily Elliott, Connor Hull, Logan Lopez, Luke Morey, Brianna Morton, Benjamin Preston, Connor Stork, Carter Stout, Garrett Taylor

Mr. Dedrick (Room 137-shop)

Alyssa Burnell, Zane Cartwright, Trevor Clark, Daemon Cobb, Harley Eskin, Angelina Fuller, Chelsea Goldsmith, Justin Hill, Gavin Kenyon, Jacob Lindo, Isabelle Male, Harley Proctor, Canaan Sullivan, Montgomery Wilson

Mrs. Grottanelli (Room 301)

Ethan Babbitt, Alicia Borden, Brianna Fields, Harley Haas, Christianna Hansgen, Zachari Hoffman, Anthony Logue, Katlin Sadler, Matthew Stanton, Micheal Truax, Matthew Weaver

HS Art (Room 142)

Jacob Buchholz, Destiny Cantrell, Jaiden Enders, Jillian Hamer, Selene Hamer, Tyler Male, Max Miller, Colton Morgan, Cayla Mura, Nathaniel Rogers, Ian Smith

Mrs. Burr (Room 306)

Dustin Arnold, Taela Bisig, Steven Buchholz, Jason Drozdowski, Keltie Francis, Christopher Fuller, Colton Gaddy, Nicholas Gughicello, Tia Hale, Devin Harriger, Isaac Hull, Collin Preston, Katlynn Ritter, Chase Sadler

Mr. Enlow (Room 307)

Nicholas Ellison, Kylie Francis, Melvin Hamer, Aidan Heaney, Daniel Lindo, Christian Lingenfelter, Christian Lopez, Lillian Mahon, Adison Male, Kelsi Morton, Camden Smith, Adelaide Sullivan, Emma Sullivan, Damon Treusdell, Cierra Wallace

Mrs. Barber (Room 206)

Carter Guilford, Elisa Houser, Hailey Mitchell

Mrs. Preston (Room 302)

Noah Bentley, Kayleigh Blocho, James Booth, Adam Enders, Ashley Estabrook, Mackenzie Hurd, Kevin McCumiskey

Mrs. Brace (Room 305)

Zachary Bradshaw, Corey Brown, Mackenzie Cox, Trent Dowd, Alexander Enders, Nathaniel Hill, Alexander Hull, Hunter Lincoln, Julia Lindo, Johnathan West

Mrs. Roeske (PE)

Andrew Blocho, Shannon Durrigan, Brianna Elliott, Christopher Logue, Kennedy Male, Stephen Struckmann, Ethan Treusdell, Collin Weaver

Study Hall (High School Library)

Nevaeh Elliott, Joslin Hunt, Sarah Lindo, Christopher Outman, Charlotte Winchell

BOCES (AM) You can obtain your schedule in the Main Office

Addison Babbitt, Caleb Caiazza, Hailie Cantrell, Dakota Clink, McKayla Cross, Hunter Enders, Hanah Helms, Nathaniel Hurd, Rachel Marsh, Junelle Shaw, Jade Smith, Ayden Wilson

NOTE: If you will be attending Belfast School but do not appear on this list, please report to the Guidance Office on the first day of school.

PLEASE CALL FOR SAFETY!

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.



Mandatory BOCES Meeting

For all Juniors going to BOCES during the 2018-2019 school year.

Located at the Belmont BOCES Center
5536 County Road
Belmont, NY 14813

August 29th 5-7 PM

Advisement Period

Advisement period is an opportunity for students to receive additional instruction and make up work as needed and is held each day from 2:45 – 3:08.

Students in grades 10 – 12 may leave school IF:

- They are not on the “D – List”
- They have no outstanding discipline matters pending
- They have their own transportation to leave the school/school grounds
- A signed permission slip is on file in the Main Office

Students may NOT leave school/school grounds and then return to use school transportation at 3:08.

Students in grade 7-9 will be assigned an advisement room/location for supervision, academic support or discipline as applicable. For instance, students in good academic and behavioral standing will be assigned to a flexible setting. Students on the “D – List” or with discipline matters pending will be assigned to a structured study hall.

All students in grades 7-12 MUST report to a teacher during advisement if his/her teacher(s) request them to do so. Failure to report to a teacher when requested may result in disciplinary penalties.

BUS PICK UP TIMES

For the safety of all our students, BCS will no longer be publishing students' bus pick up times in the school newsletter. Families will receive a letter from the school informing them of their children's morning bus pick up times.



PRE-SCHOOL

Summer just flies by! Many families have been busy with summer soccer, time in sprinklers or pools, traveling, visits to the playground and catching up with family. The preschool staff has been cramming as much into their summer as possible too. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Bogdan have been attending workshops and discussing some changes within the room design and focus. We are excited to bring some new strategies and ideas into our program. Even as adults, it's important to keep learning, growing and stretching ourselves to new limits. Our school building has also been undergoing some changes. Please be patient as we work through this adjustment period. You should have received a summer letter from Mrs. Ross. If you have not, please contact the preschool at 585-365-8088.



Hat/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” throughout the school year.

Income Tax Code

New York State resident income tax returns IT200 and IT201 require you to enter the name and code number of the public school district where you were a resident on December 31, 2017. The Belfast Central School code number is 044.

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

Please make note of the following regarding student transportation.

Students will have only one pickup and only one drop off address. These may both be the same or may be two different addresses. Example: a student may be picked up at home and dropped off at a childcare provider. Both addresses must be within the boundaries of the school district. We will not pick up or bus students to any other address but the two provided us. (The district will not transport students to social functions such as parties, overnights, or youth group activities.)

Should you wish a permanent change in either of the two addresses, we will make those changes upon written notification to the office. The request must be received two days prior to the requested change. **Phone calls requesting changes WILL NOT be accepted. Requests for changes must be made in writing.**

The only exception to this procedure will be for baby-sitting situations involving a student in grades 7 -12 watching a student in our Pre K-6 program. We will allow, on occasion, either the Pre K-6 student or the 7-12 baby-sitter to change buses provided the following procedure is followed: A note from the Pre-K-6 student's parent/guardian and a note from the parent/guardian of the baby-sitter is submitted to the appropriate office by 8:05 AM the day the change will occur. The student will then be given a bus pass that must be presented to the bus driver of the bus they will be riding.

Bus drivers are not authorized to allow students who are not regular riders onto their buses without a bus pass signed by office personnel.

Library Hours - Main Building & Children's Annex

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 3 p.m to 7 p.m.

Board Meetings

3rd Tuesday of the Month.
6 p.m. at Belfast Public Library

Contact the Library at 585-365-2072

AUGUST 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

OCTOBER 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JANUARY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

2018-19 BCS District Calendar

- Prof. Dev. Days (No Students)
- Holidays (Offices Closed)
- Breaks (No Students or Faculty)
- Graduation
- 3-8 Testing Dates
- Regents Exam Dates
- Parent/Teacher Conference
- Open House

- 8/27-8/28 Superintendent's Days
- 8/28 Back to School Picnic (5-7pm)
- 9/3 Labor Day
- 9/4 1st Day for Students / Open House
- 10/8 Columbus Day
- 11/12 Veterans' Day Observed
- 11/19 Parent Teacher Conf. (12-8pm)
- 11/20 Superintendent's Day
- 11/19-11/23 Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/21-1/1 Christmas Recess
- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/22-1/25 Regents Exam Dates
- 2/18-2/22 President's Day / February Break
- 3/14 Open House (1pm Dismissal)
- 3/15 Superintendent's Day
- 4/2-4/9 ELA 3-8 Testing Range
- 4/19 Good Friday
- 4/22-4/29 Spring Recess
- 5/1-5/8 MATH 3-8 Testing Range
- 5/24-5/27 Memorial Day Break
- 6/3 3-8 Testing Range
- Regents Exam Date
- 6/18-6/21 Regents Exam Dates
- 6/24-6/26 Regents Exam Dates
- 6/26 Rating Day / Last Day of School
- 6/28 Graduation

MARCH 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

APRIL 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

MAY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JUNE 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL

Calendar of Events

September 2018

Sports Schedules

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 Labor Day No School	4 1st day of school Pre-K staggered day Kindergarten orientations @ 8:30am	5 Pre-K staggered day	6 Pre-K full day	7 Bus drill Fall Sports pictures	8
9	10 Study Center starts PTO meeting 5:30 pm	11 Board of Ed meeting 5:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 Senior Class Fundraiser begins	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Pre-K - 12th grade picture day	25	26	27	28 Senior Class Fundraiser ends Family Literacy Night	29
30						

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Date	Time	Opponent
9/6	5:30 pm	C-R
9/11	5:30 pm	Fillmore
9/13	5:30 pm	@ Hinsdale
9/15	9:00 am	GV Tournament
9/18	5:30 pm	Houghton
9/20	5:30 pm	@ Arkport
9/26	5:30 pm	B-R
9/28	5:30 pm	@ GV

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Time	Opponent
8/24	5:00 pm	@ Mt. Morris (scrimmage)
8/29	7:00 pm	Andover
8/31	5:00 or 7:00 pm	Tournament
9/6	6:00 pm	@ Andover
9/10	7:00 pm	C-R
9/12	5:00 pm	@ Hinsdale
9/14	5:00 pm	@ Whitesville
9/17	7:00 pm	@ Scio
9/19	5:00 pm	@ Friendship
9/21	7:00 pm	@ Fillmore
9/24	5:00 pm	@ C-R
9/26	7:00 pm	Houghton

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Time	Opponent
8/24	10:00 am	@ Fillmore (scrimmage)
8/30	7:00 pm	Friendship
9/1	5:00 or 7:00 pm	Tournament
9/5	7:00 pm	Whitesville
9/7	6:00 pm	Hammondsport
9/11	7:00 pm	@ Scio
9/13	7:00 pm	Andover
9/15	1:00 pm	G-V
9/18	5:00 pm	@ C-R
9/21	5:00 pm	@ Friendship
9/25	6:00 pm	Avoca
9/27	5:00 pm	@ Whitesville
9/29	6:30 pm	@ G-V

MODIFIED SOCCER

Date	Time	Opponent
9/8	11:00 am	Andover
9/11	5:00 pm	@ Fillmore
9/13	5:00 pm	C-R
9/15	11:00 am	Whitesville
9/17	5:00 pm	@ Friendship
9/19	5:00 pm	@ Houghton
9/22	11:00 am	Hinsdale
9/26	5:00 pm	@ Scio

Notices and Reminders

BE A GOOD SPORT

Did you know that fans, players, and coaches of each school are rated for sportsmanship after each game? We would like to encourage all BCS sports fans to be positive in their comments to all players and referees. It is important to remember that as adults we need to set positive examples for the young people around us. Let's all make a concerted effort to encourage others by what we say and do. Be a good sport!

GENERAL NOTICE

The Belfast Central School District complies with all applicable Federal and State regulations, laws and requirements including, but not limited to the following: the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 Laws, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, and the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply.

The District does not discriminate in employment practices or in the planning and implementation of its educational programs because of factors such as age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, or arrest record. Anyone wishing to obtain information or lodge complaints on the part of the school district is asked to contact the Superintendent of Schools at 365-9940.

SMOKING/ALCOHOL BANNED ON PROPERTY

Included in Education Law are provisions that impact every school district that directly or indirectly receives Federal funds. The regulations ban smoking, alcohol, e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, and the possession of firearms on school grounds. Belfast Central School will abide by those regulations. Everyone's assistance is necessary!

NOTICE OF ASBESTOS REINSPECTION

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we performed re-inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in the school administrative office.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. Six-month inspections are performed during the school year.

All asbestos material in this school remains in good condition, and we will continue to manage them in place, as recommended by EPA guidelines.

You are welcome to view these materials anytime during normal school hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.) The Asbestos LEA Designee is available to answer any questions you might have about asbestos in our school building; the phone number is 365-2646.

FIREARMS IN SCHOOL, MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER

The Belfast Central School District has adopted various Board of Education Policy statements over the years relating to various issues focusing on public order. Pursuant to various laws and regulations be advised that firearms or other weapons are not allowed on school property. Education can flourish only in an environment of mutual respect, self-restraint, civility, and trust among all groups and individuals. The failure on the part of individuals to live by our rules for the maintenance of public order and discipline will be addressed in a prompt and serious manner.

POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Belfast Central School District has a policy concerning sexual harassment. The entire school and community is alerted to the fact that acts of sexual harassment are contrary to school district policy and will not be tolerated in the school district environment. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, this policy applies to all staff members and students. Sexual harassment creates an unhealthy atmosphere destructive of the School District's educational purpose. The Board of Education will investigate alleged harassment and will affect an appropriate remedy when an allegation is determined to be valid. Such conduct violates Education Laws 3214, 3020A, and Civil Service Law 75. Any complaints are to be reported to the Superintendent of Schools who shall investigate the complaint.

PARENTS "RIGHT TO KNOW" ADVISORY

Under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, parents are required to be given several official notifications:

1. Parents may request information regarding the qualifications of their child's Title I teachers and paraprofessional staff. Parents may request specific information as to the following: ["Title I" Teachers are those supported by Federal Title I funds]

- whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;

- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;

- the teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and

- if the child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

2. Section 9528(a)(1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the high school guidance office at 365-8297 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student's information released to the military or to colleges without your expressed permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the high school guidance office.

Under the Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be communicated to staff, community, and local law enforcement officials in order to ensure that the offender does not have contact with children.

Any information that the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan's Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law.

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES

Schools often experience problems with head lice when students return from extended vacation periods. If you have any reason to believe that your child may have come into contact with head lice during this vacation period, please consider checking your child's hair carefully before he/she returns to school.

The following is a listing of the procedures followed at Belfast Central School in regard to head lice.

1. Upon receipt by our health office personnel of reliable, confidential information, students in various classes may be checked for the possibility of head lice infestation.

2. Upon the discovery of head lice or nits (lice eggs), the school sends notification to all parents with children in the affected classroom(s), indicating that such a condition exists, along with recommendations for dealing with the situation. We trust that this information is helpful to you, and that you may then play a role in minimizing the possibility of contagion.

3. Upon the discovery of head lice or nits (lice eggs) for the third time in the same family in a given school year, county health authorities may be contacted and asked to intervene to help to remedy this situation. The family involved is informed that contact has been made.

YOU CAN HELP!

1. If you discover that your child has head lice and treat your child at home, please notify our health office that this has occurred. We will confidentially check your child upon his or her return, and we may then check the other children in your child's classroom. Please check your child's hair regularly.

2. If you feel that you have reliable information regarding possible lice infestation in any child in our school, you might also consider notifying our health office. The information will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions at all about any aspect of head lice, please contact the Health Office.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

HEALTH OFFICE

If a student becomes ill or injured in school or during a school activity, she or he should report to the school nurse, who will then make an assessment. When students are ill, they may not leave the building without permission. If the nurse is not in, students are to report to the Main Office. All students must be signed out before leaving school.

DENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Dental Health Certificates are recommended and kept on file for grade Pre-K, K, 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

If your child has any health problems, please let the school nurse know. This information will only be shared with those who need to know. If students have had illnesses or injuries over the summer, please inform the nurse.



Let's go Back in Time... to Spring 2018



Graduation Morning

We just woke up...
do we have to practice?



Class of 2018

Thank You BCS Alumni

Thank you to all the alumni for supporting the banquet this year. Without you, this wouldn't be the success that it was! Thank you to everyone that helped, from label making, preparing food, setting up, decorating, kitchen help, and cleanup and anything that I may have forgotten.

If you would like to be involved with planning the next banquet, please reach out to me at dianaguilford@yahoo.com, or check out the Belfast Alumni FaceBook page.

Once again, thank you for your help and support.

Diana L. Guilford-Grastorf

Great Monthly Attendance Award



Last **GREAT MAY ATTENDANCE** for K-4! for the 2017-2018 school year.
Mrs. Hazelton's 3rd grade!
The class received ice cream coupons compliments of Principal Hess.



Why I'm proud to be an American

By William Guilford

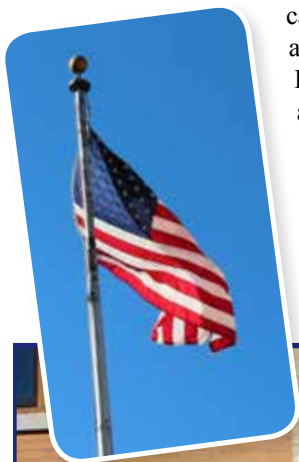
The United States of America is a peaceful and united country. I'm glad I'm an American because I am free to do as I want as long as it is safe. I can also express my opinion.

Some advantages of being a United States of America citizen is that if you are a man, woman, boy or girl you are allowed to believe in what you want and be proud of your things and family. We are all allowed to be educated and have a job and a job we want. Some places are not educated at all.

I think our country is great because we are allowed to go to the store and enjoy ourselves. Our women are allowed to show their faces in public and are able to vote. Plus, our government was set up so no one has too much power.

I am proud to be an American because I can have fun, walk around, and be free. I am able to talk to whomever, whenever I want. I also can show my beliefs. Most countries are not allowed to do that.

We should all (well all Americans) should be proud of what we have and how much freedom we get where our women can be free and so can men and children even if our skin is different. We are all the same.



The Flag By Isabelle Guilford

I am standing here today
Standing tall above you.
My purpose is to honor
The soldiers who fight for us
And our country.
I wave with white for caring,
Blue for rights,
And red for the hard work
Of those who passed away.

Honor me by standing tall
And respecting me
And the people who gave you freedom.
I stand tall in the sky.
Looking at me helps you
Feel brave and confident.
I blow in the blue
And beautiful sky.
Remember the flag that represents America.

Grand Old Flag By Onalee Aronson

You make me strong and confident.
You are waving proudly
My favorite colors.
I'm standing here
And want to celebrate you,
Grand old flag.



Sports Awards Banquet - June 6, 2018



Adam Enders
Most Valuable Player
for Baseball,
Basketball and Soccer



Mackenzie Cox
Most Improved Player
for Baseball



Isaah Leiseur
Most Improved Player
for Basketball



Mackenzie Hurd
Most Valuable Player
for Cheerleading



Morgan Hamer - Most Valuable Player for
Basketball
Junie Shaw - Most Improved Player for Basketball



Morgan Hamer - Most Valuable Player
for Soccer
Kayleigh Blocho - Most Improved Player
for Soccer



Dan Geyer and Danielle Cassady
JFK Sportsmanship Award



Megan Rose
Paul Vienna Scholarship



Emma Sullivan - Most Valuable
Player for Softball
Megan Rose - Most Valuable
Player for Softball



Jadyn Golden - Most Valuable Player
for Volleyball
Elisa Houser - Most Improved Player
for Volleyball



9th Grade Athletes
Cierra Wallace, Emma Sullivan, Stephen Struckmann, Christopher Fuller,
Shannon Durrigan, Jason Drozdowski, Steven Buchholz, Nicholas Ellison



8th Grade Athletes
Alicia Borden, Jaden Enders



10th Grade Athletes
Hunter Enders, Kyle Comstock, Caleb Caiazza, Elisa Houser, Nathaniel Hurd,
Junie Shaw, Jade Smith, Adelaide Sullivan



Continued on Page 13

Sports Awards Banquet (cont'd)



11th Grade Athletes

Kevin McCumiskey, Mackenzie Hurd, Jady Golden, Kayleigh Blocho, Adam Enders, Alexander Enders, Johnathan West



12th Grade Athletes

Rylea Comstock, Megan Rose, Morgan Hamer, Dan Geyer, Danielle Cassady, Isaah Leiseur, Austin Gustason, Cassandra Hadaway, Dalton Hamer, Brach Cantrell



Boys' Modified Baseball

Coach Fuller

The Boys Modified Baseball team had a very exciting year to watch. The win/loss column was not in our favor by the end of the season, however, the team stayed together and played as a team no matter what. Players worked hard to get the first hits, the first catches in the outfield, stealing home plate, and some players pitching for the first time. Team leader development was strong this year. I am so proud of each and every one of the Belfast Bulldog Modified players.



Boys' Varsity Baseball

Coach Kenyon

The Varsity Baseball team finished the season with a 16-4 record.

Coach Derek Kenyon was named Coach of the Year.
Adam Enders was named Player of the Year.



Girls' Varsity Softball

Coach Paulsen

The girls' varsity softball team finished with three wins this season. Though we did not win many games, the girls worked hard and improved as the season progressed. Our season ended with an 8-0 loss to Hinsdale in the first round of sectionals. We will miss our three seniors: Megan Rose, Morgan Hamer and Cassandra Hadaway, as they graduate and move on to bigger and better things. These girls provided valuable leadership throughout the season. Megan Rose was named to the Class D2 All-star team for her hard work and dedication as a catcher and lead-off hitter. Megan was named the team MVP and Freshman Emma Sullivan was named Most Improved player. Congratulations to both girls!

Field Day - June 2018



Prom 2018



4th Quarter Honor Roll 2017-2018

HONOR ROLL
The following students
earned an 85-92% average:

GRADE 5:

Allyson Hazelton, Natalee Lindo, Jaizelyn Marcello, Danika Scott, Kayliegh Wojcik, Morgan Yackeren

GRADE 6:

Jacob Borden, Carley Burrows, Cassandra Guilford, Mary Hamer, Audrey Hughan, Tristan Jenkins, Sean Mahon, Kyle McCumiskey, Jackson Stout, Abigail Sullivan, Christopher Weaver

GRADE 7:

Tykota Burnell, Anna Drozdowski, Harley Edkin, Connor Hull, Luke Morey, Brianna Morton, Harley Proctor, Carter Stout

GRADE 8:

Alicia Borden, Jacob Buchholz, Destiny Cantrell, Brianna Fields, Selene Hamer, Christianna Hansgen, Max Miller, Colton Morgan, Cayla Mura, Nathaniel Rogers, Ian Smith

GRADE 9:

Nicholas Ellison, Kylie Francis, Christian Lopez, Adison Male, Kelsi Morton, Stephen Struckmann

GRADE 10:

Caleb Caiazza, Dakota Clink, Kyle Comstock, McKayla Cross, Hunter Enders, Hanah Helms, Elisa Houser, Sarah Lindo, Kennedy Male, Rachel Marsh, Hailey Mitchell, Jade Smith, Ethan Treusdell

GRADE 11:

James Booth, Corey Brown, Mackenzie Hurd, Julia Lindo, Kevin McCumiskey

GRADE 12:

Sydney Ace, Danielle Cassady, Daniel Geyer, Dalton Hamer, Morgan Hamer

HIGH HONOR ROLL
The following students
attained an average of 93%
or above:

GRADE 5:

Sadie Estabrook, Jenna Hill, Dillion Kelley, Sophie Zillgitt

GRADE 6:

Michael Frazier, Owen Heaney

GRADE 7:

Trevor Clark, Chelsea Goldsmith, Justin Hill, Isabelle Male, Canaan Sullivan

GRADE 8:

Jaiden Enders, Matthew Weaver

GRADE 9:

Melvin Hamer, Aidan Heaney, Christian Lingenfelter, Emma Sullivan, Cierra Wallace

GRADE 10:

Andrew Blocho, Adelaide Sullivan

GRADE 11:

Noah Bentley, Adam Enders, Ashley Estabrook, Hunter Lincoln

GRADE 12:

Ethan Blocho, Samantha Burgio, Rylea Comstock, Roseanna Lanning, Gabriel Lindo, Megan Rose, Keith Weaver





1 King Street
Belfast, NY 14711

www.belfast.wnyric.org

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Josie Preston, President
Randa Harrington, Vice President
Becky Backer
Cecy Curcio
Chris Enders
Dan Borden
Patricia Krotz



Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Houghton, NY 14744
Permit #10

ECRWSS

Or Current Resident
Boxholder
Belfast, NY 14711

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
Safe School Tip Line (leave a message)....	365-2053
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

The Belfast Central School Board of Education is scheduled to set the tax rate for the 2018-19 school year and the August 14th board meeting. This information will be included in the October newsletter.

This year taxes will be collected in the Business Office located near the auditorium just inside the rear entrance of the Belfast Central School, *on a limited basis*.

The tax collector will be available:
Tuesdays, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Saturdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Monday, October 1st, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 31st, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

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

Pesticide Notification

The Belfast Central School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Plan that emphasizes the use of non-chemical solutions when pest removal from the district buildings or grounds is necessary. This plan is available for inspection in the district of office. This plan promotes proper storage of food items and to prevent any possibilities of unwanted pests. If it becomes necessary to eliminate pests, traps, environmental modifications, and/or mechanical means are utilized whenever possible. Occasionally, chemical pesticides may be used for serious or unsafe pest infestations for which other non-chemical means are either inappropriate or ineffective. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice. For more information contact the superintendent’s office at 365-9940.