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Introducing to our New BCS Staff (cont'd)

Sarah Beck *Social Worker*

My name is Sarah Beck, and I have been hired as the new part-time social worker here at Belfast! In addition to joining Belfast. I also work part time as a Home School Liaison through BOCES in 6:1:1 classrooms at Genesee Valley. I will be here in Belfast on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays this school year.

My goal is to be available to both students and their families to help them alleviate stressors, connect to services, and to provide them with genuine support. I really look forward to working with all of the staff and students here at Belfast Central School and cannot wait to see what this school year will bring!

Joel Evans *Bus Driver*

My name is Joel Evans. Before becoming a bus driver for Belfast Central School, I was a bus driver for Cuba-Rushford, then Genesee Valley. I owned my own business, the Wellsville Funland Skate Center for 30 years, prior to becoming a bus driver. In my spare time, I like to fish, hunt, and spend time with my family.

Mary Guilford

5th and 6th Grade Teacher

BCS was a place I called "home" from Kindergarten through 12th grade and after college found myself returning to the small-town life that I have always known and loved! After teaching at Genesee Valley for 16 years in the primary grades I wanted to be more involved in my own children's school lives and more active in our community which brought me here teaching 5/6 ELA and Reading. I spend most of my time enjoying the outdoors with my family when we aren't running here, there, and everywhere for one of the kids' activities.

Jessica Grottanelli *Science Teacher*

My name is Ms. Grottanelli and I am totally in love with science! I am interested in all aspects of scientific inquiry (asking questions and exploring them using the scientific method), but I particularly love the study of Ecology. Ecology deals with the relationships between biological organisms and their physical surroundings. Earth science and physical science play a huge role in biologic adaptation and survival of species. I often explore the natural world with my Australian Shepherd, Maeby.

Carrie Koehler *1st Grade Teacher*

I have a five year old daughter named Emma that is my world! =) In my free time I love playing tennis, playing pickle ball and hiking. I love being a part of the Belfast School District and enjoy every minute teaching my first grade students. I love doing arts and crafts and I also enjoy selling Scentsy in my spare time as well. I'm from the Arkport area and went to high school at Alfred Almond, college at SUNY Brockport and my masters degree at Medaille College.

Lynn Kunz *Special Education Teacher*

My name is Lynn Kunz, and I am a Special Education teacher working with Middle School students. I decided to become a teacher because of a passion for learning and a desire to help all students reach their full potential. I have been teaching for 12 years with children from age 6 months to 18 years and am thrilled to join the team at Belfast Central School! Before coming to Belfast, I attended Gannon University in Erie, PA, where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary, Early Childhood, and Special Education. My Master's degree in Literacy for grades K-12 was earned at SUNY Genesee. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst through training at the Florida Institute of Technology. I also work as a Teacher and Behavioral Consultant for Southtowns Children's Associates and Turningpoint Behavioral Services. My daughter Molly and I have lived in Belfast for the past 3 years, and love being a part of the community here. Belfast is described as a wonderful town where everyone you meet is warm and welcoming. I would like to give a special thank you to Jesse White, who encouraged me to apply to Belfast and teach closer to home; it has been a decision that I am very happy to have made!

Sarah Miller *Bus Monitor*

My name is Sarah Miller. I am originally from Chittenango, NY. I moved to Belfast in 1998 and graduated from Belfast Central School in 2004. I currently live in Belfast with my husband, 2 sons, and 2 daughters. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and enjoying the outdoors.

Alex Minnick *Art Teacher*

I grew up in the woods of Maine and moved to New York at the age of 10. I graduated from Alfred-Almond Central School before heading up north to SUNY Potsdam to acquire my Bachelor of Fine Arts with concentrations in drawing, painting, and ceramic art. I then attended St. Lawrence University to acquire my K-12 art teaching certifications. Since my experience in undergraduate school I have worked in many different sectors of the art world including but not limited to producing my own personal art exhibitions and performances, creating hand-built custom tiles for a small local business in Alfred, NY, and managing a full ceramics studio and organizing art classes for all ages at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center.

When I am not teaching or creating art, I can be found swimming, hiking in the woods, grilling food, and spending time with my girlfriend and family!

Rob Morgan *Director of Technology*

My name is Rob Morgan, and I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Syracuse University. I was a member of Erie 1 BOCES for 11 years, then spent 6 years in the technology department of Pioneer Central School before coming to Belfast. My spare time is spent with my wife and 5 year old daughter. I enjoy making maple syrup on our family farm.



Fourth Annual Back to School Picnic

Many volunteers and BCS faculty and staff created a welcome environment for students and families on August 28 on a very humid afternoon for the annual Back to School Picnic.

Hot dogs, chips, macaroni salad and watermelon were consumed. Sno cones, cotton candy and popcorn were unlimited and free. Dan Borden, Board of Education member (pictured here) said, "it was great to see the happy faces of returning students and new students."

A fire truck bounce house and a brand new obstacle course inflatable were billowing on the fringes of the playground. Water games were available at the end of the evening.

A new feature this year was a learning experience for students in grades 6-12 (with an adult from home) to try various tasks while wearing "drunk goggles." All parents and youth participating were eligible to win special prizes. Each contestant filled out a post-test to assess their understanding of the experience and to determine how we might improve the process. ACASA (Allegany Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse) ran the goggles event. The funding was provided by the Western New York Chemical Dependency Consortium through a grant authored by Jane Foster, Home to School Coordinator. The goggles will be available throughout the school year for not only Belfast Central School, but for other schools and organizations in Allegany County.

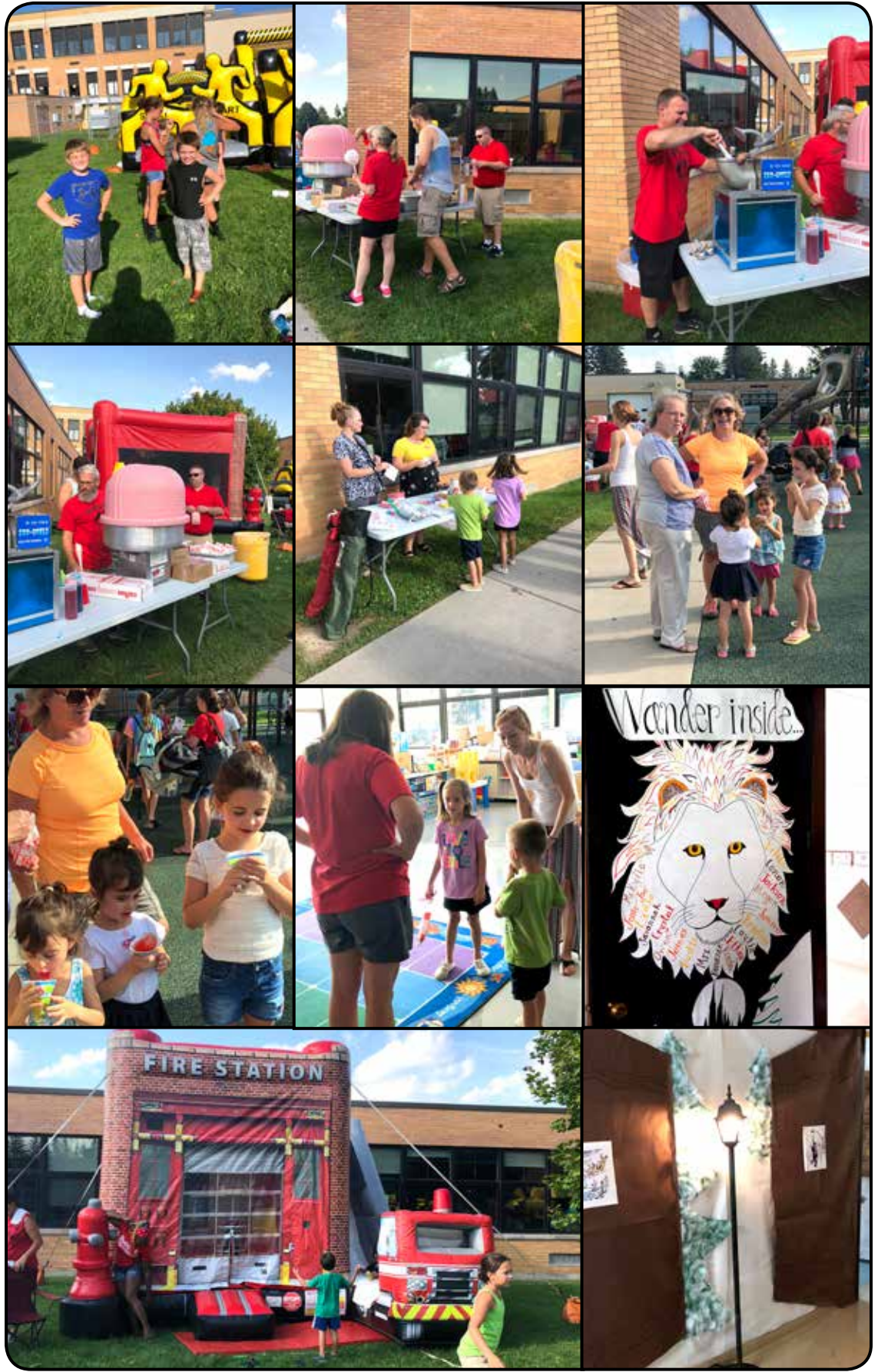
Cody Cobb, a grade 6 student pictured here, thought the tasks required were "very challenging," while wearing the goggles.

Each family received a themed passport for opportunities to win prizes donated by businesses in the community and CORE, the learning center (formerly Literacy West NY, Inc.)

Class meetings and schedules were available. Teachers welcomed students and shared information with families.

The Belfast Lions Club, The Belfast PTO, The Belfast Teachers Association, CORE and several local businesses donated money or prizes to make the picnic a success.

The picnic originated as a family engagement activity in 2015 and remains a welcome tradition for students and families.



PreK Masterpieces

BCS preschoolers have been learning about Vincent van Gogh. They painted sunflowers using bright colors and swirls.



First Grade

This year's first graders are off and running! They have been learning a lot during the first weeks of school. For example, the playground is an excellent place to earn P.A.W.S. All of our boys and girls practice to keep themselves and those around them safe. Their responsible behaviors are shining all day long in the classroom as well. They have been enjoying fables that teach us lessons about how to treat one another. We are so proud of how our kids are working toward success each and every day. The school year is going to be full of adventures because our first graders know how to respect themselves as well as everyone around them.



Second Grade



Second grade was a very exciting place to be in September! The students brought in over 17 Monarch caterpillars and we enjoyed watching them grow from teeny-tiny caterpillars to great, big, beautiful butterflies. Jackson even brought in a caterpillar egg! We loved watching them go through metamorphosis. All the 2nd graders got a chance to hold a butterfly and help release them. Since our first unit of study was Cycles in Nature, it was exciting to see first-hand, a butterfly's life cycle. The 2nd grade students and their families made their own life-cycle posters and had the opportunity to share them and compare egg-layer life cycles and mammal & live-birth life cycles. Some of our students were able to share their experiences of animal life-cycles of horses, cows, chickens, cats, dogs, and other animals that they have encountered. Second grade also visited Alfred State College farm for Kiddie Ag. Literacy Day and got a chance to visit with many animals, see how cows were milked by a robot, tour the milking parlor, learn about plant life cycles through a tour of the vegetable garden and the composting bins, and enjoyed tasty dairy snacks. What a month it has been!



Third Grade

Third Grade is off to a fantastic start this year. We spent the first week of school doing several STEM activities to get to know each other and practice our skills for working in a group.

In Social Studies we used patience while building Domino chains, and empathy to build a safe shelter for a stuffed animal. We also used team work and cooperation to build and work together - Mrs. Hazelton wouldn't let us make our own creations, we had to work as a group.

In Science we made water walk to new containers and worked as a group to build Helping Harrys.



Big-Little Bulldog Student Mentoring Program



I am very excited to announce the launch of the **Big-Little Bulldog Student Mentoring Program**. A high school student will be paired with an elementary/middle school student based on interests and need. The pair will spend time together during the school day a couple of times a month to work on relationship building. High school students need to fill out a short application that can be found in the Main Office. Elementary/middle school students can be referred to the program by a teacher or parent.

Please contact Mrs. Nelson at ext. 2077 or enelson@belfastcsd.org for a permission slip to participate.



HOME COMING AND SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 1 - 6, 2018

ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 5
AT 2:30 PM

DANCE SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 6
FROM 7-10 PM

MONDAY - Favorite Sports Team

TUESDAY - Color Day

12th - Black

11th - Grey

10th - Blue

9th - Yellow

8th - Green

7th - Orange

Elementary Classes - Each Room chooses it's own color

The class that participates the most wins a pizza party! There will be a winner from 7th-12th grades, and from PreK-6th grades.

WEDNESDAY - Royalty Day

THURSDAY - Twin Day

FRIDAY - Red and White Day

Each class is to make a sports **BANNER** using the letters **PAWS**.

The banners must be done by **9 AM on MONDAY, OCT. 1,** so they can be viewed all week.

Questions - Please contact Bonnie Barber

Nurse's Corner

Happy new school year! I hope everyone is settling into this school year well.

I would like to remind parents to send me your child's physicals and immunizations charts if you have not already done so.

Keep children at home if they are not feeling well. The decision to do so is sometimes very clear. Your child looks awful, and you can't imagine sending them anywhere. But sometimes your child does not look sick, and the decision is less clear.

Here are symptoms that mean your child must stay home:

- 1. Fever.** Any temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit (38° Centigrade) is a fever, and children shouldn't go to school with fevers. Not only are fevers a sign of some sort of infection, it also usually means that they are shedding germs right and left. There's just no way you can know whether things will get better or worse — and while giving them medicine might bring the fever down, it won't stop them from being contagious.
 - Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours before going back to school. What if your child has a temp of 99.9 or 100? Officially that's not a fever. I'd suggest going by how your child is acting; if they are acting sick, keeping them home and keeping an eye on them might be a good idea.
- 2. Vomiting or diarrhea.** It's unfair all around — to the child and the school— to send a child with vomiting or diarrhea no matter how well they might look to you. The same 24 hour rule applies, although it's worth checking with your doctor for advice. Some viruses, such as norovirus, can be contagious for an extra day or so.
- 3. Bad pain.** If your child has a sore knee or a mild headache but is otherwise acting okay, it's likely fine to give some medicine and send them off. But if the pain is anything more than mild, don't do it. Pain is always something you want to keep an eye on. Keep them home and call your doctor instead.
- 4. Coughing that won't stop — or anything different about your child's breathing.** If we kept every child with a cold home during the winter months, there would be a lot of empty classrooms. But a really bad cough not only makes it hard for a child to learn or play, it also warrants a call to the doctor, as does breathing that sounds or looks different from usual.

If you are not sure, please call your doctor for advice. You can always bring your child in a bit later if you get the go-ahead. When it comes to your child's health and the health of all the other children at school, it's better to be safe than sorry.

Any questions or concerns please call or email me I am always happy to help!

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agiboo@belfastcsd.org

KIDS CLUBS!

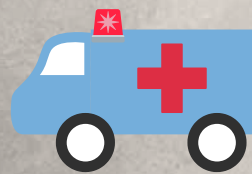
OCTOBER SAFETY SERVICES MONTH

WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE SAFETY OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

UPCOMING EVENTS: PRESENTERS FAMILY FUN NIGHT FIELD TRIP

K-4TH GRADERS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR PROGRAM!

MUST HAVE A PACKET TO JOIN, ANY QUESTIONS CALL
MRS. HEARY AT (585)268-5213 EXT 105



Soccer Tournament September 1, 2018



Belfast Central bested Andover 5 to 1 in the first game of the tournament, then toppled Hinsdale 6 to 3 to win the championship game.

Tournament MVP was Adam Enders. All-stars players were Hunter Enders, Alex Enders, and Caleb Caiazza

Fall Festival for all

Hosted by the Belfast PTO

OCTOBER
20
SATURDAY
5-7 PM

In the BCS Auditorium and Cafeteria
(Use the Sherman Street Parking Lot and Entrance)

- SPAGHETTI DINNER
- CHINESE AUCTION
- KIDS GAMES
- FACE PAINTING

****A nominal fee will be required for all activities****

Donations are currently being accepted for the Chinese Auction

Please contact Ashley Yackeren with any questions 716-498-636?



Breakfast on the Go!

BCS is delighted to be able to provide a Grab-n-Go Breakfast Cart for our older students. Grades 7 through 12 can skip the cafeteria by stopping by the cart (2nd floor, next to the Nurse's office), pick up their breakfast, then head to homeroom. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day that not every child wants to sit for. Please encourage your high school student to Grab-n-Go!



Vienna Memorial Golf Tournament

The 44th annual Paul H. Vienna Memorial Golf Tournament was held September 8th. All proceeds from the tournament fund the Vienna Memorial Scholarship. One hundred and seven golfers enjoyed donuts, lunch, steak dinner, some golf and especially seeing old friends. BCS alum Lorrie (Smith) Histed won the women's low gross, while Fillmore's Jon Chaddock won for the men. Special thanks go out to our sponsors: Ace's Country Cupboard, Belfast Mini Storage, 3 Bums Pizza, Townline Car Wash, Harrington's ShurFine, Belfast Hotel, Allegheny Hills Golf Course, Dr. Michael Vienna and Lorraine (Vienna) Hasper. Thank you goes out 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 30 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 7, 2019.



The Middle School Student council had a meeting on 9/18/18. We talked about a Dodge Ball tournament coming up on October 12, from 3:15pm to 4:30 pm. There will be refreshments. It will be held in the gym. Any student in grades 5th – 8th who are in good academic/ behavior standing are welcome to come!

Submitted by: Middle School Reporter, Natalee Lindo





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, and out front.

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.



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.

2018-19 BCS District Calendar

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- 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

- 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
- 6/18-6/21 Regents Exam Date
- 6/24-6/26 Regents Exam Dates
- 6/26 Rating Day / Last Day of School
- 6/28 Graduation

APRIL 2019						
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Belfast Central School Blood Drive



**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**

Donate Blood And
Save Lives!



**Thursday,
October 18, 2018
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Auditorium
1 King Street
Belfast, NY 14711**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or visit
redcrossblood.org and enter:
belfastcentralschoolbelfast
to schedule an appointment.



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

**All presenting donors
will receive a free t-shirt.**

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL

Calendar of Events

October 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Spirit Week PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm	2 Spirit Week	3 Spirit Week Project KNOW Orientation	4 Spirit Week	5 Spirit Week Homecoming Assembly Freshman Class Chicken BBQ Junior class Krispy Kreme Sales Begins	6 Homecoming Dance 7pm - 10pm
7	8 No School	9 Project KNOW BOE Meeting @ 5:30pm	10 Project KNOW Parent/Child Night at 6pm Building Project Public Presentation in the Auditorium 6pm - 7:30pm	11 Project KNOW	12 Project KNOW Middle School Dodgeball	13 Cheerleading Camp
14	15	16	17	18 NHS Blood Drive Noon - 6pm	19	20 Fall Fest 5pm - 7pm
21	22	23 Capital Project Vote Noon - 8pm	24	25	26 Niagara Chocolate Sales Begins	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween Sophomore Class Beef Stick Sales Begins			

Sports Schedules

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Date	Time	Opponent
10/2	5:30 pm	@ C-R
10/3	5:30 pm	@ Fillmore
10/5	6:00 pm	Walsh
10/10	5:30 pm	Hinsdale
10/12	5:30 pm	@ Houghton
10/15	6:00 pm	@ Walsh
10/16	5:30 pm	Arkport
10/17	6:00 pm	@ Bolivar Richburg
10/19	5:30 pm	Genesee Valley

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Time	Opponent
10/1	7:00 pm	Andover
10/2	7:00 pm	Hinsdale
10/5	7:00 pm	Whitesville
10/10	7:00 pm	Friendship
10/12	5:00 pm	@Houghton

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Time	Opponent
10/3	6:00 pm	@ Andover
10/5	5:00 pm	Scio
10/9	7:00 pm	Friendship
10/12	7:00 pm	Cuba Rushford

MODIFIED SOCCER

Date	Time	Opponent
10/6	11:00 am	Bolivar Richburg
10/9	5:00 pm	Whitesville
10/10	5:00 pm	@ Wellsville
10/13	11:00 am	Genesee Valley
10/15	5:00 pm	Hinsdale



Belfast Public Library News

Belfast Library staff would like to thank community members for making our summer programs a success this year! Our 2nd Annual Birds of Prey day was well received and we had more participants this year than last. This seems to be a favorite! The lawn chair concerts and the Taste of Belfast were a lot of fun as well.

We hope everyone is enjoying the books purchased at our book sales! We had so many donations over the last few months we really needed to thin them out. ☺

We have some returning programs as well as new ones starting up this fall. Our Wednesday story time from 11 until noon for children 5 and under started back up in September, we have stories projects and snacks. We encourage you to stop in and see what it's all about! We started a new Saturday story time specifically for families, Saturdays at 11 a.m. Coffee and tea will be available for adults. All ages welcome. We have started a genre explorers reading club, we will be reading through 9 genres this school year, you get a tote bag and then earn a pin for each genre you conquer through reading. Join us for books, discussion, games and snacks the second and fourth Wednesday of each month between 4 and 5 p.m. This group is for ages 8 to 13. Also we started Project Pen Pals', a new program at the library where children will be able to work on handwriting, letter writing, and make friends with other kids in the Southern Tier Library System. The last Saturday of the month from 12-1pm, children will be given a writing prompt for their letters and we will have a discussion and play games.

We will be having a costume judging contest on Halloween night so stop in between 6 - 7pm, we will choose a winner from a couple different categories and prizes will be given!

What would you like to see at your library? What would you like to learn about? Let us know! We welcome suggestions from the community. Stop in and tell us or start a conversation on our Facebook page.

Adult

- *I've Got My Eyes on You* by Mary Higgins Clark
- *Truth or Dare* by Fern Michaels
- *Sweet Vengeance* by Fern Michaels
- *The Disappeared* by C. J. Box
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *Birthright* by Nora Roberts
- *Outsider in Amsterdam* by Janwillem Van de Wetering
- *A Light in the Window* by Jan Karon
- *Enemy of the State* by Kyle Mills
- *Lion of Babylon* by Davis Bunn
- *Shoot First (Think Later)* by Stuart Woods
- *After Anna* by Lisa Scottoline
- *The Sixth Day* by Catherine Coulter and J. T. Ellison

- *The Fallen* by David Baldacci
- *The Cutting Edge* by Jeffery Deaver
- *The 17th Suspect* by James Patterson
- *Twisted Prey* by John Sanford
- *Princess* by James Patterson
- *There There* by Tommy Orange
- *Queen of Spades* by Michael Shou-Yung Shum
- *Memorial for Barb Kartakowski*
- *Paradox* by Catherine Coulter
- *The Punishment She Deserves* by Elizabeth George
- *Pale as Death* by Heather Graham
- *The Summer Wives* by Beatriz Williams
- *Fear* by Lisa Scottoline
- *The Money Shot* by Stuart Woods
- *Tailspin* by Sandra Brown
- *Before and Again* by Barbara Delinsky
- *Murder in Paradise* by James Patterson
- *Black and Blue* by Ann Quindlen
- *People of the Longhouse* by Micheal Gear
- *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler

Adult Nonfiction

- *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine* by Anne Applebaum
- *Band of Brothers* by Stephen E. Ambrose
- *No is Not Enough* by Naomi Klein
- *A Higher Loyalty* by James Comey
- *Home Sweet Quilt* by Jill Finley (donated in memory of Janine Preston)
- *Log Cabin Fever* by Evelyn Sloppy (donated in memory of Janine Preston)
- *Let's Roll! Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage* by Lisa Beamer
- *The Briefing* by Sean Spicer
- *Only What We Could Carry: The Japanese American Internment Experience*
- *What We See in The Stars* by Kelsey Oseid

Young Adult

- *Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe
- *Beyond a Darkened Shore* by Jessica Leake
- *Jackaby series 1-4* by William Ritter
- *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor
- *Wild Bird* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- *Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young
- *Caravel* by Stephanie Garber
- *Legendary* by Stephanie Garber
- *Defy the Stars* by Claudia Gray
- *Tess of the Road* by Rachel Hartman
- *Illuminae series 1-3* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristof
- *The Fates Divide* by Veronica Roth
- *Warcross* by Marie Lu
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi

DVDs

- *Florence Nightingale*
- *Attack on Pearl Harbor: A Day of Infamy Discs 1 & 2*
- *Love Comes Softly*

- *Love Finds a Home*
- *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*
- *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*
- *Thor: Ragnarok*
- *The Great Courses: Optimizing Brain Fitness*
- *The Great Courses: Memory and the Human Lifespan*
- *The Handmaid's Tale season 1*
- *Big Little Lies season 1*
- *Three Billboards in Ebbing Montana*
- *Blacklist season 1*
- *Wonder*

Juvenile

- *The Forbidden Library* by Django Wexler
- *Frozen: A Tale of Two Sisters* by Melissa Lagonegro
- *Frozen* by Victoria Saxon
- *I'll Teach My Dog a Lot of Words* by Michael Frith
- *What Do You Wear?* By Taro Gomi
- *Little Critter's Little Sister's Birthday* by Mercer Mayer
- *A Little House Birthday* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Every Cowgirl Needs a Horse* by Rebecca Janni
- *Kenny and the Dragon* by Tony DiTerlizzi
- *Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Gray Vining
- *Across the Stream* by Mirra Ginsburg
- *Bob the Builder: Bob's Valentine Party* by Kim Ostrow
- *Come Fly with Maisy* by Lucy Cousins

Juvenile Nonfiction

- *Balderdash! John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books* by Michelle Markel
- *Sea life: A Close-Up Photographic Look Inside Your World* by Heidi Fiedler
- *Usborne Big Machines: Diggers and Cranes* by Caroline Young
- *100 Facts: Deadly Creatures* by Miles Kelly

The Trustees and Director of the Belfast Public Library would like to thank the community of Belfast for their support and participation during our Summer Lawn Chair Concert Series. It is rewarding to see familiar as well as unfamiliar faces present. We also would like to thank the following for their participation and help with our annual "Taste of Belfast" event:

Aces Restaurant
Belfast Hotel
Harrington's
GV Food Truck
Jean Snyder

Ana (Amish baked goods)
Belfast Town Board
Patty Oliver
Belfast Fire Department and Junior Firemen

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



After a thorough review of the Long-Range Facility Plan for Belfast Central School, the District is proposing a capital project that will require a renovation to the current building to increase additional academic programs, as well as address building security, and the overall organization of programs in the building. If approved, the proposed project will

- Create an auditorium with retractable seating (in current space)
- Create two new music rooms (in current multi-purpose (gymnasium) space)
- Create a secure entrance for students and visitors
- Create central office/ meeting location
- Create a new nurse's office with privacy for students
- Upgrade/ remodel all restrooms in the building
- Repair/replace cracked flooring
- Add parking on South Street (by new entrance)
- Replace wall pads in the gym
- Repair brick on the front of the building
- Replace exterior windows
- Replace classroom doors
- Install handicapped accessible push buttons on main entrance doors
- Replace wall tile
- Upgrade Home and Careers room
- Move and/or replace greenhouse

Why does the District need to change the current multi-purpose space?

The original intent of the multi-purpose room was to create a space that would meet instructional and extracurricular needs of the District. As an auditorium, the space is used for concerts, musical productions, drama productions, and student and community assemblies. As a gymnasium, the space is used for physical education classes (if available), varsity volleyball, basketball practices, indoor recess, and advisement. The multi-purpose room is also a Red Cross safety center in the event of a natural disaster. However, as the space has been utilized over several years many challenges have arose from the space being a 'multi-purpose' space. Because the current room is utilized as an auditorium and a gymnasium, there are issues with seating, program equipment, sound, physical education classes, athletic events, and scheduling for

From the Desk of Dr. Butler

extracurricular activities.

Seating. Because the space is currently a multi-purpose space, the seating does not meet the needs of the school and community when there is an event such as concert, musical, or special program. There is no useable permanent seating for large group events. There are bleachers in the room that can be pulled out for small student assemblies (which do not need to focus on the stage), volleyball matches, or opening assemblies that do not involve the stage. However, when the stage is to be utilized, there is no permanent seating in the facility. There are bleachers and BCS currently utilizes approximately 350 chairs that must be moved around and set up before any large group gathering, which involves the utilization of the auditorium stage. The District maintenance staff works diligently to set up and take down the seating whenever there is an event. The process usually takes 2-4 hours to set up and take down all the chairs, and because the space is also used during the school day, the seats can not simply be set up and left in the multi-purpose room. (For example, from August 2017-January 2018, the full seating arrangement has been set up and taken down at least 11 times, requiring approximately 44 hours of manpower to set up and take down chairs.)

How does the District intend to solve the facility issues related to the multi-purpose room?

Belfast Central would like to convert the current multi-purpose room into a true auditorium, with two new music rooms in the back of the space.

Auditorium. The creation of a true auditorium would address the seating, sound, program equipment, and many of the scheduling issues that exist in the current multi-purpose room structure. BCS would like to renovate the current space to hold approximately 500 permanent seats in a true auditorium design. If a true auditorium is created:

- Everyone would be able to attend performances, assemblies, graduation, and other events and be able to see the stage.
- An auditorium would be able to increase the realistic capacity of people who are able to attend school events.
- Adjustments will be able to be made to the sound system in the auditorium for all students to be heard during musical and theatrical performances.
- Handicapped seating will be able to be installed in the room (there currently is no designated handicapped seating for events or programs).
- The amount of labor required to set up and tear down events will be drastically decreased.

- The music department would be able to keep risers and instruments in the auditorium, which will reduce the likelihood of instruments and equipment being destroyed when being transported round the building.
- The music department will be able to rehearse in the auditorium throughout the year and not just a day or two before a performance.
- Belfast will be able to host countywide music programs, which the District is unable to do without an auditorium. This opportunity would allow the students and school to showcase the music program.
- Belfast will continue to be a community safety center in the event of a natural disaster.

Additionally, the creation of new music rooms behind the auditorium will dramatically improve the organization of the music program and support the increased number of students who are participating in the vocal and instrumental music programs. By creating music rooms connected to the auditorium, Belfast Central will be able to have increased access to their performance area. The new rooms will also be located closer to other instructional space, which will help students maneuver back and forth for music classes and lessons more easily.

Why is it necessary to move and create new offices in the District?

Unfortunately, instances of school violence have forced schools across the nation to review safety procedures and general security of schools. Over the summer, the District moved offices to the South Street entrance to create a more secure entrance. The proposed project would create a secure vestibule, which will drastically improve security beyond moving the offices to a centralized location. Visitors will be buzzed into a secure area where they will need to present a photo ID and a stated reason for entering the building. This will allow District staff to know who is in the building at all times. Visitors will not be permitted to get through the second set of doors without a reason to enter the building.

Why does BCS need more parking?

With the main entrance in a new location, there will be a need for increased parking throughout the day on South Street. Additionally, during school events such as the Back to School Picnic, family literacy nights, concerts, musicals, and graduation there is not enough parking with our current spaces. The new parking spaces will also increase parking for athletic events and allow the District and Town to make South Street a no parking area.

The new parking spots will also increase parking for community access to the newly relocated fitness center, which will be open to the community sometime during the Fall of 2018.

General Maintenance

The remainder of the capital project focuses on much needed general building maintenance and facility upgrades. The majority of the restrooms in the building need to be remodeled. We have windows in the building that have cracks, do not seal properly, or do not keep out cold temperatures. The older doors in the building are not fire rated and are not safe for potential emergencies.

The current nurse's office does not provide for privacy when a student is sick, is participating in an athletic physical, or needing any medical attention. The proposed plan would create an exam room, an office for the nurse, a separate area for a sick student, and a waiting area.

The Home and Careers room is in need of additional electrical outlets, new cupboards, new seating areas, and new appliances.

Project Cost

- Total cost of proposed project: \$5,188,035
- Estimated State Building Aid: 94.3%
 - Δ \$350,000 Capital Reserve Funds to be used toward project costs
 - Δ Average cost to the District (2022-2036): \$19,499
 - Δ Estimated impact per \$1,000 Full Value: \$0.177

Property Value	Estimated Annual Increase in Taxes
30,000	\$5.31
50,000	\$8.85
80,000	\$14.16
100,000	\$17.70

Community support for the school is critical. Maintaining our facility for our students is important to demonstrate how important they are to the community and the future of Belfast, and to instill a sense of pride in our students and school.

Belfast Central School is financially stable, and had an increase of 14 students to start the 18-19 school year. Our school is an important component in our town.

The public hearing for the proposed capital project will be on October 10, 2018 at 6:00 in the new cafeteria. The vote for the project will be on October 23, 2018 from 12:00-8:00 by the new main entrance. If you have any questions about the project please do not hesitate to contact me at 365-9940 or at wbutler@belfastcsd.org.

Belfast Central School District 2018 Capital Improvements Project



Nurse's Suite Renovation
The current administration suite will be renovated into the new nurse's suite and special education classrooms.



Home and Careers Classroom Renovation
The renovation of the Home and Careers Classroom will provide expanded work space and updated equipment for students to use.



Key Project Features

Site Improvements
New Parking Lot

Main Building Improvements

- Back Rooms
- New Windows
- Exterior Doors
- Push Button HCCP Openers
- Classroom Doors
- Bathroom Fixtures
- Wall Tile
- Terrace Revolving
- VCI Floor Replacement
- Science Classroom Renovations
- Home and Careers
- Auditorium Renovations
- Remodeling Library
- TBA/Art Area Renovations
- Special Education Classroom
- Nurse's Office

Total Referendum
\$5,188,035.00

Public Meeting
October 10, 2018
8:00 PM

Public Vote
October 23, 2018



Expanded Parking Area
The expansion of an existing parking lot into a newly sited adjacent property will provide needed parking spaces.

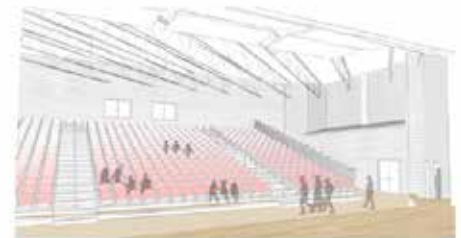
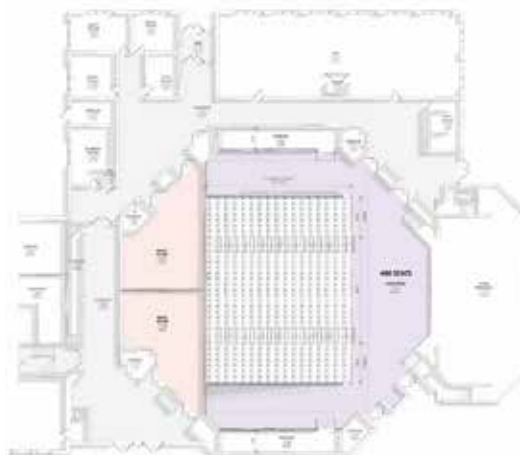
Updated Entrance Around New Entrance



New Principal's and Superintendent's Suite
The new administration suite will provide space for the administrative and support staff, and will also act as the new secure entry point for the building.



New Music Room & Multipurpose Room
The current multipurpose room will be reconfigured to include two new music rooms, and a new seating arrangement for viewing stage performances that includes 800 seats.



New Multipurpose Seating Arrangement



First Floor Key Plan

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

Back to school has brought about many exciting changes for our faculty, staff, students, and families. We are still working on demonstrating a growth mindset. I've read a story to your child's class titled "Bubble Gum Brain: Ready, Get Mindset...Grow!" This book is about two children; one with a bubble gum brain that grows and stretches, and one who has a brick brain with a fixed mindset. Throughout the story, the child with the bubble gum brain pushes himself to do things that are hard because he knows that mistakes help him grow. The other child does not push himself and talks very negatively about things that are hard for him. However, once his friend with the bubble gum brain shows him that he too has a bubble gum brain, he begins to try to tackle new challenges and grow from his mistakes. All it took was removing the wrapper, and his fixed mindset, from his own bubble gum brain. When your child struggles with a task or is unwilling to attempt a difficult problem, remind them that they can stretch their bubble gum brain just like the boys in the story!

We are also applying our growth mindset



to our behaviors with our PBIS initiative. We launched our PAWS work (Practice Safety, Act Responsibly, Work Towards Success, Show Respect) with an assembly on the first day of school. Students and teachers wore their PAWS shirts, were taught some new language (KAHFOOTY, PLANT, THINK), reviewed expectations for different areas of the school, and played a fun game of "Mrs. Hess says..." using the signals from our new voice levels poster. When students are caught having PAW-some behavior, they are rewarded with specific praise and a PAWS ticket for a chance

to earn a prize. On Fridays, one student from each elementary classroom will have the opportunity to spin the prize wheel and win a small prize. During our Family Literacy Night, we will draw for our big prizes that all students who have earned a PAWS ticket are eligible to win. I have also challenged all students to earn 1,000 PAWS tickets. When we reach 1,000 tickets, one student will be chosen to throw a pie in my face! Students have been earning tickets like crazy, so I don't think it will take long! Please feel free to reach out if you have questions about our growth mindset or PAWS work. Carry over at home will only make this more powerful!

Voice Levels	
4	Outside Voice - Playground Talk
3	Loud Proud Voice - Presentation Talk
2	Quiet Voice - Table Talk
1	Whisper Voice - Partner Talk
0	Silent Voice - Voices Off



THINK Before YOU speak!	
T	is it TRUE?
H	is it HELPFUL?
I	is it INSPIRING?
N	is it NECESSARY?
K	is it KIND?

BELFAST BULLDOGS

P ractice Safety
A ct Responsibly
W ork toward Success
S how Respect



Let's PLANT Good Listeners	
Position your Body	
Listen	
Ask & Answer Questions	
Nod Your Head	
Track the Speaker	

Belfast Bulldogs have PAWS!	Classroom & Specials	Hallway & Common Areas	Cafeteria	Bus	Bathrooms	Playground	Special Events
Practice Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Walk Chair legs on the floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Walk Eyes forward Stay to the right Stay in a line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Walk Place tray gently in window Leave belongings at seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Wait your turn Sit up straight Feet on floor Keep food and drink in backpack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Wash Hands Keep water in sink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Stay in your designated areas See it, Say it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Follow attention signals
Act Responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use and return materials Do your best Be prepared and on time Report problems to adults Tell the truth Accept consequences PLANT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAHFOOTY Walk Place tray gently in window Leave belongings at seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself Stay in seat Tell the truth Accept consequences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep track of belongings Report problems to driver Tell the truth Accept consequences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up your mess Use 3 paper towel pumps Use 1 pump of soap Go, flush, wash, leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use equipment properly Listen for signal Line up quickly Tell the truth Accept consequences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLANT Tell the truth Accept consequences
Work toward Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Have a growth mindset Greet others Use positive tone and body language Work together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Use silent greetings Use positive tone and body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Say, "please" and "thank you" Use positive tone and body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Greet driver Say, "thank you" Use positive tone and body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Use positive tone and body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Include others Play fair Use positive tone and body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THINK Use positive body language
Show Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 0-3 Follow adult directions Raise hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 0-1 Follow adult directions Share the hallway Hold doors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 1-2 Follow adult directions Raise hand Wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 0-1 Follow driver directions Keep bus clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 0-1 Wait your turn Knock on door before entering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 0-4 Follow adult directions Take turns Share equipment Listen to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice 0-4 Follow adult directions

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

Thank you to all our families for your attendance at and support of our Back to School Picnic. This is such a great opportunity for everyone to get together to kick off the school year. I always look forward to seeing our students as they return from summer vacation.

In keeping with our focus on a **Growth Mindset**, something we have been stressing with our staff and students for the past few years, I thought I would touch on Math. We have all heard (or maybe even said) "I can't do math, I'm just no good at it." Instead of using this type of statement, if we follow a **Growth Mindset** we would add "yet," and then see what we can or need to do to make it so that we can do "it."

Growth Mindset in Math

In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and 'smartness' can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math, that translates into "some



people are good at math, and some are not." Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child's ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a

growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help? Some simple ways:

- Adding "yet" when they claim they are "not good at this" (Respond: "You are not good at this yet.")
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. *What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?*)
- Model this yourself as you share about your day

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me either by phone 585-365-8285 or email mroche@belfastcsd.org. Thank you for all you do to support your child in his/her education and extra-curricular activities.



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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
- Safe School Tip Line (leave a message).... 365-2053
- Website..... www.belfast.wnyric.org

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.



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.

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

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.

