



Belfast

Central School District

Newsletter

"a school dedicated to excellence"

The Lion King Jr.

"Congratulations to the cast and crew of our musical performances (on December 8 & 9). What a great job everyone did from costume and set design to singing, acting, directing and conducting. It was another example of what can be accomplished when everyone works together. Great job."

Principal Michael Roche



Additional
Play Photos
shown on
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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.



Superintendent's Corner

Assessments

Why do we assess students?

- Assessments are a tool to determine if students have learned information that has been presented. Assessments also help teachers and administrators determine if we are providing students with the correct information they need to be successful readers, writers, and mathematicians.

Are all students expected to master the same information?

- No. Our job is to help students learn at their own rate and help them be successful. Every child is different and will master skills at their own pace. Our job is to help them learn from their mistakes and grow as learners.

NYS 3-8 Assessments

- The NYS ELA and math assessments in grades 3-8 fill a federal education requirement. The NYS Department of Education has made changes to the 3-8 assessments over the last three years to help ease stress, for students and teachers, which was associated with the tests in the past.
 - During the 2015-16 school year, the time limits were removed from the assessments and students are now able to have as much time as they need to complete the assessment.
 - During the 2016-17 school year, the number of assessment questions was reduced for both the ELA and math assessments.
 - For this year's assessments, the number of days used for assessment administration was reduced from three to two days, which reduces testing time and missed instructional time. The Commissioner of Education has listened to feedback from parents and teachers to make the assessments a much more reasonable task.
- The NYS assessments are one measure to see what skills a student has learned. The assessments do not determine if a student advances to the next grade level.

Regents Exams

- Regents exams are the only state assessments which have an impact on grade placement and ultimately graduation.
- Students must pass Regents exams to earn a diploma in New York State. These are the only high stakes assessments required of our students.

As we move into the second half of the year, it is important to remember that our students follow our lead regarding NYS assessments. If we encourage them to do their best and not stress over the assessments, our children will follow our lead. If you have questions about assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, principal, or me.

Dr. Butler, Superintendent

From the Desk of Mr. Roche

It is hard to believe how quickly the 2017-18 school year is going, in just a few weeks we will be ending the second marking period! Hopefully, you all had a restful holiday season.

Hopefully you were able to catch one of *The Lion King Jr.* performances or the holiday concerts in December. I am always amazed at the amount of talent we have in a small school. Thanks for your continued support of our fine arts programs.

Our winter sports season is well under way, so please check the district's web page for upcoming basketball games. I know that our athletes would love to look up in the stands and see them filled with cheering fans.

As we enter the cold, dark days of winter I hope that all of you take the time to take care of yourselves.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Where can I find BOE meeting minutes?

With the implementation of the new District webpage, all of the Board of Education meeting minutes are now posted on the site at www.belfastcsd.org. Additionally, each month the district will print copies and make them available in public places in town, such as the public library, the town hall, and Ace's.

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.



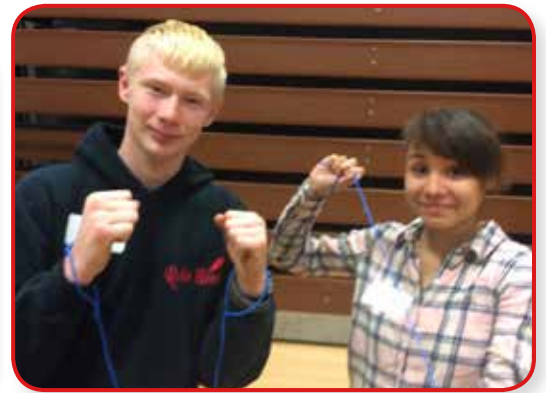
**For sale by the Junior class
beginning January 8th!**

Sources of Strength

Twenty seven students, administrators, school board members, faculty and support staff were trained on Monday, December 4 at BCS for year two of Sources of Strength. The University of Rochester continues to track data and developments for this evidence based suicide prevention program. Senator Cathy Young gifted the program to BCS in 2016. Locally, Salamanca High School is also funded for the program. Peer leaders and adult advisors meet on a regular basis and develop interactive activities that focus on hope, health and strength.

Peer leader, Mack Cox, was impressed by the emphasis on fun at the training. Sources of Strength veteran, Julia Lindo, felt that identifying trusted adults and developing strengths is the best way to counterbalance the drama often prevalent in a high school setting. Emily Nelson, a new school counselor at BCS who is funded by a grant from the New York State Education Dept. through Literacy West NY, Inc./CORE, likes the proactive approach using the strength wheel. Emily is enthusiastic about working with BCS students and feels warmly received by the BCS community.

BCS students who completed the training are: *Alicia Borden, Caleb Caiazza, Hailie Cantrell, Mack Cox, Kylie Francis, Carter Guilford, Christianna Hansgen, Aidan Heaney, Nate Hill, Nate Hurd, Elisa Houser, Julia Lindo, Sarah Lindo, Christian Lingenfelter, Adison Male, Junie Shaw, Cierra Wallace, Matt Weaver, Keltsie Francis, Kayleigh Blocho, Kyle Comstock, Stephen Struckmann, Hanah Helms, Colton Gaddy, Emma Sullivan, Danielle Cassidy and Cassandra Hadaway.*



New Friends in Pre-School

One of Mrs. Ross's favorite stories to share with Preschoolers is *The Little Red Hen*.

Mrs. Ross reads multiple versions of the story and the children talk about how the stories are the same and how they are different.

In each story, the Little Red Hen asks her animal friends "Who will help me?", but they say "Not I". After each refusal, she says "Then I will" or "Then I'll do it myself." AND SHE DID! (Mrs. Ross's favorite 3 words!)

In the end, she bakes something delicious like bread or cake, and then the animals want to help eat it. In some stories she shares, in others she does not. We discuss who would share with their friends even if they hadn't helped.

At the end of our story unit, we bring in a REAL HEN to compare her to the hen in our story. Does a real hen plant and cut wheat? Does a real hen bake? Board member Patty Krotz brought in her little red hen named Fancy Pants to share with our preschoolers.



Middle School Ice Skating

Seventy-five students in grades 5th - 8th went ice skating at the Olean City Skating Rink on November 17th.

This trip, and others like it throughout the year, are sponsored by the Middle School Student Council as an incentive to students for completing work on time and exhibiting appropriate behavior while in school.

Pizza was served for lunch and a great time was had by all!



Belfast Public Library News

Happy New Year to All! We are excited about activities and programs we have planned at the library in 2018.

The Annex will be “going to the birds” this winter. We are feeding the birds at our newly installed feeder. Patrons Don & Elaine Propert have years of experience feeding birds and have offered to share their knowledge. Annex clerk Megan is also a “bird person,” and she will help us identify and keep count of birds that come to the feeder.

Did you know that January is “Hot Tea Month”? That goes along with a program we have planned for the Main Library’s cozy fireside area this winter, trying out the Danish concept of hygge (pronounced hoo-gah). If you wish to explore this topic yourself, the library has two new books on the subject.

Several patrons have expressed interest in a book club. We hope to have this underway soon. Please let a clerk know if you would like to participate.

On January 16th, we recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his contributions toward equality for all people in the United States. Both libraries will have books about Dr. King on display.

We look forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year, which falls in February, on our calendar this year. We will have noodles, fortune cookies, crafts, and games. Come join the fun at the Annex. BCS’s February newsletter will list the date and time.

If you have too many Legos underfoot, the Annex will gratefully accept donations. We plan to try some animation using Legos and some other design challenges as well.

While some libraries have a “library cat,” at Belfast, we now have a “library snail” named Booker. Main building clerk Sheila has created a natural habitat for our guest and has researched its care and feeding. Patrons of all ages are invited to write a story about Booker’s after hour adventures at the library. Please stop by the library, say “hello” to Booker, and share any snail knowledge that you may have.



Adult Fiction

- Man Overboard by J. A. Jance
- One Way or Another by Elizabeth Adler
- Typhoon Fury by Clive Cussler
- Future Home of the Living God: A Novel by Louise Erdrich
- My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry by Fredrik Blackman donated by Caroline Arnold
- Merry and Bright by Debbie Macomber
- Mattie’s Pledge by Jan Drexler donated by Wendy Davenport

Adult Non-Fiction

- The Little Book of Hygge by Meik Wiking
- Making Winter: A Hygge Inspired Guide to Surviving Winter Months by Emma Mitchell
- Lost Destiny: Joe Kennedy and the Doomed Mission to Save London by Alan Axelrod
- Killing England by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard
- Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World by Eric Metaxas
- Let Trump Be Trump by Corey R. Lewandowski
- Saving Capitalism: for the Many, Not the Few by Robert B. Reich

Young Adult Fiction

- Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

Adult DVDS

- Betting the Farm
- This is Us Season One
- Logan Lucky
- Doctor Strange
- Wonder Woman
- Spider-man: The Homecoming

Juvenile DVDs

- Despicable Me 3
- Elf

Juvenile Fiction

- The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
- El Cuento de Ferdinando (The Story of Ferdinand the Bull in Spanish) by Munro Leaf

Arriving Soon

- Victoria and Abdul DVD

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.

Contact the Library at 585-365-2072



Board Meetings

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

Monthly Best Attendance Award



Mrs. Romance's class won for Best Attendance for Kindergarten – 4th grade, for the month of November!

With ZERO unexcused absences/tardiness for the month! These students will receive a coupon for free ice cream. Great Job!

November's Students of the Month



These students showed in November that they have growth mindsets by being **Problem Solvers!**

- **Kindergarteners:**
Addison Hull and Shea Preston
- **1st Graders:**
Jackson Barney and Caylin Burrows
- **2nd Graders:**
Violet Edwards, Aidyn Robbins, and Landon Wulf
- **3rd Graders:**
Korryn Cline, Liam Sortore, and Carson Treusdell
- **4th Graders:**
Emalee Carmen, Finn Heaney, Leon Histed, and Callahan Tallman

BCS Honor/High Honor Roll 1ST Quarter (2017-18)

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

- **GRADE 5** - Ava Aronson, Matthew Barren, Joseph Elliott, Dillion Kelley, Natalee Lindo, Dennis Rehler, Danika Scott, Alexander Stanton, Kayliegh Wojcik, Clayton Wright, Morgan Yackerren, Sophie Zillgitt
- **GRADE 6** - Jacob Borden, Carley Burrows, Michael Frazier, Cassandra Guilford, Mary Hamer, Audrey Hughan, Tristan Jenkins, Sean Mahon, Jackson Stout, Abigail Sullivan, Christopher Weaver
- **GRADE 7** - Zane Cartwright, Anna Drozdowski, Chelsea Goldsmith, Jacob Lindo, Logan Lopez, Luke Morey, Brianna Morton, Harley Proctor, Carter Stout
- **GRADE 8** - Destiny Cantrell, Brianna Fields, Max Miller
- **GRADE 9** - Kylie Francis, Christian Lopez, Lillian Mahon, Adison Male, Kelsi Morton, Emma Sullivan
- **GRADE 10** - Caleb Caiazza, Dakota Clink, McKayla Cross, Hunter Enders, Hanah Helms, Nathaniel Hurd, Sarah Lindo, Kennedy Male, Rachel Marsh, Jade Smith, Adelaide Sullivan, Ethan Treusdell, Ayden Wilson
- **GRADE 11** - James Booth, Corey Brown, Alexander Enders, Hunter Lincoln, Kevin McCumiskey, Johnathan West
- **GRADE 12** - Sydney Ace, Danielle Cassady, Cassandra Hadaway, Isiah Leiseur

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

- **GRADE 5** - Sadie Estabrook, Allyson Hazelton, Jenna Hill
- **GRADE 6** - Owen Heaney
- **GRADE 7** - Trevor Clark, Justin Hill, Isabelle Male, Canaan Sullivan
- **GRADE 8** - Alicia Borden, Jaiden Enders, Selene Hamer, Matthew Weaver
- **GRADE 9** - Nicholas Ellison, Melvin Hamer, Aidan Heaney, Christian Lingenfelter, Stephen Struckmann, Cierra Wallace
- **GRADE 10** - Andrew Blocho, Kyle Comstock, Elisa Houser
- **GRADE 11** - Adam Enders, Ashley Estabrook, Mackenzie Hurd, Julia Lindo
- **GRADE 12** - Ethan Blocho, Samantha Burgio, Rylea Comstock, Daniel Geyer, Morgan Hamer, Roseanna Lanning, Gabriel Lindo, Megan Rose



Growth Mindset Expert Award

Back row - Mariah Patton, Emalee Carmon, Braden Foster, Jackson Barney, Violet Edwards, Sarah Hazelton, Bayleigh Tallman; **Front row** - Greta Smithers, Blurred child, Caylin Burrows, Evan Moore, Khloe Jenkins, Madison Yackeren



Star Performer Award

Back row - Carley Burrows, Isabelle Male, Cassandra Guilford, Michael Frazier, Jenna Hill, Selene Hamer, Jaiden Enders; **Front row** - Sadie Estabrook, Trevor Clark, Alicia Borden, Owen Heaney



Outstanding Effort Award

From left to right - Jackson Stout, Jaiden Enders, Tyler Male



Most Improved Award

From left to right - Jackson Stout, Connor Hull, Colton Morgan



Citizenship Award

From left to right - Paul Cleveland, Audrey Hughan, Anna Drozdowski, Alicia Borden



PAW Award

Back row - Jenna Hill, Alicia Borden, Caitlyn Cleveland, Carter Stout, Brianna Fields; **Front row** - Jacob Borden, Sean Mahon, Justin Hill, Matthew Weaver, Harley Edkin, Cayla Mura



Principals Award

From left to right - Chelsea Goble, Carley Burrows, Max Miller



Honor Roll Award

Far back row - Clayton Wright, Danika Scott, Carley Burrows; **Back row** - Jackson Stout, Kayliegh Wojcik, Dennis Rehler, Alexander Stanton, Natalee Lindo, Ava Aronson, Matthew Barren, Joseph Elliott, Dillion Kelley, Morgan Yackeren, Sophie Zillgitt; **Front row** - Christopher Weaver, Sean Mohan, Tristan Jenkins, Cassandra Guilford, Mary Hamer, Jacob Borden, Audrey Hughan, Michael Frazier, Abigail Sullivan





ut, Danika Scott,



High Honor Roll Award

Back row - Allyson Hazelton, Sadie Estabrook, Jenna Hill, Owen Heaney, Trevor Clark, Selene Hamer; **Front row** - Justin Hill, Isabelle Male, Canaan Sullivan, Alicia Borden, Jaiden Enders, Matthew Weaver



Growth Mindset Learner Award

Back row - Izabella Lindo, Alyssa Cole, Onalee Aronson, Kal Johnson, Colt Cobb, Korryn Cline, Kaylee Knorr; **Front row** - Cylie Burrows, Afton Hamer, George Merrell, III, Noah Miller, Donivan Fields,



ut, Julie Sortore,



Honor Roll Reward

Back row - Chelsea Goldsmith, Zane Cartwright, Anna Drozdowski, Jacob Lindo, Brianna Morton, Destiny Cantrell, Brianna Fields; **Front row** - Luke Morey, Logan Lopez, Harley Proctor, Carter Stout, Max Miller



Students of the Month (Sept. / Oct. / Nov.)

Far Back row - Emalee Carman, Finn Heaney, Callahan Tallman, Leon Histed; **Back row** - Violet Edwards, Jackson Barney, Korryn Cline, Liam Sortore; **Front row** - Aidyn Robbins, Addison Hull, Shea Preston, Brynn Williams, Caylin Burrows, Carson Treusdell



smith, Jenna Hill,



Growth Mindset Master Award

Far Back row - Logan Estabrook, Rachel Merriam, Samayah Lussier, Addisyn Ely; **Next Back row** - Finn Heaney, William Guilford, Madeline White, Conan Tallman, Gabriella Ammons, Isabelle Guilford, Aria Saccamano, Anthony Snyder, Colin Stork; **Back row** - Abigail Morton, Raelynn Wilson, Bradley Middaugh, Adam Oskar, Logan McCarthy, Shea Preston, Mackenna Yackerren, Tess Weaver, Crystal Murns; **Front row** - Lucy Simzer, Carly Moultrup, Carson Treusdell, Richard Elliott, Carter Fenti, Emma Moultrup, Emerson Weaver, Tye Willard, Callahan Tallman

BCS Fine Arts

Music and band classes have been working overtime to present Christmas concerts, and The Lion King, Jr. In next month's issue,

we will give Christmas program highlights.

Thank you, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Struckmann



Elementary art students have been working on Georgia O'Keeffe foil relief designs, cubist portraits, realistic self-portraits, perspective city drawings, and surrealistic designs. There are many talented artists at Belfast.

Student artwork is being saved for the art show in March. There is so much great work to choose from, it can be tough to decide what gets saved for the art show and what is displayed in the school. It is great to see your children creating, and learning and growing.

Bernice Forster, Elementary Art Teacher



BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET CALENDAR 2018

January 9, 2018

Regular Board Meeting

1. General Support Items which include the following:
 - a. Board of Education
 - b. District Clerk & District Meeting
 - c. Chief School Administrator
 - d. Business Office
 - e. Operation & Maintenance
 - f. Audit, Tax Collector & Legal Fees
 - g. Special Items

February 13, 2018

Regular Board Meeting

1. Transportation portion which includes the following:
 - a. Pupil Transportation
 - b. Bus Garage
2. Community Service and Census
3. Undistributed portion which includes the following:
 - a. Employee Benefits
 - b. Debt Service
 - c. Inter-fund Transfers

March 13, 2018

Regular Board Meeting

1. Instructional portion which includes the following:
 - a. Teaching/Supervision
 - b. Programs for the Disabled
 - c. Occupational Education & Summer School
 - d. Library & Audiovisual
 - e. Attendance, Guidance, Health & Psychological Services
 - f. Athletics
2. Estimated Revenues

April 10, 2018

Regular Board Meeting – ADOPT FINAL BUDGET

May 8, 2018

Regular Meeting - Budget Hearing

May 15, 2018

Budget Vote



Campbell's Labels

The *Campbell's Labels for Education program* is coming to a close, so we no longer need them sent in. We appreciate all of the labels that have been sent in over the years and will be redeeming these for school supplies in the near future.

Belfast Best

Back by popular demand...

Check next month's issue to find out who our most meritorious BCS students, staff, faculty, or administration are!



2017-18 BCS District Calendar

JANUARY

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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

Calendar of Events

January 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 No School Winter Recess <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3	4 Winter Sports Photos	5	6
7	8	9 PTO Meeting BOE Meeting	10 Pre-School Grandparent's Night	11	12 No School Staff Development Day	13
14	15 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	16	17 Grades 4 & 5 Play	18	19 All County Festival at Fillmore	20 All County Festival at Fillmore
21	22	23 Regents Exams	24 Regents Exams	25 Regents Exams	26 Regents Exams	27
28	29	30 Yearbook Flower Sales Begin	31			



BCS Basketball Schedule

Girls' Varsity Basketball

1/3	6:00 p.m.	@Whitesville
1/5	6:00 p.m.	@Friendship
1/8	6:30 p.m.	@Prattsburgh
1/10	7:00 p.m.	(Houghton)
1/17	6:00 p.m.	@Scio
1/19	7:00 p.m.	@Houghton
1/22	7:00 p.m.	(Whitesville)
1/24	6:30 p.m.	(Finney)
1/26	7:00 p.m.	(Lima-Christian)
1/29	7:00 p.m.	(Cuba-Rushford)
1/31	6:00 p.m.	@Friendship

Girls' Modified Basketball

1/3	5:00 p.m.	@Bolivar-Richburg
1/6	2:15 p.m.	@Fillmore
1/10	5:00 p.m.	@Cuba-Rushford
1/13	10:00 a.m.	@Andover
1/18	5:00 p.m.	@Whitesville
1/20	11:15 a.m.	(Houghton)
1/24	5:00 p.m.	@Hinsdale
1/27	10:00 a.m.	@Genesee-Valley
1/31	6:15 p.m.	(Fillmore)

Boys' Varsity Basketball

1/5	7:30 p.m.	@Friendship
1/12	7:30 p.m.	(Houghton)
1/13	4:00 p.m.	@Alfred Univ.
1/16	7:30 p.m.	@Scio
1/18	7:30 p.m.	@Fillmore
1/26	6:00 p.m.	(Genesee-Valley)
		@Andover
1/27	TBA	Andover Tournament
1/30	7:30 p.m.	(Arkport)

Boys' JV Basketball

1/4	6:00 p.m.	@Friendship
1/12	6:00 p.m.	(Houghton)
1/16	6:00 p.m.	@Scio
1/18	6:00 p.m.	@Fillmore
1/23	6:00 p.m.	(Friendship)
1/25	6:00 p.m.	(Genesee-Valley)
		@Andover
1/27	TBA	Andover Tournament
1/30	6:00 p.m.	(Arkport)

Boys' Modified Basketball

1/3	6:15 p.m.	@Bolivar-Richburg
1/6	1:00 p.m.	@Fillmore
1/10	6:15 p.m.	@Cuba-Rushford
1/13	11:15 a.m.	@Andover
1/18	6:15 p.m.	@Whitesville
1/20	10:00 a.m.	(Houghton)
1/24	6:15 p.m.	@Hinsdale
1/27	11:15 a.m.	@Genesee-Valley
1/31	5:00 p.m.	(Fillmore)

Tune Into These Stations for School Closings and Delays

The decision to close school or delay the opening of school is generally reached by 6:15 a.m. and is then passed on to various television and radio stations by about 6:45 a.m. Please tune to the television and radio stations listed below. We will also be using a mass communication system. Should the school close, you will also be notified via phone, or text, or email. If you do not receive the closing information through one of these methods, please update your information with the school.

The decision to close the school may be made due to unfavorable road conditions, extreme cold and wind chill, or other variables associated with the weather and/or wintery conditions. Occasionally, when only part of the school district is experiencing poor driving conditions, only those parts will be closed to bus travel. In some instances, the bus may travel to a pick-up point that requires children to cross the road to catch the bus. If parents refuse to allow children to ride the bus for this or any reason, their decision will be respected, and in these cases, we ask that parents make arrangements to transport students to school if/when conditions improve.

The stations that are contacted when we have a closing or delay are as follows:

WJQZ	Wellsville	103.5 FM
WLSV	Wellsville	790 AM
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WKSE	Buffalo	98.5 FM
WBEN	Buffalo	930 AM
WTSS	Buffalo	102.5 FM
WEDG	Buffalo	103.3 FM
WGRF	Buffalo	96.9 FM
WHTT	Buffalo	104.1 FM
WIVB	BuffaloTV	Channel 4
WKBW	BuffaloTV	Channel 7
WGRZ-TV	Buffalo TV	Channel 2
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WHTK	Rochester	1280 AM
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Snap 107.3	Rochester	107.3 FM
The Fox	Rochester	95.1 FM

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.



Comments/Suggestions

This space is available for you to share your concerns or questions. Please feel comfortable in taking advantage of the opportunity whenever you think this is appropriate. Please return to:

Superintendent of Schools, or call 365-9940

Comments _____

Questions _____



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.

Allegheny County Employment & Training

Allegheny County Employment & Training can help eligible high school graduates or dropouts ages 18 – 24 to gain paid work experience. The Work Experience Program helps young adults learn essential job seeking skills and works with local businesses to give youth an opportunity to gain positive work habits and earn good references to use on future job applications. For more information about the Work Experience Program call Sherry Weirich at 585-268-9445 or email weiricsb@alleganyco.com.

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.

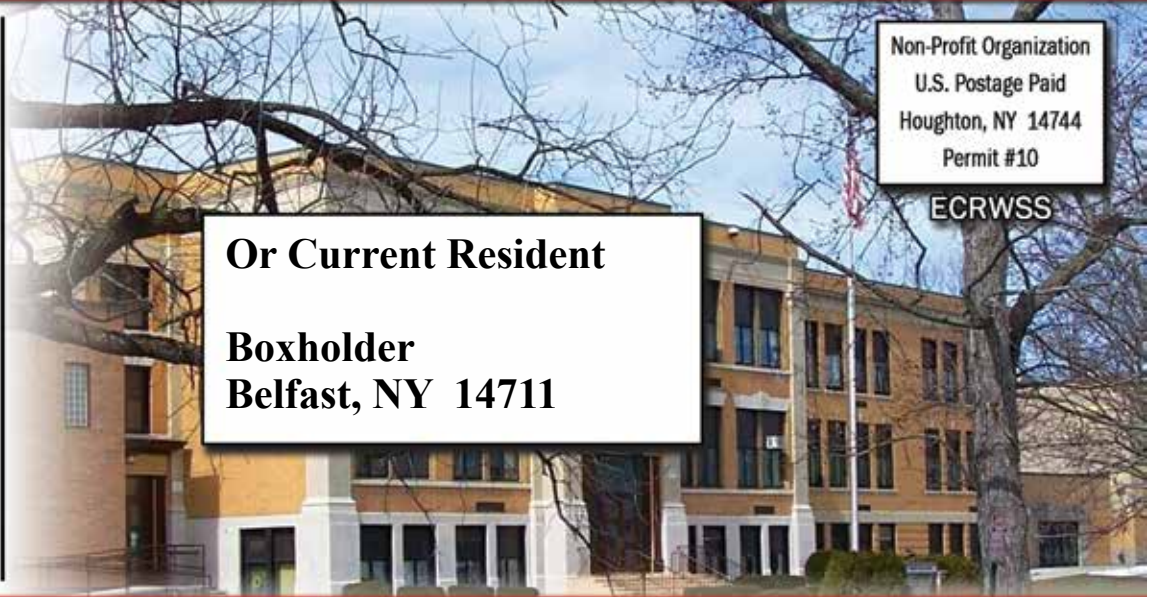


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IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

- 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.



THANKS

You noticed an individual at Belfast Central School doing something special - why not say THANKS?

Thanks stands for an appreciation for Acts of Noteworthy Kindness and Service. To say THANKS to someone, simply fill out this form and send it to the Superintendent’s Office or drop it off at the district office.

The individual will receive special recognition for his or her dedication or service.

I want to say Thanks to...

Date: _____

Describe the individual’s special efforts: _____

Submitter’s Name: _____