



Belfast

Central School District

Newsletter

"a school dedicated to excellence"



Family Gift Giving

It is that time of year again! Community members would like to host the 6th annual Family Gift Giving event for our students at Belfast school. This will take place at the Belfast Town Hall Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday December 18-19. We are asking for any donations of gently used or new gifts for any family members (brothers, sisters, parents, ect.) or wrapping paper/gift bags. Students PreK-6 have a chance to come "shop" for their family members and get their gifts wrapped to take home for Christmas presents. Our kids enjoy this each year. If you have any items you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer to help wrap, please contact one of the following people:

- Gail DeRock - (585) 307- 4171
- Ethel Denning - (585) 365-2282
- Lisa Denning - (585) 610-7779

Thank you for your support! We will open it up to Belfast families Tuesday evening from 4-6pm.

BCS Christmas Concerts

Elementary (K-6) Wed.,
December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

JHS/HS (7-12) Tues.,
December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the music of the season with the BCS Music Department!

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Struckmann are gearing up their groups for two festive evenings of beautiful holiday music. Please come to the BCS auditorium and join us for the seasons' cheer.

Belfast Community Caroling

Sunday, Dec., 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us by coming to sing holiday favorites old and new with the whole community. This event, led by the BCS music department is for everyone to come, sing together, and celebrate. Featured will be some highlights of our school concerts, special guests, and stump the music teacher. Requests will be taken. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas Tree Lighting in the Park



Everyone is invited to attend the lighting of the Christmas Trees and the Memorial Tree in the Belfast Town Park on Sunday evening, **DECEMBER 3 AT 6:30P.M.**

Following the lighting of the trees, a program featuring Christmas carols with Amy and Renee, and hot chocolate (donated by Ace's) and cookies provided by many community members will take place in the Town Hall.

SANTA CLAUS WILL ARRIVE AT 7:00P.M. There will be a special mailbox in which letters to Santa may be placed.

Children's Christmas Project Offers Assistance



During these tough economic times, if you are feeling overwhelmed and need some help with warm clothes and toys for your children for the holiday season, please contact Annette Kish at 585-365-6037. Or you may also contact Robin Owens at 585-307-8724.

If you are able to support this great cause, you may also contact either of these ladies to get more information.

Donations may be made payable to, and mail to:

Belfast Children's Christmas
PO Box 116
Belfast, NY 14711

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



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.

KIDS CLUBS!

WRAPPING UP

NOVEMBER

- Native American Culture
- Cultural Diversity
- A play on Cultural Diversity

DECEMBER FUN:

- Holiday Activities
- Field Trip to the Polar Express
- Family Fun Night - Thurs., Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. *There will be cookie decorating, ornament making and hot cocoa!*
- Community Service

Annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon

December 21, 2017

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the BCS Auditorium

The Belfast Board of Education and Administration would like to invite Senior Citizens of our school district to a holiday luncheon on Thurs., December 21, 2017.

BCS students will provide entertainment while we celebrate the holiday season as a community.

Please register for the luncheon by calling 365-9940.



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.



BELFAST STUDENTS PROUDLY PRESENT
LIVE ON STAGE
DECEMBER 8TH AND 9TH AT 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Corner

Throughout the year I will be sharing information with families to help support programs we are emphasizing in school. A District focus this year is developing a growth mindset in all aspects of life.

The way families talk about ability and learning can have powerful effects on their kids' beliefs. Below are three ways families can instill a growth mindset. And remember, developing a growth mindset in yourself and in your kids, is a process that takes time. Have a growth mindset about developing a growth mindset!

- Recognize your own mindset: Be mindful of your own thinking and of the messages you send with your words and actions.
- Praise the process: Praising kids for being smart suggests that innate talent is the reason for success, while focusing on the process helps them see how their effort leads to success.
- Model learning from failure: When families talk positively about making mistakes, kids start to think of mistakes as a natural part of the learning process.

Our job is to help each of our students become productive citizens by engaging in learning activities that challenge their individual skills. Helping students develop a growth mindset at school and at home will help us accomplish our goals.

Dr. Butler, Superintendent

From the Desk of Mrs. Hess

Bullying is a topic that is frequently discussed in schools and amongst parents, teachers, and administrators. Below you will find a definition for bullying, types of bullying, where bullying can occur, and what you can do to help. If you feel your child is being bullied, please reach out to your child's teacher, the guidance department, or school administrators for help. We want every child to feel safe and supported at Belfast Central School.

What is bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

What are the types of bullying?

- Verbal bullying is saying or writing mean things. Verbal bullying includes:
△ *Teasing, Name-calling, Inappropriate sexual comments, Taunting, Threatening to cause harm*

- Social bullying, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes:
△ *Leaving someone out on purpose, Telling other children not to be friends with someone, Spreading rumors about someone, Embarrassing someone in public*
- Physical bullying involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical bullying includes:
△ *Hitting/kicking/pinching/Spitting, Tripping/pushing, Taking or breaking someone's things, Making mean or rude hand gestures*

Where can bullying occur?

Bullying can occur during or after school hours. While most reported bullying happens in the school building, a significant percentage also happens in places like on the playground or the bus. It can also happen traveling to or from school, in the child's neighborhood, or on the Internet.

What should you do if your child is being bullied?

Solutions to bullying are not simple. What is needed is a team effort by students, teachers, administrators, parents, and other staff to change the culture, or climate, of schools. It is also important to remember that not all mean behavior becomes a pattern and not all mean behavior is bullying. Kids develop social skills as they grow, and some have more sophisticated skills than others. Either way, it's important to know what to do if you suspect that your child is being bullied.

- Avoid assumptions. The most important thing to do is to listen to your child without judgment.
- Comment on changes and watch for nonverbal cues. If your child isn't talking but you suspect that something is wrong, share your observations and watch for clues. The best time to talk to kids is not right before or right after school. The best time is when they are calm and have had some time to decompress after the school day.
- Don't schedule a meeting with the other kid(s). The bullied child's parent talks to the aggressor's parent and they all meet face to face to "problem-solve." In most cases, this ends up being awkward and uncomfortable for both kids and doesn't actually solve the problem.
- Do ask the teacher for help. It's no big secret that a lot of bullying and other mean behavior occurs on the bus, in the cafeteria and during recess, so your child's teacher might not be aware of the details. What the teacher will notice, however, are changes in your child's behavior and emotional state.
- Problem solve with your child. The term "bullying" is used to describe a wide range of behaviors. That makes it nearly impossible to find one solution to help all kids. When you brainstorm solutions with your child, you empower your child to take control.
- Identify a touchstone. Every child needs a touchstone at school. Kids spend the majority of their days with their teachers and other kids; they need to know where they can go for help. They need a trusted person, a touchstone. Help your child identify a safe person at school who can help him if the bullying continues.

***More information can be found at stopbullying.gov**

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.belfastsd.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.

Life in a Terrarium

Science classes with Mrs. Arnold are working on a plant and animal terrarium unit.

The students constructed 3 different kinds of terrariums, woodland, tropical and desert.

Some of the animals they have are hermit crabs, lizards and frogs.



With the exception of one escaped lizard (which was found and returned to its home) they have had a great learning experience!!



Third Grade News According to Third Grade Students

Cursive:

- I like cursive writing because we get to do loops and tow truck letters. It's hard to do loops because you have to do the letters they give you and you can't pick up your pencil until the end. - *Kaylee Sortore*

Math:

- In math we do stations, Front Row, and math writing. We also do teacher time where we do times (multiplication) and division. Here are some math sentences we do. $4 \times 10 = 40$, $18 \times 2 = 36$, and $24 / 6 = 4$. - *Korryn Cline*
- I like to do division because it's challenging for me. - *George Merrell*
- I love math! It is my favorite subject in school. In math we do a packet with word problems and we divide and multiply in the packet. Sometimes we work in our computation books and solve word problems. My favorite part in math is to divide. In math we also do time tests. Right now we are learning about how to multiply. The reason I love math is because I also love to learn! - *Bayleigh Tallman*

Reading:

- In reading we use our reading strategies like Check for Understanding, Chunking Word, and reading Good Fit Books. We are also working on finding the central message of the story. We also read nonfiction books and fiction books. How about you? - *Josi Kirch*

Writing:

- We are using the writing process. It is when we rehearse our stories. Then we draft our stories. Then we revise our stories and check for COPS. We also try to add details and talking to make it a better story. Then we publish our story! We do it to become better writers. And we love writing time! - *Emma Moultroup*
- I like writing because you can write made up stories and real stories. We can find mistakes and fix them. But most of all you can write your story on a computer and you can make your story better. We also read our stories to our friends! - *Richard Elliott*

Gym:

- I like gym because we are learning basketball skills. My gym teacher's name is Mrs. Roeske. In basketball we are learning how to dribble and other fun skills. - *Carter Fenti*



The **PTO** would like to thank all of you who joined us at the **Fall Festival for All!**

A special **thank you** to all of the students, parents, and staff who helped make the event possible.

We raised about \$1,200 and enjoyed time with more than 150 members of our community. These funds help us to award scholarships for students, host community events, and support local efforts that empower our children and youth.

THANK YOU!!!

Some of you have asked how you can **join the PTO**. It's easy and fun! Just come to a meeting or contact a member of the PTO Board:

- Maike Zillgitt (President)
- Mary Guilford (Vice-President)
- Ashley Yackeren (Treasurer)
- Shelly Calanni (Secretary)

Belfast Public Library News

Thanks to all who participated in the library's fall fundraiser, "Decorative Sign Painting and Desserts". We had a full house, made wonderful projects taught by Brandy Ely of Aquamarine Boutique and enjoyed desserts. Proceeds will help fund next summer's lawn chair concerts.

As the weather becomes cooler, patrons are sure to enjoy our cozy fireside seating area with comfortable new chairs given by the Belfast Lions Club. The library is thankful and honored to be chosen for their Century Project.

We have rearranged some shelves and books to make room for the new furniture. We now have a Sci-Fi and Fantasy section where audio books were previously housed. If these are your favorite reads, you will love this new section.

With the recent completion of our fiber optic connection, patrons are finding the Library's internet and Wi-Fi to be much faster and more reliable.

Please join in the library's Christmas Cookie Exchange on Dec 16th. If you don't have a family favorite you wish to share, many of our December magazine issues feature recipes for holiday goodies. If you're short on time, there are many ideas for quick and easy treats.

The library has a nice variety of Christmas and holiday themed books, movies and music. Several new items have been added this year. These items will be on display throughout the month of December.

The Children's Annex will be offering holiday crafts to "make and take" or to complete at home. Stop by and see what we're doing.

New Christmas Items

- The Christmas Light: A Novel by Donna Van Liere
- Noel Diary by Richard Paul Evans
- All I Want for Christmas DVD with Mariah Carey (family movie)
- Madeline's Christmas by Ludwig Bemelmans (juvenile picture book)
- Several new Christmas music CDs
- Adult Fiction
- Count to Ten by James Patterson & Ashwin Sanghi
- The Rooster Bar by John Grisham
- Deep Freeze by John Sandford
- Fairytale by Danielle Steel
- Tell Tale by Jeffrey Archer
- Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
- Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Eagan
- The Midnight Line by Lee Child
- End Game by David Baldacci
- Every Breath You Take by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke
- Two Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly
- Bonnet Strings by Saloma Miller Furlong donated by Wendy Davenport
- Called to be Amish by Marlene C. Miller donated by Wendy Davenport

Adult Non Fiction

- What Unites Us by Dan Rather & Elliot Kirschner
- Leonardo Da Vinci by Walter Isaacson
- Sisters First by Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush
- Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 16th
Belfast Library Annex at 1 pm (Free of Charge)

Bring 2 ½ dozen cookies of the same kind along with the recipe. Take home 2 dozen cookies of various kinds and the recipes too. *(Please bring your own containers for taking cookies home.)*

Enjoy a warm beverage, cookie samples and conversation while you select your cookies "to go".

Registration is not required but please tell a library clerk if you plan to attend. This will help us prepare for the event.

Thank you!

Adult DVDs

- The Vietnam War Vol 1 and Vol 2 by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick
- Martin Clunes's Wild Life
- The Miniver Story
- The War for the Planet of the Apes
- Going in Style
- Bones Complete 9th Season donated by Leah Eddy
- Classic Television given by Ann Krzos

Adult Audio Books

- Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk
- New rotating collection from STLS

Young Adult

- The Last Message by Emily Trunko

Juvenile Fiction

- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- How to Train Your Dragon: Complete 12 Book Set
- Franklin's Flying Bookshop by Jen Campbell
- Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes donated by Ruth and Dennis Doell

Juvenile DVDs

- Kubo and the Two Strings
- Moana
- Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
- Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore

Juvenile Book with CD

- Teddy's Button by Amy Le Feuvre

In Memory of Tom Chalker

- Paw Patrol given by T.O.P.S. #0927 Houghton Chapter

In Honor of Marge Palmer's 100th birthday

- New York State Police 1917-2017 given by her son, Ted Palmer, a contributor to the book

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



Halloween at BCS



A Big Thank You...

The Boys' Varsity Soccer team and I would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone here at BCS. All of the kind words, encouragement, praise, gestures and support were greatly appreciated. Each and every one of you in some way or another had a part in our team's success this year. School pride and spirit here at BCS was awesome. Thank you all for everything that you do for all of our students here at BCS, your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. ~ Coach Sullivan

Boys' Modified Soccer



Coach Fuller

Our modified season started out with a 1-1 tie in Hinsdale and from then on out, it turned into a 6 game winning streak that truly brought our team together as a whole. With over 20 bulldog players it was a task to get playing time, subbing players like a full hockey team. We managed to get through our season with everybody learning the game of soccer. I was so impressed with the dedication from all of our Bulldogs.

Vast improvements were made from players who had never kicked a soccer ball. I was so glad to see the interest in the game and finishing our season with 7 wins, 4 ties and 1 loss. It showed me and many others that our future sports programs are going to be very tough to compete with and the heart of a bulldog is hard to battle against.

I wish the best of luck to all players who are moving on to the Varsity levels. I would like to also thank all of our Bulldogs parents and fans who showed their support. We would also like to thank our score keepers and officials who help make all of this happen. Lastly, thanks to BCS for the opportunity to teach the game of soccer in which I learned from BCS.

Thank you Bulldogs for an unforgettable season. **1, 2, 3, TEAM!!!**

Championship Team, Coach and Player of the Year

Belfast's own Coach Mark Sullivan and junior Adam Enders earned the distinctions of coach and player of the year for Class D, Section 5. Both received this honor at the Sport Banquet held last month in Geneseo, NY.

Congratulations to Mr. Sullivan, Adam Enders, and the Boys' Varsity Soccer team for the awards they received at the Section V banquet on November 2, 2017!

- Mark Sullivan- D2 Coach of the Year
- Adam Enders- D2 Player of the Year, Section V Small School Player of the Year
- Varsity Team- D2 #1 Seed, Section V D2 Champions

BCS is very proud of all of their accomplishments this season!



Boys' Varsity Soccer



Coach Sullivan

This year the Boys' Soccer team ended up with a record of 18 wins and 2 losses. The boys as a team only gave up 10 goals all season. Out of their 20 games they recorded 13 shutouts. At one point in the season the boys won 16 games in a row. They started off the season by winning the Belfast Tournament. We entered the playoffs as the #1 seed. The team won three playoff games all by shutout to earn the Section V Championship Title.

There were many awards that players on this team earned throughout the season. All of these awards could not be achieved if they did not play and work like a team. These boys were recognized as All-Stars for Division Two in Allegany County. Kevin McCumiskey, Alex Enders, Ethan Blocho, Mackenzie Cox and Adam Enders. Adam was also selected as the player of the year. Adam was voted as the small school player of the year, first time in Belfast history a player has won this award.

These boys were selected to the All-Tournament team which is voted on during sectional play. Ethan Blocho, Mackenzie Cox, Alex Enders and Adam Enders as the MVP of the Tournament.

Ethan Blocho and Adam Enders were also selected to the Big 30 All-Star team.

This was an amazing group of young men that showed great teamwork, dedication, work ethic in achieving the team goals that they had set prior to the season. We will be losing six Seniors this year. They are Shane Preston, Brach Lanning, Ethan Blocho, Dalton Hamer, Isiah Leiseur and Austin Gustason. The team and I would like to thank these guys for everything they have done in contributing to the soccer program here at BCS. We wish you the best of luck in your future. I will be looking forward to working with the boys who will be returning next Fall.

The team and I would like to give a big thank you to all of the people at the school and the community who supported and showed of their BCS pride and spirit throughout the season.

Old Record Broken...

Adam Enders broke the all-time career soccer scoring record during the Boys' Varsity Soccer game on September 26th. The previous record set in 1994 was held by his uncle, Jeff Enders. Adam credits his success to his family, coaches, but most of all, his teammates.



Girls' Varsity Soccer



Coach Schneider

I would like to thank all the girls for the hard work they put into soccer this fall. We had three seniors this year, mid-fielder Megan Rose (3 goals, 2 assists, Allegany County all-star, and named to the exceptional senior team), goal keeper Morgan Hamer (129 saves, 2 shut-outs, plus 2 goals scores, Allegany County All-star, and was named to the exceptional senior team), and right-side defender, Sydney Ace. All three of these ladies demonstrated great team leadership and were always willing to help anyway needed. Great job ladies, you will be truly missed by all of us.

Next on our roster were juniors Kayleigh Blocho (F/defender) and Mackenzie Hurd (left-side defender). These ladies also provided critical leadership for our very young team.

The team rounded out with sophomores Hannah Helms (forward- 3 goals and 2 assists) and mid-fielder Junie Shaw; freshmen Cierra Wallace (defender/mid-fielder - 3 goals and 1 assist), Emma Sullivan (defender), Shannon Durrigan (forward/mid-fielder) and Kelsi Morton (forward/mid-fielder); and 8th graders Alicia Bordon (mid-fielder) and Jaiden Enders (mid-fielder/goal keeper).

I look forward to coaching this team for many years to come. These ladies have given me something special through this year of rebuilding. They never gave up and worked hard every practice and every game. We all improved our skills this year, me as a coach and the girls as players. The team is learning how important it is to be a good teammate that is committed the team. I want to wish Morgan, Megan and Sydney the very best as they move on in the next chapter of life. Please always remember family first and forever.

Belfast-Friendship Varsity Volleyball - "Beagles"



Coach Ross

This was our 4th season with Belfast and Friendship students on our team fondly nicknamed the "Beagles". Our year was full of new faces! The season started with five returning players and six new players. Sadly, three of these players weren't able to stay with us. Also new to our team was our Volunteer Assistant Coach Kayla, Bookkeeper Mrs. Mahon, and Score Clock Keeper Mrs. Struckmann, and Mr. Ross for our official Line Judge.

For the majority of our season, our team consisted of 8 players. Each player advanced skills and recorded stats this season. Our season had mountains and valleys but in the end, we remained the strong BEAGLE hearted team that we've been known for! The Beagles also sponsored the walk "Legging it" for Lucy to raise money for 5 year-old Belfast girl Lucy Burr Hadsell who had been recently diagnosed with cancer. The event had over 190 walkers and raised 12,000 dollars. We are thankful and blessed for the support we received for Lucy.

Highlights of the season include: set wins against Bolivar, 5 set match against Hinsdale, 2 WINS against Walsh, crowd involvement with ACE cheer, and "Be Happy", and "Legging it" for Lucy.

Player highlights: Jady serving 20 Aces in a game, Ashley blocking and poaching (oops), Rachel overhand serving and teaching setting, Elisa digging and setting, Addie serving several points, Lilly learning to hit a quick set, Selene setting and hitting, and Mylisee serving and hitting.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS!



Dan Geyer

Special Honor was given to Dan Geyer during Homecoming festivities.

Dan has worked tirelessly for the Belfast Soccer teams, as announcer and scorekeeper. His dedication is tremendously appreciated.



Ethan Blocho

Ethan Blocho, pictured here at the Section 5 Boys' Senior All Star Soccer Game at McQuaid High School in Rochester, also attended the Sr. High Area All-State Festival for band, in Elmira.

Great Job, Ethan!

Second Grade's Love of Reading



Natural Helpers Training Day



Natural Helpers Leader Jane Foster, received a Gold Key Achievement Award for her work in the field of chemical dependency in Western New York.



News from the First Grade

To wrap up this month's writing unit, our first and second graders did an author share together. Our kids have been working on writing narratives about real moments in their own lives. It is amazing how these children can choose a small moment that they feel strongly about, and stretch it into a delightful book. All of the kids were so excited to get to visit with students from another classroom. The room was buzzing with storytelling, and good, quality questioning between the students. It's nice for the students to know that there are many audiences for them to share their writing with.



Students of the Month October



These students showed in October that they have growth mindsets by putting forth **Effort & Hardwork!**

- **Kindergarteners:**
Hannah Hill and Catrina Mura
- **1st Graders:**
Owen Armison and Bradan Foster
- **2nd Graders:**
Lucy Ammons, Emma Calanni, and Cailynn Williams
- **3rd Graders:**
Afton Hamer, Erica Hull, Lilly Peet, and Emerson Weaver
- **4th Graders:**
Tate Jenkins, Izabella Lindo, and Lucy Simzer

Attendance



Drive 4 UR School

Simons Rockwell sponsored the Ford - Drive 4 UR School program here at Belfast. With the promise of \$20 for each test drive, community members showed up in force, and earned \$1,360 for our students.



Mrs. Mahon's class won for Best October attendance for K-4! With ZERO unexcused absences/tardiness for the month! These students will receive a coupon for free ice cream. Great Job!



Back row: Mary Paulsen, Max Miller, Roger Payne from Simons Rockwell; Front row: Anna Drozdowski, Abigail Sullivan, Mary Hamer, Carley Burrows

Veteran's Day

In honor of Veteran's Day, Belfast Central School presented its 1st Annual Veteran's Day program. Kindergarten through 12th grade, directed by Music teacher JD Struckman, sang songs including the Star Spangled Banner and American the Beautiful. Several students spoke about our armed forces, and veterans in attendance were introduced.



National Honor Society Induction November 9, 2017



(In the photo above)

Front row (left to right): Kelsi Morton, Emma Sullivan, Matthew Weaver, Julia Lindo, McKenzie Hurd, Megan Rose, Jaiden Enders, Alicia Borden, Gabriel Lindo

Back row (left to right): Aidan Heaney, Christian Lopez, Christian Lingenfelter, Kyle Comstock, Ethan Blocho, Stephen Struckmann, Ashley Estabrook, Adison Male, Cierra Wallace



Kindergarten Fun



Junior High All-State Choir



Front row (left to right): Kylie Francis, Aidan Heaney, Isabelle Male, Destiny Cantrell;
Back row (left to right): Emma Sullivan, Christian Lopez, Stephen Struckmann, Cayla Mura and Alicia Borden



Mr. Dedrick's Students Build Devices to Produce Flight



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
WZKZ	Wellsville	101.9 FM
WQRW	Wellsville	93.5 FM
WHDL	Olean	1450 AM
WPIG	Olean	95.7 FM
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
WHAM	Rochester	1180 AM
WHTK	Rochester	1280 AM
WVOR	Rochester	100.5 FM
Kiss FM	Rochester	106.7 FM
Sunny 102.3	Rochester	102.3 FM
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.



BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL

Calendar of Events

December 2017

- Boys' Var. Basketball (Red)
- Girls' Var. Basketball (Purple)
- Boys' JV. Basketball (Blue)
- Girls' Mod. Basketball (Green)
- Boys' Mod. Basketball (Cyan)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Honor Roll Breakfast	2
3	4 <i>Girls' Var. Basketball @ Genesse Valley 7pm</i>	5	6 <i>Girls' Var. Basketball @ Charles Finney School 6:30pm</i>	7 <i>Boys' Var. Basketball @ Hinsdale 7:30pm</i>	8 The Lion King Musical 7pm	9 The Lion King Musical 7pm
10	11 <i>Boys' Var. Basketball (Fillmore) 7:30pm</i> <i>Boys' JV. Basketball (Fillmore) 6pm</i>	12 PTO Meeting Board of Education Meeting	13	14 <i>Girls' Mod. Basketball (Scio) 5pm</i> <i>Boys' Mod. Basketball (Scio) 6:15pm</i>	15 <i>Boys' Varsity Basketball (Whitesville) 7:30pm</i> <i>Boys' JV. Basketball (Whitesville) 6pm</i>	16 <i>Girls' Mod. Basketball @ Friendship 10am</i> <i>Boys' Mod. Basketball @ Friendship 11:15am</i>
17	18 <i>Girls' Var. Basketball @ Fillmore 7pm</i> <i>Boys' Var. Basketball @ Keshequa 7pm</i> <i>Boys' JV. Basketball @ Keshequa 5:30pm</i>	19 High School Concert	20 <i>Girls' Var. Basketball (Friendship) 7:30pm</i> <i>Boys' Varsity Basketball (Friendship) 6pm</i>	21 Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon	22 Early Dismissal 2pm (PreK - 12)	23
24/31	25 Christmas Day 	26 Winter Recess	27 Winter Recess	28 Winter Recess	29 Winter Recess <i>Boys' Var. Basketball Tournament TBA</i>	30 <i>Boys' Var. Basketball Tournament TBA</i>



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Things to Look Forward To...

- Yearbook Flower Sale
- Popcorn Drive
- PROM - May 19, 2018 at Cuba VFW

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.

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.

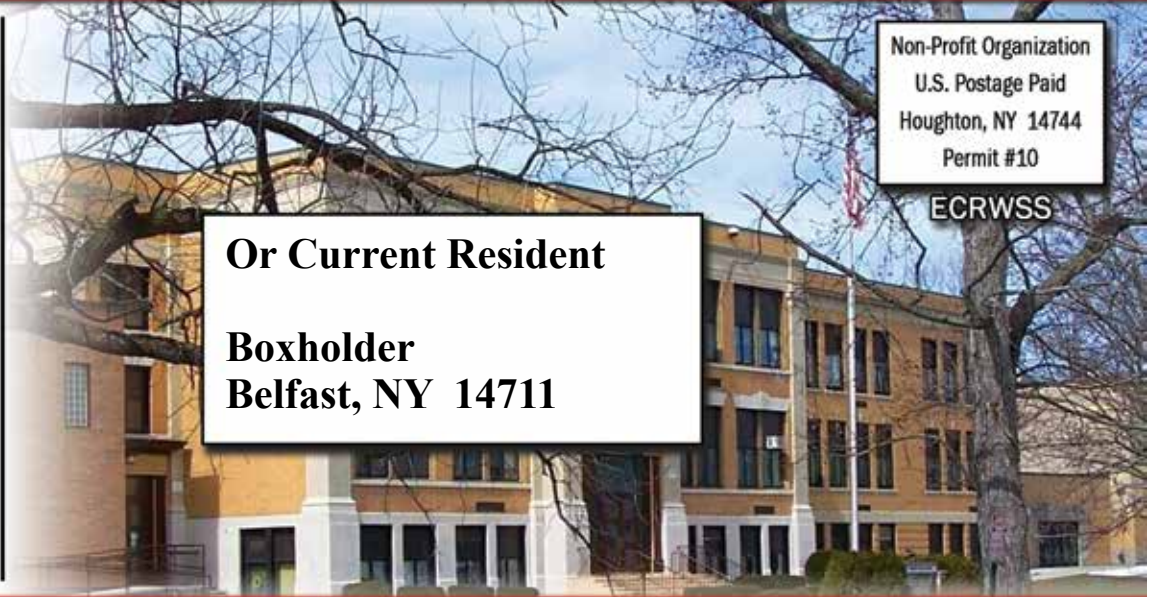


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- Principal’s Office 365-8285
- Business Office 365-8289
- Guidance Office 365-8297
- Bus Garage..... 365-2609
- Nurse’s Office 365-2053
- Special Education Office..... 365-8847
- Preschool..... 365-8088
- Automated Attendant 365-2646
- Fax..... 365-2648
- 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: _____