



Belfast

Central School District

Newsletter

“a school dedicated to excellence”

3rd Annual Back to School Picnic

Many volunteers and BCS faculty and staff created a welcome environment for students and families on August 29 under balmy skies. Hot dogs, chips and watermelon were consumed. Sno cones, cotton candy and popcorn were unlimited and free. A castle bounce house and an elevated jousting station set the tone for our September reading project, “Kenny and the Dragon.” Each family received a castle themed passport for opportunities to win prizes donated by staff and faculty.

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

J.D. Struckmann, a new vocal instructor at Belfast, commented that the smiling faces he encountered at the picnic were a very valuable welcome for his family and made Belfast feel like home.

Sixth grader, Sondra Guilford, reported that the picnic made her less sad about summer ending and returning to school seems like a good idea after all.

The Belfast Lions Club, The Belfast PTO, The Belfast Teachers Association, Literacy West NY, Inc./CORE and several individuals donated money 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.



Belfast Central School's Mission Statement

The mission of the Belfast Central School is to work together to provide a comprehensive, equitable, and quality education for all students based on the belief that all children can and will learn. The community, faculty, staff, parents, and students will cooperatively foster each individual's intellectual, moral, social, civic, and physical development so that Belfast Central School will continue to be looked upon as an example of excellence in rural education in New York State.

KENNY THE DRAGON



“When a whole community reads a book, there’s a lot to talk about.”

We had a great time reading *KENNY & THE DRAGON*, and we hope you did, too! At school, we enjoyed the Medieval-themed decorations, daily trivia and prizes, taste-testing corn chowder (thanks to Mrs. Marsh), listening to classical music with Mr. Struckman, and our Friday assemblies full of reading, javelin throwing, relay racing, and much more. Thanks to all who participated and those who came out to our Family Literacy Night to celebrate our One School, One Book event.



KENNY THE DRAGON CORN CHOWDER

Courtesy Mrs. Charlotte Marsh

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup diced bacon
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 3 cups cream-style corn
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups half-and-half



Directions

1. Place the bacon in a large pot over medium-high heat, and cook until crisp. Drain and crumble, reserving about 2 tablespoons drippings in the pot.
2. Mix potatoes and onion into the pot with the crumbled bacon and reserved drippings. Cook and stir 5 minutes. Pour in the water, and stir in corn. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and cover pot. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until potatoes are tender.
3. Warm the half-and-half in a small saucepan until it bubbles. Remove from heat before it boils, and mix into the chowder just before serving.

**I WANT YOU
FOR BELFAST PTO**

We appreciate all of you
for coming to our meetings and helping at our events.

We also need more of you to join us at the meetings where we plan events, award scholarships, and brainstorm new ways we can help the school community together.

This year, all PTO members can enter a raffle for a \$50 local gift certificate.	Help at an event = 1 ticket Attend a meeting = 1 ticket Bring someone to a meeting = +1 ticket
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IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please remind your child that they are required to be IN first period class at 8:05 a.m.

Note that excused and unexcused Absent, Tardy, and Early Dismissal dates are documented. At the end of each quarter a letter will be sent home with report cards to inform parents of attendance dates. Excuses are required in order to change "A"=(Absent) to "E"= (Absent Excused), and "T"= (Tardy) to "L"=(Tardy Excused). Excuses should be sent in within 24 hours of returning to school. A list of excused absences is in the student handbook.

When a parent request is made for a student to be excused early for a Doctor/ Dentist/Ortho/Counseling/ Professional visit, a note from the professional's office should be turned in to the school within 24 hours of returning to school. You may also request doctor's notes be faxed to 585-365-2648. You do not have to take your child to a doctor to have an illness excused. A note stating that your child is ill, briefly tell why (symptoms), with a signature and dates of absence is still an acceptable excuse.

Please call Amy Bonning Smith 365-2646 ext. 1008, with any questions regarding school attendance.

KIDS CLUBS!

WHAT TO EXPECT IN OCTOBER:

- A FIELD TRIP TO THE GREAT PUMPKIN FARM
- MAD SCIENCE ACTIVITIES
- HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES
- A HALLOWEEN THEMED FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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.



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.

Breakfast Reminder



If buses are late the students are welcome to take time to eat breakfast. If there is a two-hour delay, no breakfast will be served.



Fall Festival for All!

Hosted by the Belfast PTO

**Saturday,
October 21st
5:00 - 7:00pm**

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

**Spaghetti Dinner
Chinese Auction
Kids Games
Face Painting
Fall-Themed Pictures**

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

Questions?

Please contact Mary Guilford
at 585-307-7130

Dental Care at Universal Primary Care

***NOW ACCEPTING
NEW PATIENTS***

- Accepts almost all insurances
- **No insurance?**
A Sliding fee scale is available for qualifying families or individuals
- Universal Primary Care is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
- For those in our area who may not have a dentist, our mission is to offer a dental home where compassionate, competent care is provided.
- Hours:
 - Δ Monday: 8AM - 6PM
 - Δ Tuesday: 8AM - 6PM
 - Δ Thursday: 8AM - 6PM
 - Δ Friday: 8AM - 6PM

Universal Primary Care
9864 Luckey Drive
Houghton, NY 14744
Ph: (716) 375-7500

Help us
get more smiles
in the yearbook!

Upload your photos of school events to
community.lifetouch.com

Enter your school's code:
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Uploaded images will be considered for the yearbook.
Please submit photos that are at least 300 dpi to ensure acceptable print quality for the yearbook.
Note: Photos from social media websites may not be acceptable quality. Please consider this when uploading images.

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Boys' Varsity Soccer Tournament

The Belfast Central School Boys' Varsity Soccer team came out on top after a two-day tournament played on August 30 and September 11, 2017.

All Star awards went to: Adam Enders, Alex Enders and Eli Broshar, and the MVP was Isiah Leiseur.

The Power of YET!

Student: "I can't do this problem"
Teacher: "Yet, you can't do that problem yet."

Imagine having the knowledge and confidence that someone will be there to help you when you are having a hard time in school. That is the power of YET. Throughout the school year, our teachers and students will be fostering a growth mind-set through the power of YET.

As we begin the 2017-18 school year, it is my job to support our students and staff to create a culture that supports learning and high standards for academic achievement. Students are able to achieve at high levels when we expect them to rise to the challenge and provide support to accomplish their goals. To support these tasks our teachers are working to review and update our curriculum across grad levels and content areas, revamping our Response to Intervention (RTI) programs and services, and participating in professional development to support student learning.

Our goal is to help all students achieve to their potential. With that in mind, we plan to work with families to communicate our expectations for all students and work together to support their needs. If you have questions about what your child is learning or is expected to do in his/her classes, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher. Students are the most successful when the school and families work together to support their growth and success!

Dr. Butler, Superintendent

From the Desk of Mrs. Hess

Hello! For those of you who do not know who I am, I am the new Elementary (PreK-4) Principal and the Director of Pupil Services. The month of September has been a very busy and exciting time in our building! I have been able to introduce myself in every classroom and shared one of my family's favorite books, Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel. I have been seeing great teaching in each and every classroom that I've visited. The teachers of Belfast Central School are working very hard to align our curriculum, are exploring new curriculum options and best teaching practices, and growing their skills through professional development opportunities.

One common theme you will see throughout our classrooms is THE POWER OF YET! Your children are learning that people with a growth mind-set learn from their mistakes, don't give up when things get tough, and are always working to improve themselves. If you hear any of these "fixed mind-set" statements from your child while they're working, encourage them to rephrase their statements using the power of yet!

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to getting to know the Belfast community!

From the Desk of Mr. Roche

The 2017-18 school year has gotten off to a great start. It was really great to see all of our students back in school ready for another year of learning. It really is an exciting time for everyone; students, families, teachers and staff, we look with great anticipation each year for the return of students to the school. As we begin the year here are a few important study tips to help your son/daughter stay focused and do well during the year.

Students

- Don't wait until the last minute to do that assignment or project.
- Use an agenda to write down assignments and stay on top of things.
- Stay organized, there is nothing more frustrating than looking for that assignment as the school bus is coming down the road to pick you up.
- Make study cards for difficult tasks or lessons.
- If you are struggling, ask for help. Your teachers are always willing to help out students in need.
- Make academics a focus in your life. Your education is an important investment in your future, make the most of it.
- Manage your time.


Parents/families

- Don't just ask your student, "Did you have/do your homework?" Be specific, what are you learning in Math, Social Studies, Earth Science...
- "What was your homework for tonight? Really, you didn't have any math homework tonight? Math teachers ALWAYS assign homework."

If in doubt check in with a friend or email the teacher. Also make sure you have signed up for Parent portal, it is a great way to monitor your child's progress. Mrs. Warner in the Guidance Office can assist you if needed.


As always, feel free to contact me at the school if you have questions or concerns.

10 Growth Mindset Statements



FIXED MINDSET

What can I say to myself?



GROWTH MINDSET

INSTEAD OF:	TRY THINKING:
I'm not good at this.	1 What am I missing?
I'm awesome at this.	2 I'm on the right track.
I give up.	3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
This is too hard.	4 This may take some time and effort.
I can't make this any better.	5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
I just can't do Math.	6 I'm going to train my brain in Math.
I made a mistake.	7 Mistakes help me to learn better.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.	8 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
It's good enough.	9 Is it really my best work?
Plan "A" didn't work.	10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

BCS Welcomes Our New Staff!



Susan Garmon, Librarian, BOCES



Bernice Forster, Elementary Art, BOCES



Back row - John-David Struckmann, Music; Christopher Enlow, Math 7-12; Jason Robichaud, Spec. Ed.; Amy Morey, Special Education, 4-6; Matthew Snyder, Band; **Front row** - Sharon McGarvey, School Psychologist, BOCES; Jessica Hess, K-4 Principal/Director of Pupil Services; Maria Rhone, Art

Christopher Enlow

I attended Panama Central School in Panama, NY. I earned my college degrees from Houghton College. I moved from Panama, and now live in Olean.

The small school atmosphere is something I feel very comfortable in, and I thought Belfast School would be an excellent fit for what I have to offer as an educator.

I'm a big sports guy! And I love to travel and have already been to multiple countries.

Bernice Forster

I graduated from Medina High School, and attended elementary school in Holley, NY and always loved living in the country. I earned a Graphic Design degree from Mohawk Valley Community College, and my Art Education degree from Buffalo State College. I have taught art at St. Aloysius School in Springville, Holland Elementary School, Parkdale Elementary in East Aurora, and as a substitute art teacher in Iroquois, NY. Recently I worked as a graphic artist in Elma, NY laying out ads for RW Publications. Living in the country is important to my family, too, as my older son in an environmental engineer, and my

younger son works in the Allegany National Forest. I am very happy to be living in the country again, and look forward to teaching art to the students in Belfast, NY.

Susan Garmon

I have been a BOCES librarian for Bolivar-Richburg, Whitesville, Andover, Olean, Salamanca, Cattaraugus-Little Valley, Allegany-Limestone and Andover schools, and am excited to get to know the children at Belfast Central. I graduated from Clarion University of PA., and lived in Ellwood City, PA before moving to the Town of Wirt. In my free time I enjoy quilting and swimming. I also like to travel, and have been to Europe, China, Australia, Hawaii, Alaska, and many of our western National Parks. I look forward to an exciting year with my new Belfast friends!

Jessica Hess

I am the new Elementary Principal (PreK-4) and Director of Pupil Services at Belfast Central School. I am so excited to be here and am looking forward to meeting and working with the wonderful people I have heard so much about! I have lived in Hornell my entire life and graduated from Hornell High

School. I then went on to attend and graduate from Alfred State and Alfred University with degrees in Early Childhood/Childhood Education and Literacy. I have previously worked at Andover Central School and Canisteo Greenwood Central School. I have taught 1st grade, 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade, and K-7 math and reading intervention. I have also been a school board member for the Hornell City School District for the past two years. I have always had a love for small schools. The relationships that you can build and the closeness of the school and the community have always been appealing to me. I am excited to work closely with the community of BCS to provide our children with as many opportunities as possible. I have a wonderful husband, Mike, who I met in high school. We have two children; Kolby who is 14 and a freshman and Riley who is 12 and entering 7th grade at Hornell High School. We also have an energetic 3-year-old wheaten terrier, Khloe. In my free time I enjoy working out, walking my dog, reading, shopping, traveling, and spending time with my family and friends. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself at any time!

Sharon McGarvey

I recently moved from Iowa with my husband who is a Professor of music at Houghton College. We are enjoying the beautiful scenery and wonderful people we have met so far here in New York. I have been a school psychologist for "lots" of years in Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. I am looking forward to being part of the Belfast School Community and supporting students, teachers, and families. My oldest daughter was recently married and lives with her husband in San Francisco where she is finishing up her music therapy internship. Our youngest daughter lives in Guinea, West Africa and is involved with women's ministries to college age students. My husband and I love to travel and entertain. Looking forward to getting to know you and working with you this school year.

Amy Morey

I grew up in Elma, NY and graduated from Iroquois High School. I went to school at Medialle College and graduated with a B.S. in business. I worked in banking for many, many years – until a

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Amy Morey (cont'd)

career change in 2009 when I went to Houghton for teaching. I graduated in 2011 and started teaching (BOCES) in an 8:1:1 classroom. I have been a special education teacher for 6 years and have taught 2nd-6th graders. I also have my MSed in Literacy from Walden university.

My husband and I (Luke and Autumn) have lived in town for close to 5 years. We have been in the area for close to 13 years. I did my student teaching here at Belfast and the staff were phenomenal. My children (niece and nephews as well) have attended here for many years and the teachers have been remarkable as well. When I heard of the opening (and knowing it was right around the corner) – I had to apply! I am so very excited to be working with some amazing people and look forward to fantastic school year! I enjoy hiking the state land (by the Hanging Bog), watching movies with my family, and traveling.

Maria Rhone

I grew up and went to school in Grand Island, NY. I went to Buffalo State College where I earned my bachelor and master's degrees.

I came to Belfast as an elementary art teacher, and am excited to now be the high school teacher. I have always enjoyed spending time in this area, especially at Rushford Lake, where my parents live.

I enjoy spending time with my husband, son, family, and friends. I also love hiking, cooking, and making art. And I look forward to a great year here at Belfast Central School.

Jason Robichaud

I grew up in Cambria, New York and attended Starpoint Central Schools K-12. I graduated from Buffalo State College with a Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education and I'm currently finishing my Master's in Education degree in Differentiated Instruction: Gifted Education and Students with Disabilities. My wife and I moved back to New York after teaching in South Carolina and we

landed in Allegany County. The strong sense of community and teamwork influenced my decision to continue educating in Belfast and making Allegany County our home. Hunting, kayaking, sports, outdoor recreation and traveling to new places are my biggest hobbies.

Matthew Snyder

Hello, my name is Matthew Snyder and I am Belfast Central School's new instrumental music teacher. I was born and raised in a small town called Lisbon, NY; which is near the border of Canada on the St. Lawrence River. I have just recently graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education with a concentration of saxophone. I have completely relocated myself to the area and Belfast Central School and am very excited to be a part of the school and town community! The community is very home-like. Growing up in a small town has its own special and unique feeling and it's great to feel like I'm at home. In my free time I enjoy boating, fishing and hunting, especially growing up on the St. Lawrence River. I look forward to having a successful year and to continue to grow our music program for years to come!

J.D. Struckmann

I went to Royalton-Hartland High School, in Middleport, NY. I then attended Valparaiso University where I earned my bachelor's degree, and Queens College – CUNY where I earned my master's degree.

I have lived all around the country; Houston, TX, Queens, NY, Westwood, NJ, Cleveland, OH and Lockport, NY. I had a desire to live and teach great students in a small town in Western New York, that I could no longer able to deny. Not to mention an urge to rake leaves and shovel snow. So here I am! When I am not teaching, raking leaves and shoveling snow, I enjoy fly-fishing, making music, cooking and reading.

*Welcome to
Our Team!*

Sandy Miller's First Grade Class

To kick off the school year, our first graders whipped up a batch of homemade play-doh. All of the kids were very helpful when it came to measuring, pouring, mixing, and playing. In our classroom we'll use play-doh all year to help with our handwriting, math, sight words, and science. Of course, it is also a favorite play center as well on rainy days.



Belfast Public Library News

During the month of October, the Belfast Public Library is pleased to present the Ninth Annual Quilt Show by the Northern Allegany County Quilters (NACQ). This show primarily consists of quilts made for the Buffalo Children's Hospital in 2017. The Show items contain a mixture of traditional and unique quilting patterns and several quilting styles.

In August, we said good-bye to Michele Gilbert and wished her well as she and her husband move to their new home. Although Michele will be greatly missed, we are pleased to welcome a new clerk, Sheila Weaver. Please stop in and say hello.

Hold Items: We are no longer able to keep "Hold Items", waiting for Patrons to pick up, for more than 10 days. If items are not checked out within that time period, we must return them to our shelves or to the owning library. We attempt to notify each patron by phone when their items are available in Belfast. Please check with a library clerk to make sure we have your correct phone number and e-mail address. Thank you!

Trick and Treat at the Children's Annex on October 31st. Stop by starting at 6pm for entertainment and goodies.

We look forward to hosting the York Penn Doll Show in November. Please check our website www.belfastpubliclibrary.org or facebook page for library news and events.

Adult Fiction

- Two Nights by Kathy Reichs
- Down a Dark Road by Linda Castillo
- Wired by Julie Garwood
- The Late Show by Michael Connelly
- Secrets of the Tulip Sisters by Susan Mallery
- Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber
- Barely Legal by Stuart Woods and Parnell Hall
- Seeing Red by Sandra Brown
- Exposed by Lisa Scottoline
- Watch Me Disappear by Janelle Brown
- Almost Sisters by Josilyn Johnson
- Y is for Yesterday by Sue Grafton
- Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin
- The Break Down by B. A. Paris
- I Know a Secret by Tess Gerritsen
- Shoes for Anthony by Emma Kennedy
- Secrets in Death by J. D. Robb
- Need to Know by Fern Michaels
- The Right Time by Danielle Steel
- Love Story by Karen Kingsbury
- Glass Houses by Louise Penny

Adult Non-Fiction

- Tobias of the Amish by E. Stutzman donated by Wendy Davenport
- A Little Girl's War by Wendy Appleton
- Evacuees by Geoffrey Lee Williams
- American Warrior by Gary O'Neal
- Lords of the Sky by Dan Hampton
- Obedient Unto Death by Werner Kindler
- If the Allies Had Fallen by D. Showalter & H. Deutsch
- Who Cooked the Last Supper? by Rosalind Miles
- We Were Eagles – Volume Two by Martin W. Bowman
- The American Bomber Boys by Martin W. Bowman
- The Mother of All Questions by Rebecca Solnit – donated by Dan Fox
- Submarine – An Illustrated History by Christopher Smith
- Korea Reborn – A Grateful Nation
- Flying Warbirds – by Cory Graff
- Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

Adult DVDs

- The Science of Natural Healing by Dr. Mimi Guarneri
- Gifted
- The Office Complete Set, 9 Seasons
- Coat of Many Colors – donated by Sue Topor
- The 5th Quarter – donated by the Krzos family
- Doc Martin – The Movies (2)
- Touching Home – donated by the Krzos Family

CDs – Music donated by Lawn Chair Concert performers

- You Just Never Know by Ernie and Andy Lawrence
- Arcane Country by Pat Kane

Young Adult Fiction

- Halo - Graphic Novel by Lee Hammock

Memorial Gifts

- Donation given in Memory of Phil Rice by Allegany Co. Fireman's Association in honor of his Past Presidency
- Sulfur Springs by William Kent Kruger given by Monica Arnold in memory of Esther Fairbanks

- The Cutaway by Christina Kovac given by Sharon Collins in memory of Dewey and Davis families
- Books given by Friends of Amy Shafer Gerrish in her memory:
- The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
- Room by Emma Donoghue
- The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff
- Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks
- A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy

Additional New Children's Books from the Brownstone Book Grant

- Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems
- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
- Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
- Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
- The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
- A Lucky Author Has a Dog by Mary Lyn Ray
- Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice de Regniers
- The Midnight Library by Kazuno Kohara
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
- Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
- Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
- Mouse Cookies and More by Laura Numeroff
- Mouse Was Mad by Linda Urban
- Mr. Pusskins and Little Whiskers by Sam Lloyd
- Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Peasant by Charlotte Zolotow
- Mrs. Spitzer's Garden by Edith Pattou
- Olive and the Bad Mood by Tor Freeman
- Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson
- Owen & Mzee by Isabella Hatkoff
- The Paperboy by Dav Pikey
- Pete's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats
- Polar Bear Night by Lauren Thompson
- Pretzel by Margret Rey

Library Hours

As of February 1, 2017, the Children's Annex will open the same hours as the Main building.

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



2017-18 BCS District Calendar

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	School Closed
	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	Early Dismissal
	Staff Development Day
	Regents Exams & Gr. 3-8 Testing

Dates to Remember:

- 8/28 Staff Dev. Day (Teachers)
- 8/29 Staff Dev. Day (All Staff)
- 9/4 Labor Day - School Closed
- 9/5 First Day for Students
- 10/6 Early Dismissal (12:30 p.m. - Gr. K-6)
- 10/6 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr. K-6)
- 10/9 Columbus Day - School Closed
- 11/10 Veterans' Day - School Closed
- 11/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(Gr. PreK-12) No Students
- 11/21 Staff Dev. Day (No Students)
- 11/22-24 Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/22 Early Dismissal (2 p.m. - PreK-12)
- 12/25-1/1 Winter Recess
- 1/12 Staff Dev. Day
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/23-26 Regents Exams
- 2/19-23 Winter Recess
- 3/15 Open House
- 3/29 Early Dismissal (2 p.m. - PreK-12)
- 3/30-4/6 Spring Recess
- 4/11-13 Grade 3-8 Testing
- 5/1-4 Grade 3-8 Testing
- 5/25 Early Dismissal (2 p.m. - PreK-12)
- 5/28 Memorial Day
- 6/12-21 Regents Exams
- 6/21 Last Day of School (PreK - 6)
- 6/22 Graduation

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL

Calendar of Events

- Boys' Var. Soccer (Red)
- Girls' Var. Soccer (Purple)
- Boys' Mod. Soccer (Blue)
- Girls' Mod. Soccer (Green)
- Girls' Volleyball (Cyan)

October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Girls' Mod. Soccer (Cuba-Rushford) 5pm</i> <i>Boys' Mod. Soccer @ Bolivar-Richburg 5pm</i> <i>Boys' Var. Soccer @ Bolivar-Richburg 5pm</i>	3 <i>Girls' Volleyball @ Fillmore 5:30pm</i> <i>Girls' Var. Soccer (Scio) 7pm</i>	4 <i>Boys' Mod. Soccer (Fillmore) 5pm</i> <i>Boys' Var. Soccer @ Scio 7pm</i>	5 <i>Girls' Volleyball (Hinsdale) 5:30pm</i> <i>Girls' Var. Soccer @ Hinsdale 5pm</i> <i>Girls' Mod Soccer (Fillmore) 5pm</i> Kindergarten Family Night	6 Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal K-6 @ 12:30pm <i>Boys' Var. Soccer (Scio) 7pm</i> <i>Girls' Volleyball (Walsh) 6pm</i> <i>Girls' Var. Soccer (Cuba-Rushford) 5pm</i> Homecoming Weekend	7 Homecoming Weekend <i>Girls' Mod. Soccer @ Whitesville 10am</i> <i>Boys' Mod. Soccer @ Whitesville 10am</i> Old Timers Game 7pm
8	9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day 	10 <i>Boys' Var. Soccer (Houghton) 7pm</i> Board of Education Meeting PTO Meeting	11 <i>Girls' Volleyball @ Houghton 5:30pm</i>	12 <i>Girls' Mod. Soccer (Friendship) 5pm</i> <i>Boys' Mod. Soccer (Friendship) 5pm</i> <i>Boys' Var. Soccer (Whitesville) 7pm</i>	13 <i>Girls' Volleyball (Charles Finney School) 6pm</i> <i>Girls' Var. Soccer @ Whitesville 5pm</i>	14 <i>Boys' Mod. Soccer (Houghton) 10am</i>
15	16	17 <i>Girls' Volleyball @ Bolivar-Richburg 5:30pm</i>	18 <i>Girls' Volleyball (Genesee-Valley) 5:30pm</i>	19 Blood Drive 1-6pm	20 <i>Girls' Volleyball (Cuba-Rushford) 5:30pm</i>	21 PTO Fall Festival
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Kid's Club Family Night</i>	31 Halloween! 				

HOMECOMING 2017

THEME - TASTE THE VICTORY

- Each class will make a banner for Friday night's homecoming games.
 - Banners are made out of sheets, instead of paper.
 - Judging will be Friday morning at 8:00 am
 - Classes may start their banners Friday 9/29/17
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- Elementary - Make a banner or decorate your classroom door with the homecoming theme.
 - Classrooms judged on Thursday morning 10/5/17
 - Pizza party for the winner.

SPIRIT WEEK DRESS ACCORDINGLY

10/2 - Monday	American Day
10/3 - Tuesday	Holiday
10/4 - Wednesday	Disney
10/5 - Thursday	Hawaiian Day
10/6 - Friday	Red and White Day
Assembly Friday 2:30 - 3:08pm for Grades 7-12	

Friday - 10/6 - Homecoming Dance

- Freshman Class Chicken BBQ from 3:15 - 6pm (cafeteria) presale tickets
- Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Cuba-Rushford 5pm
- Girls' Volleyball vs. Walsh 6pm
- Boys' Varsity Soccer vs. Scio 7pm

Saturday - 10/7

- Boys' Modified Soccer @ Whitesville 10am
- Girls' Modified Soccer @ Whitesville 10am
- Old Timers Game 7pm
(Contact Mark Sullivan for more details)

The Rise of E-Cigarettes Free Presentation

October 19, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Holiday Valley Inn and Resort,
Ellicottville NY**

**Free of Charge &
Open to the Public**

This presentation will provide an overview of the public health challenges of e-cigarettes in the United States, including patterns of use among youth and adults, potential harmful and beneficial impacts at the individual and population levels, advertising and marketing for these products, and public health interventions to minimize potential harms on public health. This presentation will include data and information from the recently released U.S. Surgeon General's Report on e-cigarette use among youth and young adults.

Register Online at
www.eventbrite.com

Deadline to Register is 10/12/17

Vienna Memorial Golf Tournament Great Success!

The 43rd annual Paul H. Vienna Memorial Golf Tournament was held September 9th. All proceeds from the tournament fund the Vienna Memorial Scholarship. Ninety-six golfers enjoyed donuts, lunch, steak dinner, some golf and especially seeing old friends. Two BCS alumni won the individual championships. Bryce Schuld won the men's low gross and Lorrie (Smith) Histed won the women's low gross. 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 and Dr. Michael Vienna. Past Vienna recipient Amy (Shafer) Gerrish was honored with releasing 22 balloons in her memory. Thank you goes out to all the volunteers that worked the tournament. Many 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 8, 2018.



A night of Fall Fun
Oct 27

CIDER
doughnuts
games
bonfire
scavenger hunt

sponsored by
Lifeway
youth center

leaving from Lifeway youth center at 4:30 pm - permission slip required
For ages 11 to 19

visit **Lifeway** facebook page for details



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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.



BCS Department Updates

Elementary Art Room

Students in Kindergarten created torn paper collages using primary colors, while 1st graders are working on abstract portraits. Second graders are working on a Matisse inspired cut paper collage, learning the vocabulary terms positive and negative space, overlapping, and texture.

Grades 3 & 4 are creating Paul Klee inspired compositions using repeating patterns and geometric shapes. Grades 5 & 6 are designing banyan trees, which are trees native to India. Their colorful designs will be displayed when finished. Students are using oil pastels to create a reflection of the trees. All students have been very busy in art, and there are some wonderful artists at Belfast Elementary School.

Middle School/High School Art Room

Students are working on self-portraits of themselves. They are depicting parts of their personality using images and symbols.

Band Room

A lot of what's been going on in the band side of the program has been establishing ensembles and relationships between teacher and students. It's been a little hectic and very exciting trying to get everything ready for students to start playing, but we have finally arrived there! Everyone has instruments now, and I'm just waiting for last minute orders to get here. Starting the week of the 18th, lessons will begin!

Music Room

Exciting things are happening in the music room at BCS. Students are engaged in lots of new and fun games, songs and learning experiences. Much time has been given to establishing procedures and expectations that will set the tone for great music making in the years to come. One special treat is the revival of teaching the BCS school song to all the students.

Mr. Struckmann, his wife and younger son, Stephen are grateful for the warm welcome that they have received from the entire BCS community.