

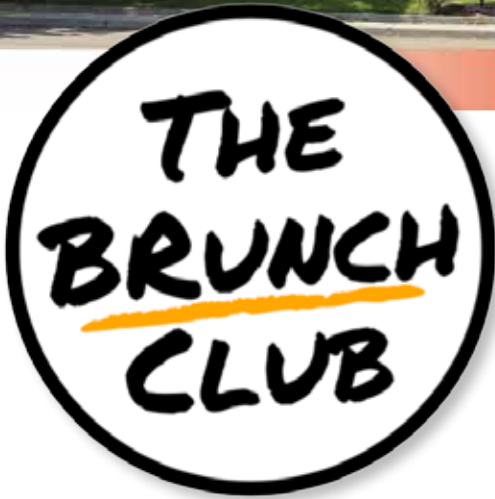


Belfast

Central School District

Newsletter

"a school dedicated to excellence"



6 STUDENTS, 5 SCENES,
4 GENRES, 1 PLAY

A FULL LENGTH COMEDY BY KATELYN BEYKES

Belfast Central School

March 9th and 10th, 7:00
Admission by Donation

The *Brunch Club* is inspired by the popular film, *The Breakfast Club*. Each scene starts with six students in detention, left alone by the teacher, and then varies as the script parodies genres such as zombie, soap opera, and film noir. The cast of nineteen students in grades 8-12, with six students co-directing scenes, has worked hard to bring you a family-friendly show full of laughs! Please come and support our drama students!

Chinese Auction

A Chinese Auction sponsored by and benefiting the Class of 2019 will be held on March 24, from 11 AM until 3 PM, in the Belfast Central School Auditorium.

On March 24, a Belfast Bulldog afghan made by Norleen Enders, will also be raffled off. Tickets for the afghan raffle will be available beginning on March 1 from any Junior class member.

Donations for the Chinese Auction will be accepted until March 23.



Open House

Please join us for Open House on
March 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Things to look forward to will include:

- Senior class sponsored Stearn's Chicken BBQ \$10.00
- Krispy Krème donut sale
- Vote on Mole Projects
- Vendors in the Gym
- Puppet Show
- Art Displays

Belfast Best

The following are
this month's....

Belfast Best

Carson Treusdell and Colt Cobb are both deserving of this award because of their honesty. Both boys turned in money they found to teachers and the office.

Camden Smith is also deserving of this award, and Ms. Caiazza says to Camden, "Thank you for your honesty and help while I was subbing at school."

Reminder

Swing into
Spring on
- March 3 -

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

BCS is continuously looking for ways to connect with the community. One way to have the community more involved in our school is by utilizing volunteers. Do you love kids? Do you have time available during your week? Do you have special knowledge, skills, or talents that you would love to share? If any of these scenarios describe you, please consider being a volunteer at BCS. An application to be a volunteer is posted on the District web page at <https://www.belfastcsd.org/domain/1124>.

Additionally, the building is now open to the community from 5-8 p.m., on days when school is in session, for people to walk the halls. We will be working to mark the routes in the building to help individuals know how far they have walked and help them meet their fitness goals. If you would like to walk the halls, please park in the main parking lot, enter through the main entrance, and wear clean shoes while exercising.

We are working hard to create an inviting atmosphere in our building. If you have ideas about programs, activities, or events that you would like to see at BCS, please contact me at wbutler@belf.wnyric.org or at 365-9940. Together, we can make BCS a true community school.

Dr. Butler, Superintendent

From the Desk of Mr. Roche

As most families are aware, students in grades 3-8 will be taking ELA and Math tests this spring. Here are some strategies that you can use at home to help your son/daughter.

If you have concerns about the test or testing situation, talk with your child's teacher.

Discuss your concerns with the teacher and/or school administrator. If you believe that your child's difficulty with standardized tests may be the symptom of a problem such as a language or learning difficulty, speak with your child's teacher to learn if your child qualifies for any assessment accommodations.

On Test Day

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast
- Many teachers report that students who don't

do well on tests haven't gotten enough sleep, and haven't eaten breakfast on the morning of the test. Doing both of these things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity (Narang, 2008).

Remain Positive

- Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help her practice some relaxation techniques that she can try once she's taking the test (Narang, 2008).

After the Test

- What about the results? Assessments vary from test to test, but the test scores should include information that helps you interpret the results. Talk with your child's teacher if you have any questions about the test results. You may also suggest that the school offer a testing information session to parents (Narang, 2008).

On a Daily Basis

In addition to these strategies, there are a number of ways that you can maximize your child's learning capabilities throughout the school year, which can lead to confident test-taking. Some of these strategies include:

- Assisting your child with homework and ensuring that your child is completing all homework assignments
- Helping him/her to develop good study habits, thinking skills, and a positive attitude towards education from an early age
- Ensuring that your child has good attendance at school
- Staying in communication with your child's teacher
- Encouraging your child to read as much as possible, and to increase her vocabulary - even reading magazines, newspapers, and comic books regularly will help improve her reading skills
- Looking for educational games and programs that engage your child
- Helping your child learn how to follow directions carefully (Dietel, 2008; IRA (2002); Narang, 2008).

Finally, remember that standardized tests and grading systems are not perfect; each format has its own limitations. As you help your child do his/her best on the tests he/she takes and in all of his/her schoolwork, also remind him/her that testing is just one part of his/her education. With your support and involvement, he/she will be well on his/her way to his/her own bright future.

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Narang, S. (2008). *Standardized tests: What you should know before your child sharpens his #2 pencil*. Retrieved April 2, 2008, from <http://content.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=1403>.

From the Desk of Mrs. Hess

Does your child have GRIT???

Michael Jordan once said "I've missed more than nine thousand shots in my career. I've lost more than three hundred games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot, and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan has grit. He faced challenge after challenge throughout his career, yet he never gave up. Celebrities like Michael Jordan, along with others such as Bill Gates, the Wright brothers, Walt Disney, and Oprah Winfrey did not stumble upon success or have a mythical natural ability that they were born with. All of these success stories were able to achieve their goals with grit and perseverance while having a growth mindset.

Carol Dweck, a leading researcher in growth mindset, says there are two types of goals - performance goals and learning goals. Performance goals are designed to make a person look smart or capable - getting an A on a test, scoring three goals in a soccer game. Learning goals help a student learn, regardless of performance - learn how to speak Spanish, learn how to apply the scientific process in an experiment.

Working with your child to set goals will help them decide what is important to them, what tools or supports will be necessary to achieve their goal, and how the goal will apply to real life situations. With a well-defined goal, students will begin towards a path of accomplishment. While working towards their goal, encourage them to show qualities of determination and grit. They also need to be willing to face a challenge and persevere through the challenge. Dedicated, deliberate practice to learning challenges can result in improvement. Next time your child struggles with an assignment or "fails" at a task, use it as an opportunity to talk to your child's grit. Do they have what it takes to set a learning goal and work hard to achieve it?

Here are a few resources to help you initiate a conversation about grit with your child:

- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- *Thank You, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco
- *Oh, the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss
- *Charlie Brown* (any episode)
- "Failure" (Michael Jordan Nike commercial)
- *The Pursuit of Happyness* (job interview clip)
- "Imagine" by John Lennon
- "Eyes Open" by Taylor Swift
- "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten

"Every worthwhile accomplishment has a beginning, a struggle, and a victory."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Great Monthly Attendance Award



Mrs. Bainbridge's 4th grade class were awarded **GREAT JANUARY ATTENDANCE for K-4!**

The class had only 1 unexcused tardy for the whole month! Fantastic!!

The class will receive ice cream coupons compliments of Principal Hess.



January's Students of the Month



These students in January showed that they have growth mindsets by **Accepting Challenges**.

- **Kindergarteners:**
Taryn Moore, Jayce Shafer and MacKenna Yackeren
- **1st Graders:**
James Adams and Megan Johnson
- **2nd Graders:**
Gabriella Ammons, Colin Stork, and Madeline White
- **3rd Graders:**
Josi Kirch, Korryn Kline, and Noah Miller
- **4th Graders:**
Zachari Bloxsom, Addisyn Ely, Alexa Ely, and Kaylee Knorr



*Shown in Photo to the Left:
Elisa Houser, Hailie Mitchell,
Carter Guilford, Keith Weaver,
Rosey Lanning, Rylea Comstock,
Sydney Ace, MacKenzie Hurd,
Hunter Lincoln, Dennis Doell of
Wellspring Ministry*

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, March 17 @ 11AM
Belfast Central School Auditorium

- Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 1-8)
- Scavenger Hunt (Ages 9-11)

FREE LUNCH!

(Hot Dogs, Chips,
Soda & Dessert)

**COME SEE THE
EASTER BUNNY AND
DON'T FORGET TO
BRING YOUR EASTER
BASKET!**



Sponsored by the Belfast Lions Club & the Belfast PTO



Love in Action

The Belfast High School Student Council sponsored their Love in Action food and money collection.

All money and food collected were donated to the Wellspring Ministry.

Thank you for your continued support!!

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.

2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration



CHILD'S NAME _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Belfast Central School 2017-2018 Yearbook Orders

Our yearbook is planned to include:

- All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Durable, long-lasting hard cover that protects treasured memories for a lifetime
- Original cover design that reflects our school's spirit and uniqueness

Add on any of the following yearbook extras:

- Student's name imprinted in foil on the cover, plus the option to add foil icons that reflect each student's interests and hobbies

Don't wait... order your 2018 yearbook today!

\$40.00 - as of February 1, 2018

(It is past the date for imprinting orders)

Payment made to:
Belfast Central School

Order online at:
ybpay.lifetouch.com

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____
Nombre del estudiante Grado Fecha

Teacher Name/Homeroom _____
Nombre del maestro/a /Clase

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**Thank You
for Your
Yearbook
Order!**
¡Gracias por su orden
del anuario!

Busy 1st Graders

Gail Gibbons is an amazing children's book author. Our first graders have been analyzing her texts, and trying to apply her various writing styles to their own writing. Mrs. Jessica Weaver created a beautiful door modeled from one of Gail's classic books. The kids have loved reading her books, and incorporating what they learned from her writing into their own stories.



100 Day Celebrations



Nurse's Corner

Greetings from the School Nurse. My name is Amy Giboo, RN. I started here at Belfast on October 23, 2017, and I would like to introduce myself. I have been a nurse for a total of 17 years. I have worked in a hospital, nursing home, and pediatric office. I am married and have three children. I live in the Franklinville area. And I have 2 cute cocker spaniels!

I have been enjoying meeting all of your children over the last few months. They are all great! Whether it was sickness, injury, or just a quick stop in that brought them in, they are very welcoming!

As we all know flu season has been in full swing! So just a reminder to parents and guardians that if your child is ill, and has a fever, or vomiting please keep them home 24 hours after the last episode, so we don't spread our germs to anyone else, especially any child that is immunocompromised. Thank you for your help!

I want to inform parents and guardians of two new state requirements for next year. The first new change are physicals for grade levels. It is now state mandated that children entering Pre-K or Kindergarten, 1,3,5,7,9, and 11th grades are to have physicals. Most doctors require yearly physicals anyway, so it should not be too much of a hassle. Our school physician comes in to do physicals here at the school twice a year. The second change is that New York State requires physicals on an approved health form, which your physician should have. If not, when they become available to me, I will have some to disperse! Any questions, concerns, or comments please do not hesitate to contact me!

When to Keep a Child Home with Illness

It can be hard to know when to send children to school if they tell you that they do not feel well. Usually, the best place for them is in school, but there are some times when keeping them home to rest or call for an appointment with your health care provider is recommended.

Please keep your child home and/or contact your child's doctor for:

- Fever greater than 100.4° (taken by mouth)
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours

- Severe sore throat along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, or after exposure to Strep throat infection
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts
- Large amounts of mucous (liquid) from their nose, with face pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ear
- Severe headache, especially with fever

If your child has a fever, it is not a good idea to give them medicine like Tylenol or Advil and send them to school because as soon as the medicine wears off, the fever may return and you will be called to come and pick up your child.

Please keep children home for 24 hours after the fever ends or they have completed 24 hours of medication if prescribed by your health care provider.

If you find your child is frequently asking to stay home from school, if they are falling behind or appear anxious about school, or if there does not appear to be any physical symptoms, contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns.

Remind children to throw away used tissues, cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, keep their hands away from their face, and to wash hands often with soap and warm water. This will help keep everyone healthier.

Please call us with any concerns or questions.

Amy Giboo RN • 585-365-2646 ext 2205 • agiboo@belf.wnyric.org



Math and Reading/ELA Awards

Pictured Above - Sadie Estabrook, Owen Heaney, Canaan Sullivan, Jaiden Enders, Jenna Hill, Michael Frazier, Justin Hill



Science and Social Studies Awards

Pictured Above - Allyson Hazelton, Sean Mahon, Justine Hill, Alicia Borden, Jenna Hill, Owen Heaney



Positive Sportsmanship Gym and Art Awards

Pictured Above - Kyle McCumiskey, Monty Wilson, Cayla Mura, Katlin Sadler, Matthew Barren, Sean Mahon, Christianna Hansgen



Spelling Bee Winners

Pictured to the Left - Middle School Champions - Jenna Hill and Owen Heaney; Elementary Champion - Bradan Foster (not pictured)



Spelling Bee

Pictured to the Left - Abigail Morton, Summer Buchholz, Finn Heaney, Samayah Lussier, Emalee Carman, Carson Treusdell, Richard Elliott III, Madison Yackeren, Grant Preston, Jackson Barney, Carson Foster; Greta Smithers, Khloe Jenkins, Bradley Middaugh, Gabriella Ammons, Savannah Miller, Sarah Hazelton, Lydia McDonald, Korryn Cline, Bradan Foster



Spelling Bee

Pictured Above - (5th) Lucas Frazier, Natalee Lindo, Dennis Rehler, Caden Stork, Kayliegh Wojcik; (6th) Carley Burrows, Kyle McCumiskey, Sean Mahon, Jonathan Webb-Aylor



Spelling Bee

Pictured Above - (7th) Alyssa Burnell, Daemon Cobb, Gavin Kenyon, Logan Lopez, Isabelle Male; (8th) Jacob Buchholz, Christianna Hansgen, Michael Truax



Citizenship Award

Pictured Above - 5th Grade - Carissa Mura, 6th Grade - Kyle McCumiskey, 7th Grade - Brianna Morton, 8th Grade - Katlin Sadler



Growth Mindset Learner Award

Pictured Above - Cooper Grastorf, Hannah Hill, Logan McCarthy, Taryn Moore, Emmitt Scharles, Evan Simzer, Delsin Bisig, Jessie-Joe Chamberlain, McKylie Elliott, Summer Histed, Megan Johnson, Lydia McDonald, Bradley Middaugh, Dustin Vaughn, Onalee Aronson, Payton Booth, Emma Calanni, Alexis Preston, Landon Blocho, Jaela Brown, Vance Carrier, Sophie Rehler, Emerson Weaver, Wyatt Weaver, Chloe Chamberlain, Cory Cobb, Bryce Conley, Donivan Fields, Monica Harriger, Leon Histed, Izabella Lindo, Preston Outman, Zakk West



Growth Mindset Expert Award

Pictured Above - Adam Oskar, Mackenna Yackeren, Jackson Barney, Caylin Burrows, Bradan Foster; Greta Smithers, Gabriella Ammons, Violet Edwards, Sarah Hazelton, Isabelle Guilford, Bayleigh Tallman, Tye Willard, Madison Yackeren, Samayah Lussier



Family and Consumer Science, Spanish, and Technology Awards

Pictured Above - Angel Fuller, Cayla Mura, Isabella Male, Alicia Borden, Brianna Morton, Destiny Cantrell



High Honor Roll

Pictured Above - Jenna Hill, Natalee Lindo, Carley Burrows, Michael Frazier, Owen Heaney, Justin Hill, Isabelle Male, Canaan Sullivan, Jaiden Enders, Matthew Weaver



Honor Roll - 6th Grade

Pictured Above - Jacob Borden, Cassandra Guilford, Mary Hamer, Audrey Hughan, Tristan Jenkins, Aailyah Knorr, Sean Mahon, Kyle McCumiskey, Jackson Stout, Abigail Sullivan, Christopher Weaver



Honor Roll - 5th Grade

Pictured Above - Matthew Barren, Sadie Estabrook, Allyson Hazelton, Dillion Kelley, Jaizelyn Marcello, Danika Scott, Kayliegh Wojcik, Morgan Yackerer, Sophie Zillgitt



Honor Roll - 7th and 8th Grade

Pictured Above - Tykota Burnell, Trevor Clark, Anna Drozdowski, Chelsea Goldsmith, Brianna Morton, Harley Proctor, Connor Stork, Carter Stout, Alicia Broden, Jacob Buchholz, Selene Hamer, Christianna Hansgen, Max Miller, Cayla Mura



Most Improved Award

Pictured Above - 5th Grade - Morgan Yackerer, 6th Grade - Audrey Hughan, 7th Grade - Montgomery Wilson, 8th Grade - Jill Hamer



Outstanding Effort Award

Pictured to the Left - 5th Grade - Jaizelyn Marcello, 6th Grade - Mary Hamer; 7th Grade - Harley Proctor; 8th Grade - Harley Haas



Principal's Award

Pictured to the Left - 5th Grade - Danika Scott, 6th Grade - Carley Burrows, 7th Grade - Justin Hill, 8th Grade - Colton Morgan



Growth Mindset Master Award

Pictured to the Left - Evan Moore, Shea Preston, Caleb Stork, Brynn Williams, Owen Armison, Ethan Chamberlain, Savannah Miller, Conan Tallman, Colden Caiazza, Avery Enders, Carson Foster, Lisa Hill, Khloe Jenkins, Aidyn Robbins, Aria Saccamano, Anthony Snyder, Colin Stork, Madeline White, Raelynn Wilson, Landon Wulf, Carter Fenti, Afton Hamer, Josi Kirch, Jonathan Male, Noah Miller, Grant Preston, Carson Treusdell, Zachari Bloxsum, Summer Buchholz, Cylie Burrows, Emalee Carman, Addisyn Ely, Alexa Ely, Logan Estabrook, William Guilford, Finn Heaney, Kaylee Knorr, Rachel Merriam, Carly Moultrup, Mariah Patton, Lucy Simzer, Callahan Tallman



Band

The following students will be participants in the upcoming All-County Festivals in March!

- Aidan Heaney
- Kelsi Morton
- Stephen Struckmann
- Hunter Lincoln
- Ethan Blocho

Music

Congratulations to the following for making it through the audition process and being accepted into High School All-County Choir in March.

- Roseanna Lanning
- Noah Bentley
- Andrew Blocho
- Elijah Broshar
- Hunter Lincoln

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
- WZKZ, Wellsville, 101.9 FM
- WHDL, Olean, 1450 AM
- WKSE, Buffalo, 98.5 FM
- WTSS, Buffalo, 102.5 FM
- WGRF, Buffalo, 96.9 FM
- WIVB, BuffaloTV, Channel 4
- WGRZ-TV, Buffalo TV, Channel 2
- WHTK, Rochester, 1280 AM
- Kiss FM, Rochester, 106.7 FM
- Snap 107.3, Rochester, 107.3 FM
- WLSV, Wellsville, 790 AM
- WQRW, Wellsville, 93.5 FM
- WPIG, Olean, 95.7 FM
- WBEN, Buffalo, 930 AM
- WEDG, Buffalo, 103.3 FM
- WHTT, Buffalo, 104.1 FM
- WKBW, BuffaloTV, Channel 7
- WHAM, Rochester, 1180 AM
- WVOR, Rochester, 100.5 FM
- Sunny 102.3, Rochester, 102.3 FM
- The Fox, Rochester, 95.1 FM

High School Art

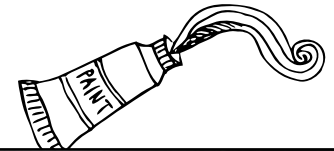
High school art students have been working hard to finish pieces for the upcoming Open House Art Show and the St. Bonaventure Juried Art Show.



Christian Lingenfelter



Elisa Houser



Kelsi Morton



Morgan Hamer



Rylea Comstock



Rosie Lanning

Passing on the Knowledge

The Kindergarten class excited to showed off their reading skills, read to the Preschoolers.



Class of 2018 Can Drive

What a success! Thank you to the community for your support and a special thanks to Sherry Hull for her sorting abilities!



Pennies for Patients

Our school has completed the challenge of helping The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society find cures for blood cancer. Our students, parents, faculty and staff did your part and worked so hard to raise so much money. Thank you for your hard work! **Our grand total was \$1,334.80.** Thanks to schools like ours, we are supporting life-saving research and making cures happen not someday, but today! Thank you so much!

Congratulations to the two homerooms that raised the most money: Mrs. Hazelton's classroom for elementary and Mr. Heaney's classroom for 7-12.



From the Belfast Public Library, In Loving Memory of Janine Preston



The Belfast Library lost a wonderful leader and friend with Janine Preston's passing. Her enthusiasm, friendliness, and sunny outlook were contagious and enriched all who knew her. She genuinely loved the library and was always trying to improve it.

The library staff and board would like to thank all of the individuals and groups who have supported us with words, prayers, donations, and sympathy. We know you all mourn this loss with us, and we deeply appreciate it. We will endeavor to honor Janine's memory by continuing to serve the community well, and in ways we hope that she would approve of.

World Read Aloud Day

February 1st was World Read Aloud Day. In honor of this day, our elementary students skyped with award winning author, Amber L. Spradlin. She introduced students in grades 2-4 to her pet bunny, Thumperio, and read to us about his adventures in Thumperion- Diary of a Superbunny. Students in Kindergarten and first grade listened to A Cow Named Cow and Cow Goes to the Opera. It was really fun to listen to an author share her work, and to ask Ms. Spradlin all about being a writer and how she got her ideas!



KIDS CLUB NEWS!

For the month of February we are talking about anatomy. Lessons include information about bones, organs, the brain and skeletal system!!! Hands on activities include making a brain, making a spinal cord and a set of working lungs! The kids also started learning yoga. We are also getting excited about our field trip to Funland Skate Center on February 25.

In March, we are looking forward to learning about nutrition, healthy eating, and how what we eat fuels the body! We will be experimenting with a magic milk experiment, bouncy eggs and a lesson on oil and water. Our Family Fun Night is on March 28 and will be an open rec night in the school gym. Lots of different activities to exercise our minds and bodies!



BCS Calendar of Events - March 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Special Vote Harry Potter Night 6 - 7:30pm	2 NHS Blood Drive 1-6pm	3 PTO Spring Fling 10am - 3pm
4	5	6	7	8	9 The Brunch Club Play	10 The Brunch Club Play
11 Day Light Savings begins	12 Spring Pictures Kindergarten Graduation Pictures PTO Meeting 5:30pm	13 BOE Meeting 5:30pm	14	15 Senior Class Chicken BBQ Open House 6pm	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Easter Egg Hunt 11am
18	19	20 Pre-K Family Fun Night	21	22 8th Grade Washington Trip	23 8th Grade Washington Trip	24 8th Grade Washington Trip Junior Class Chinese Auction
25 8th Grade Washington Trip	26	27 7th Grade Science Symposium	28 Kid's Club Family Fun Night	29 Early Dismissal at 2pm (PreK-12)	30 No School Good Friday (Spring Break Begins)	31



Dates to Remember:

- 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

2018 BCS District Calendar

MARCH

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MAY

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JUNE

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- School Closed
- Early Dismissal
- Regents Exams & Gr. 3-8 Testing

Library Memorials

The following books have been placed in the elementary library in memory of:

Amy Shafer Gerrish
Keith & Kathy Shafer & family.

- Pinduli by Cannon
- Good People Everywhere by Gillen
- Kindness is Cooler Mrs. Ruler by Cuyler
- The Highest Mountain of Books in the World by Bonilla
- The Invisible Boy by Ludwig

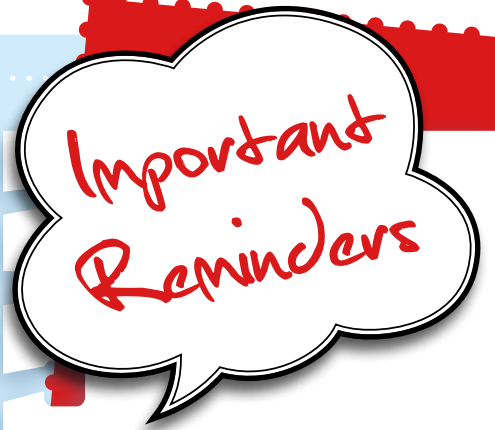
THANKS

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Bogdan, Belfast Central and the whole town:

Thank you so much for the Leggin' It For Lucy Walk, and for all the prayers, donations, and kindness we have received in the past few months. The support you have given to us is so greatly appreciated.

Lucy can't wait to come back to school next year. She misses you all so much!

Thank you, Lucy Burr Hadsell and family XOXO



Want a Summer Job?

START NOW to prepare!

- ✓ Get your Employment Certificate ("Working Papers")
- ✓ Make sure that you know how to complete a great application for employment
- ✓ Make a plan for getting to and from a job, on time, every day
- ✓ Check out the Access Allegany bus schedule at <https://www.ardentnetwork.org/access-allegany.html>

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) applications will be available soon! Contact Sherry for more information at Allegany County Employment & Training, 7 Wells Lane, Belmont, NY (585)268-9445.

Safety First!

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!

Save the Date

Saturday, July 14th, Belfast Alumni and Friends Banquet. If you are willing to help, contact Patty Oliver (585-365-2319) or Diana Grastorf (716-498-1799).



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- Superintendent’s Office..... 365-9940
- Principal’s Office 365-8285
- Business Office 365-8289
- Guidance Office 365-8297
- Bus Garage..... 365-2609
- Nurse’s Office 365-2053
- Special Education Office..... 365-8847
- Preschool..... 365-8088
- Automated Attendant 365-2646
- Fax..... 365-2648
- Safe School Tip Line (leave a message).... 365-2053
- Website..... www.belfast.wnyric.org

Please remember our school safety tip line. This line remains at **365-2053** and may be used for anonymous calls for reporting student safety concerns.



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: _____