



Belfast Best

The following are
this month's....

Belfast Best

Eighth grader, Matthew Weaver is a great leader in the classroom!

Jessie Keiser's quick action to retrieve the US flag from the ground when it slipped from the pole, was deeply appreciated by onlookers.

Superintendent Wendy Butler has made many improvements and positive change in a short time!

We can't wait to see what the future brings!
Submitted by the cafeteria staff.

Jane Foster works hard for our school and community, and is very deserving of this award.

Attention Seniors

Any Senior who still needs help applying to college and/or filling out FAFSA forms for financial aid can stop by the guidance office for help!

SAVE THE DATE: The Penn York College Night will be held on March 20 at St. Bonaventure University from 6-8 pm. Over 50 colleges and universities will be on hand to meet with prospective students. It is never too early to start the college search process!

Attention Juniors: SATs and ACTs are important tests for college bound students. Any Junior who is thinking about the possibility of college should plan to take one or both of these tests. College entrance exams are one piece of information that many colleges look at when considering students for admission. Other considerations include: grades, course selection, class rank, activities, community service and recommendations.

Student must register online to take these tests. See Mrs. Heaney for help or for more information. Keep the following dates in mind.

Register for the SAT at collegeboard.org

The test fee is \$46 for the SAT without the essay test and \$60 for the test with essay. Fee waivers are available for qualified students.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 10	February 9
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 3

Many students find they do better on one test over the other, so it is a great idea to take BOTH the SAT and ACT. Colleges and scholarship programs will look at either test.

For the ACT register at actstudent.org

The fee is \$46 without the essay and \$62.50 with the essay. Fee waivers are available for qualified students.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4

Important Safety Reminders

Belfast Central School ask that you please notify the school if your child is going to be absent. We must account for every child, and your help is greatly appreciated.

Call 365-2053 for absences.

For your child's safety, please drop them off out in front of the school, not in the parking lot. Students that are tardy may be brought to the main door (Greeter's desk) as they need to be signed in by an adult.

Students must be in the classroom by 8:05. Absent, tardy, and early dismissals are documented, and letters are sent to parents at the end of each marking period.

Thank you!

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

At the Board of Education meeting on January 9, 2018, the Board passed four resolutions needed to pursue the District's purchase of the house located at 13 King St. (on the corner by the front of the school). The District has submitted a purchase offer to HUD to secure the District's interest in the property, but voter approval is required for BCS to acquire the property. The BOE set the official vote for the property purchase for March 1, 2018.

Why does the District want to buy the property? The house at 13 King St. has been vacant for some time. BCS looked into purchasing the house and property several years ago, but the price of the house at the time did not fit into the District's financial picture. The price of the property has dropped significantly.

Any vacant building can invite unappealing activities or animals that we do not want by our building for the safety and protection of our students.

What will the District do with the property if the proposition is passed by the voters? At this time, no definite plans have been developed and approved for the property site. However, the District is looking to minimally expand parking. As attendance at school events continues to climb, it is increasingly more difficult to find parking. At some point in the future, this is one potential use for the property.

I will be contacting community groups to see if BCS personnel and Board of Education members can meet with various groups to talk about the property purchase prior to the vote. Any community member with questions about the property purchase is invited to contact me at wbutler@belf.wnyric.org or 365-9940.

Dr. Butler, Superintendent

From the Principals, Mike Roche and Jessica Hess

DOES THE PRAISE YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD HAVE AN IMPACT?

It is not uncommon to hear an adult tell a child "Good job!" or "You're so smart!" Based on Carol Dweck's growth mindset research, these types of comments may not have the effect you desire. Carol Dweck performed an experiment with four hundred fifth-grade students from New York schools. The fifth grade students were first presented with a test featuring an easy-to-solve series of puzzles. When the puzzles were completed, the researcher gave each student one of the following two lines of praise:

"You must be smart at this." *or* "You must have worked really hard."

The students then had the opportunity to choose the test they wanted to take for the second round: an easy test like the first one or a much more difficult test from which, the researchers said, the student would learn a lot. Interestingly, the majority of students who were praised for being smart opted to take the easy test, while over 90 percent of the students praised for their effort chose the difficult test.

Dweck found that those children praised for their smarts believed their success/lack of success was directly linked to their intelligence. They were less likely to take on risks and challenges so as to not jeopardize the "smart" label that had been bestowed on them, moving into a fixed mindset to preserve the assessment of their intelligence. Conversely, the students praised for their effort had no such insecurities. They were able to exist comfortably in their growth mindsets where making mistakes is just a consequence of working hard and trying new things.

Quite often, teachers, parents, and even students use what Dweck refers to as "Person Praise." Person praise focuses on a student's personal traits and qualities, like intelligence. Dweck suggest that using what she calls "Process Praise" will support the growth of growth mindset traits in children. Process praise acknowledges effort, strategies, or actions that contribute to the success of a task. The next time you praise your child, try to move from giving person praise to process praise. Here are some examples to get you started:

Person Praise	Process Praise
That math homework was so easy for you.	That math homework didn't give you much of a challenge. Let's move on to something that will really stretch your brain!
You're so smart.	I like how you used different strategies to figure out these problems.
You're such a good boy/girl.	I appreciate that you cleared the table without being asked.
What an amazing soccer player you are!	Your effort during practice today shows that you are really working hard for your team.
You're a born writer.	Your writing shows that you understand the value of word choice.

Dweck also encourages the use of specific praise over vague praise. Next time you tell your child "You're awesome!" or "Good work!" try being more specific. "You're awesome!" can become "You're putting in awesome effort on this homework assignment!" "Good work!" can become "Good work on completing all your AR points before the end of the month!"

Changing the way you praise will not be easy, but the more you practice the easier it will become! Researchers in Chicago found that there are long term benefits for children who receive process praise over person or vague praise. Children who received more process praise demonstrated positive attitudes toward taking on new challenges and displayed more characteristics of growth mindset.

We know that the kind of praise we offer children can encourage fixed and growth mindsets, so it's important to be mindful of the type of praise we're offering. But according to Dweck, getting involved is even better than praise. Appreciate it. Ask questions. If we see that a child is using interesting strategies, we can ask about them. Talk to them about their thought processes, how they learn from mistakes.

Monthly Best Attendance Award



Mrs. Weaver's 2nd grade is December's Attendance Winner. Students will receive a coupon for a free ice cream!

December's Students of the Month



These students in December showed that they have growth mindsets by being **Accepting & Inviting of Others**.

- **Kindergarteners:**
Kal Johnson, Taylor Murns and Caleb Stork
- **1st Graders:**
Delsin Bisig and Dustin Vaughn
- **2nd Graders:**
Onalee Aronson, Pierre Lussier, and Anthony Snyder
- **3rd Graders:**
Vance Carrier, Marley Kirch, Jackson Southwick, and Bill Truax
- **4th Graders:**
Kaytie Cole, Samayah Lussier, and Preston Outman

World Read Aloud Day
February 1, 2018
Read aloud.
Change the world!
Learn more at litworld.org/wrad

February 1, 2018 is *World Read Aloud Day*. Reading aloud to children every day puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read alouds.
For more information, go to <http://www.litworld.org/wrad>.

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DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!

KIDS CLUB NEWS! - We've Been Busy!

- December projects included Christmas themed projects, learning about kindness and giving, community service, Family Fun Night (Dec. 21), and a field trip to The Polar Express.
- January was equally as busy with Medieval times activities, another Family Fun Night (Jan. 25), and community service.
- We are excited for February... See you at Kid's Club!!!

Children in the Belfast Central School District who reach the age of four (4) on or before December 1, 2018 are eligible to apply for consideration for the class of 2018-2019. If you would like your child to be considered for the class in September of 2018, please fill out and return this form to Belfast Preschool, 1 King St., Belfast, NY 14711 by April 13, 2018. A BCS Preschool Registration Packet will then be mailed to you. All completed packets are due by May 21, 2018. If you have any questions, please call the preschool at 365-8088.



2018-2019 Preschool Registration

CHILD'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Children of the Belfast School District who reach the age of five (5) on or before December 1, 2018, are eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2018. **If your child is not enrolled** in the Belfast Preschool and will turn five on or before December 1, 2018 please return the following information to the superintendent's office at Belfast Central School prior to April 13, 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.



2018-19 Kindergarten Registration

CHILD'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Christmas Time

Belfast Central School would like to thank our wonderful community for attending the Christmas concerts, Christmas caroling event, donating to our Children's Shopping Day, and supporting our Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner. We are very fortunate to have such caring people in our midst!

Thank you!!



Holiday Tea with the Pre-School

Our preschoolers along with their invited guests enjoyed a "fancy" evening at our annual Holiday Tea event. First our young ladies and lords sang Christmas songs for their guests donning tiaras and top hats. Then they enjoyed the special holiday treats and tea (hot chocolate) in elegant teacups provided by our community. Special thanks to Pastor Nancy Russell and Bonnie at UMC/Community Center, Ed Taylor, Mr. Bogdan, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Hess, Dr. Butler and ALL of the generous people who lent us tea cups, and special décor for this festive evening.



Be involved. Transplant hope.

Join the Be The Match Registry®.

Patients need you! For thousands with blood cancers like leukemia or other diseases like sickle cell anemia, a marrow transplant is their only hope for life. If you have diverse ancestry, patients especially need you because they are most likely to match someone who shares their heritage.

To honor Amy Gerrish, the Belfast community is teaming up with Be The Match to register new potential marrow donors to help save lives.

Individuals with leukemia and other blood cancers can be cured with a marrow transplant.

Becoming a potential marrow donor is as simple as filling out a consent form and swabbing your cheeks. It is that easy.

If you are called to donate, the primary donation method is very similar to donating blood. All costs are paid for by the registry including transportation, meals, parking and hotel if needed.

You can be the cure for a person in need. Thank you for helping us save lives.

Marrow Donor Registry Drive, Ages 18 to 44

Date: Thursday, February 15th

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town of Belfast, 13 Merton Ave., Belfast, NY

Contact Info: Michael Garbin, Senior Community Engagement Rep. Email: mgarbin@nmdp.org



Pre-K Obstacle Course



Pre-K News

We are blessed with the generosity of our neighbors, Gene and Peggy Watts. Every year Gene makes wooden gifts for our children at Christmas. Gene and Peggy, thank you for teaching us the meaning of "neighborly love." Preschoolers say "Kiss your heart!"



Grandparents Night in the Pre-K

Grandparents shared the evening with their preschooler during a Grandparent Night in January. Together they created family trees along with memories of a special night with their grandparents. It was a pleasure meeting the roots of our preschoolers, their grandparents



Belfast Public Library News

We have kept busy at the library during the month of January with its rather strange weather and we are hoping to put our indoor time to good use as we move into February.

The fireplace area décor has been converted from “holiday festive” to “cozy winter retreat”. Many patrons are enjoying the warmth and ambience of our seating area.

A large number (and variety) of cookbooks have been donated to the library book sale. The books are currently housed in the Main Library. For a small donation, take your choice home and be inspired to try something new or read just for pleasure. (Yes, some of us read cookbooks for fun :)

We will be starting Book Club in February. Please let us know if you would like to participate. Thank you to those who have already signed up and thank you also for your patience as we get organized.

At the Annex, in January, adult and youth patrons made bird seed ornaments. It was kind of a messy process but lots of fun. We hope our creations will help feed the birds during this cold and snowy winter. Other recipes and ideas for bird feeding are available at the library. Stop by and chat with us.

We have a bird watching station at the Annex with bird identification books, binoculars and an item from the Main Library’s collection. Birds of New York: Field Guide and Audio CD Set by Stan Tekiela was an exciting discovery in our stacks. Our Christmas tree from the library’s front lawn has been moved and repurposed to provide more shelter for the birds who come to the Annex birdfeeder.

The Annex will host a “Doll Tea” in February. The date will be announced soon. As we plan for the event, please let us know if you are interested

During the week of Winter Recess for BCS students, the library will offer activities for all ages. Please call the library or find us on facebook for more information in the coming weeks. Some events are weather dependent and some may require pre-registration so please check in with us to find out what’s happening. Thank you!

The library will be Closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of President’s Day.

The library will be Open Tuesday, Feb. 20 – Thursday, Feb. 22 and on Saturday, Feb. 24th

We will celebrate the **Chinese New Year at the Annex on Tuesday, February 20th, 3pm-5pm**. Please register by stopping in or calling the library during regular hours. We want to make

sure we have enough noodles, fortune cookies, chopsticks and crafts for all.

“Booker”, our library snail will be in residence at the Annex during Winter Recess. Come visit and learn about garden snails and maybe catch a glimpse of the shy fellow.

Remember to come see us during Winter Recess or anytime. We have lots of help for staying warm & cozy, eating well, learning, keeping active, getting lost in a book or movie, or just plain relaxing.

Adult Fiction

- Lizzie Searches for Love Trilogy by Linda Byler donated by Wendy Davenport
- Promise Not to Tell by Jayne A. Krentz
- Unbound by Stuart Woods
- The Wanted by Robert Crais

Young Adult

- Fang by James Patterson donated by Rober Giomundo
- Maximum Ride: Book 1, Book 3, and Book 4 donated by Robert Giomund

Juvenile

- Are You a Snail? – Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries
- Franklin’s Flying Bookshop by Jen Campbell
- Stokes Beginner’s Guide to Birds: Eastern Region by Donald Stokes

DVDs

- The Tudors: The Complete First Season, Second Season, Third Season, and The Final Season donated by Annette Curcio
- Bullitt
- The 9/11 Commission Report
- America’s Railroads: The Steam Train Legacy

Arriving Soon

- Fire and Fury by Michael Wolff
- Victoria: Season Two DVD Complete Set
- Cars 3 DVD

Library Hours - Main Building & Children’s Annex

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

Board Meetings

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

Contact the Library at 585-365-2072

Spelling Bee

On Thursday December 14, students in first through eighth grade competed in our school spelling bees. All 41 students who participated did an excellent job. Bradan Foster came out on top of the 1st and 2nd grade bee after correctly spelling 'dither'

in the twelfth round. Jenna Hill was the winner of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade spelling bee after 19 rounds. She correctly spelled the word 'bookmobile' to earn the win. Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade school champion is Owen Heaney. In round 19,

he correctly spelled 'altitude' to take the school title. One will go on to take the written test in February. If he qualifies, he will continue on to the Western New York Oral Finals on March 10. Good Luck Owen!



Oratorical Competition

Congratulations to Aidan Heaney for her success in the American Legion Oratorical Competitions!

On December 9, Aidan placed first in the Allegany County competition allowing her to move on to represent her county in the 8th district on January 14. Again, Aidan took first place and moves on to represent the 8th district in the zone level competition on February 3. This



competition includes students from Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming, Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties.

The competition consists of an 8-10 minute prepared, memorized speech on some aspect of the United States Constitution and the citizen's responsibility to uphold it. Additionally, there is an assigned topic. Students need to be prepared to give a 3-5 minute speech on one of four topics drawn at random at the competition. This is an outstanding accomplishment!

Love in Action

Once again, the High School Student Council will sponsor their Love in Action food and money collection.

- **Grades Prek-6 will collect food.**
- **Grades 7-12 will collect money.**

Collection will run from February 5 to February 14.

All money and food collected will be donated to the Wellspring Ministry.

One homeroom class, and one elementary class with the most participation will win a pizza party!!

Thank you for your continued support!!



Science

Students in Mrs. La Greca's science classes have been working in the lab on some interesting assignments. 9th grades in Regents Earth Science used Sling Psychrometers to obtain the dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures. They used their data to determine the dew point and relative humidity. Some students braved the cold temperatures to collect data from outside for comparison.

8th graders have been learning about all the different sources of energy. The "getting the oil out" lab has the students construct oil wells, and try to bring the oil to the surface using artificial lift. Soda and chocolate syrup represent two different types of crude oil and the challenges each one has.



BCS Cheerleading Team

The BCS Cheerleading Team has been thrilled to support the basketball teams so far during this 2017-2018 season. The work ethic and enthusiasm of the teams is evident in the teamwork shown on the court. Through the month of February, the Cheerleading Team will be participating in competitions to showcase our hard work that we've been putting in behind the scenes. We would love to see familiar, friendly, and spirited faces cheering us on for the following dates; February 3rd in Canaseraga, February 7th Counties in Houghton, and February 24th Sectionals at R.I.T. For further details, please see one of the BCS Cheer Team members or contact Coach Kayla Ross. We hope to see you there!



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 _____



After the holiday break, the 9th and 10th graders will begin working on the Memory Project. Each student will be assigned a picture of a child from a third world country to draw a portrait of. The portraits will be sent back to the children as a special

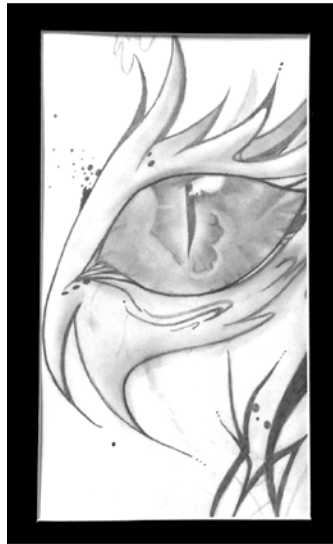
gift. To learn more about this great opportunity, go to <https://memoryproject.org/>.

Each participating student needs to raise \$15 to cover postage and other expenses, so we will be collecting funds until March. If you are interested in donating to this cause or sponsoring a student, please contact Mrs. Rhone (mrhone@belf.wnyric.org).

Thank you for your support!



Alehia Gaddy



Joslin Hunt



Dakota Clink

Music Department

All-County Ensemble and Solo Festivals Feb. 9 & 10!

Swing into Spring Craft Show & Chicken BBQ

Belfast Central School
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Craft Show
10am - 3pm

Chicken BBQ
Noon - 2pm
\$10 each (presale only)

For chicken BBQ tickets contact:
Shelly Calanni @ BCS
Ashley Yackerren @ 585-365-6035
Mary @ Guilford's Corner Store

Sponsored by the Belfast PTO



Cassandra Hadaway



Morgan Hamer



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.



Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

Sophomore class will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts from February 26th until March 8th. Donuts will be delivered March 14th. There will be some extra boxes available for purchase at Open House. Please support our class!!!



SPCA Supply Drive

Two years ago our Preschoolers collected items for the SPCA and S.T.A.R. Our goal was to collect enough items to fill a bus... **AND WE DID!**

We are at it again this year, and would like to do even more! Please join our Preschoolers in helping animals in need! We will collect until January 19th.

If you know a preschool family, you may contact them, or you may bring your supplies to the Belfast Central School, we will have a box in the main entry.

Supplies needed:

- Dry dog, cat and kitten food, canned cat and kitten food, dog and cat treats, dog and cat toys, collars and leashes.
- Bleach, Pine-sol, Lysol, liquid laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, garbage bags (39 gal. 13 gal.)
- Pine shavings, hay.
- Washcloths, towels, blankets

Thank you for supporting our preschoolers while they learn about giving of themselves, instead of receiving for themselves.

Easter Candy Sales

The senior class is selling Easter Candy from Feb 2 through 14.

To order contact Mrs. Barber at the school!



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

February 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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4	5 Niagara Chocolate Sales Begin	6	7	8 Awards Assembly	9 Honor Roll Breakfast Yearbook Flower Sales Begin	10 Can Drive at Bus Garage 9-11 a.m.
11	12 PTO Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	13 BOE Mtg.	14	15	16	17
18	19 No School President's Day 	20 No School Winter Recess	21 No School Winter Recess	22 No School Winter Recess	23 No School Winter Recess	24
25	26 Krispy Kreme Sales Begin	27	28			

BCS Basketball Schedule

Girls' Varsity Basketball

2/3	11:00 a.m.	@Friendship
2/5	7:00 p.m.	(Fillmore)
2/7	7:00 p.m.	@Hinsdale
2/12	6:00 p.m.	@Cuba-Rushford
2/13	7:00 p.m.	(Scio)

Girls' Modified Basketball

2/1	5:00 p.m.	(Friendship)
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Boys' Varsity Basketball

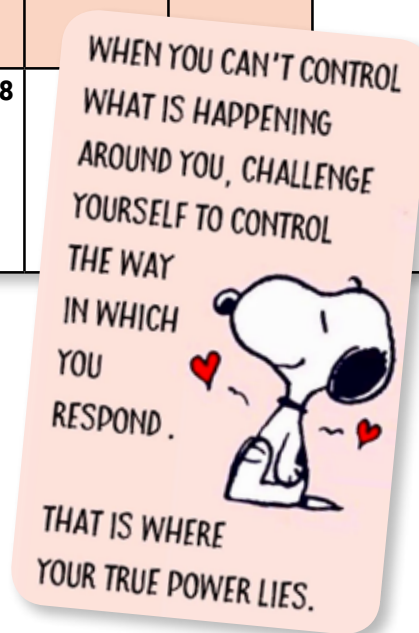
2/2	7:30 p.m.	(Hinsdale)
2/3	12:30 p.m.	@Friendship
2/6	7:30 p.m.	@Houghton
2/12	7:30 p.m.	(Scio)
2/14	7:30 p.m.	@Whitesville

Boys' JV Basketball

2/6	6:00 p.m.	@Houghton
2/12	6:00 p.m.	(Scio)
2/14	6:00 p.m.	@Whitesville

Boys' Modified Basketball

2/1	6:15 p.m.	(Friendship)
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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

THANKS

To The Belfast UMC, Pastor Nancy and Bonnie: For opening your doors to the Belfast Preschool for their special Holiday Tea event. *From the Preschool staff, children and families*

A special thanks to Carla Chamberlain, and the Special Education teachers for their knowledgeable advice regarding suitable gifts for an autistic child. *Sincerely ~ Marsha Bond*

The Student Council would like to thank all of the patrons who support our food sales during basketball games!

Important Reminders

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.

Allegany County Employment & Training

Allegany 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.

Belfast Bulldog Gear

There are still Belfast Bulldog hoodies and caps for sale. Please contact Mrs. Barber



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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: _____