

# BCS Hosts Another Fun and Informative Open House





The evening of March 15 brought a bevy of activity to every corner of our building. From Cheer Club and t-ball sign ups to the announcement of a student film festival in May, there were examples of fun and innovative ways that our faculty are opening doors, with expanded skills and a growth mindset, for our students and their families.

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# Belfast Best

The following are this month's....

Belfast Best

Lori Wilson for being the best chicken barbecue boxer, and for helping the senior class.

Kim Hamer for helping the seniors with the chicken barbecue!









#### **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.

# Open House (cont'd)

Pre-k students had their planes, trains, and automobiles on display from a building project they did in February with their parents. First grade students performed a puppet show and 100% of the students had families in attendance at Mrs. Miller's first grade classroom. Seven students claimed prizes for the Lego estimation contest housed in Ms. Denning's classroom. Anthony Snyder, Logan McCarthy, Colden Caiazza, Isabelle Lindo, Pierre Lussier, Alyssa Cole and Sean Mahon were the best estimators.

Kids Club after school program raffled off a large prize basket which was claimed by Lucy Simzer.

In middle school, K'nex simple machines were a big hit. Surface area paper sculptures from math class in grade 6 were also on display. Retiring from teaching grades 5 and 6 in June, the outgoing Mrs. Parker was wistful about her last open house celebration at BCS.

"I will miss this," Parker said, "especially seeing older students come by to say hello. It is so nice to reconnect with them at open house."

Juniors traditionally compete in Mrs. Flanagan-Watson's mole project. This chemistry class event is very popular. The winner for 2018 is Kayleigh Blocho with "Molana," a spin-off on a Disney movie. "Donmoled Trump" and "Elon Molesk" were among the other many clever entries.

High school student book recommendations were on posters throughout the hallways.

In keeping with our voracious appetite for books, the Belfast Public Library was positioned in the gymnasium with an impressive array of books to raffle.

Also in the gym, the Cornell Cooperative Extension table included 4-H, nutrition, and Cassandra Bull, the Farm to School Coordinator. Ms. Bull hopes to connect with BCS faculty more in the future to talk about what her grant can do to promote more fresh produce at school, while enriching the student experience with gardening and agriculture.

Belfast Rescue Squad had a large corner of the gym reserved for life saving equipment and recruiting adult volunteers while sparking student

interest in the emergency medical field.

Allegany Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse (ACASA), Allegany Arc, Cuba Cultural Center, Houghton College, Genesee Community College, ACCORD, Lifeway Youth Center, Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF), CORE (formerly Literacy West NY, Inc.) and Belfast PTO rounded out the community agency roster. Jacquie Elliott was the winner of the PTO door prize.



















# Great Monthly Attendance Award



Mrs. Mullen's 4th grade class was awarded **GREAT FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE** for K-4!

The class had only 2 unexcused tardies for the whole month! Fantastic!!

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

# February's Students of the Month



These students in February showed that they have growth mindsets by **Setting Goals** and Working to Achieve Them.

- Kindergarteners:
  Shea Preston and Emmitt Scharles
- <u>1st Graders:</u> Bradley Middaugh and Greta Smithers
- 2nd Graders: Alexis Preston
- 3rd Graders: George Merrell, Bayleigh Tallman, Emerson Weaver and Wyatt Weaver
- 4th Graders:
  Bryce Conley, William Guilford,
  and Rachel Merriam

## Nurse's Corner

Happy Spring, and hopefully better weather! This means kids will be riding their bikes and playing outside! Safety is always a big concern, so please remind them to wear their helmets and watch for cars, play nice, and follow the playground rules.

Safety first!

Anything on the ground stays on the ground!

Find friends!

Everyone follows directions!

Treat others the way you want to be treated!

You must line up when called!

Spring physicals at school with Dr. Kassas are May 23, 2018. If your child is in need of a physical, please let me know. If your child is overdue for a physical, they will automatically be put on the list. If you prefer a family physician, please let me know. Just a reminder if your child had a physical at a family physician, please have them forward me a copy or send me a copy. The offices are becoming more strict and are not always letting me call to get them.

Any concerns or questions please contact me anytime!

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

# Odyssey of the Mind Competition



This year BCS sent two teams to the Odyssey of the Mind competition! The teams consist of 4th/5th graders and 6th/7th graders. OM is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Participants build self-confidence, develop life skills, create new friendships, and are able to recognize and explore their true potential. Odyssey of the Mind proves that students can have fun while they learn. The teams competed on March 24th at Allegany-Limestone Middle/High School.



## STUDENTS, 5 SCENES, 4 GENRES, 1 PLAY

### Cast of The Brunch Club

- 1. Cayla Mura
- 2. Dominik Becker
- 3. Ashley Estabrook
- 4. Aidan Heaney
- 5. James Booth
- 6. Hunter Lincoln
- Christian Lopez

- 8. Stephen Struckmann
- 9. McKayla Cross
- 10. Kylie Francis
- 11. Christianna Hansgen
- 12. Destiny Cantrell
- 13. Jaiden Enders

- 14. Emma Sullivan
- 15. Alicia Borden
- 16. Morgan Hamer
- 17. Adison Male
- 18. Elisa Houser
- 19. Lilly Mahon























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.

<b>2018-2019</b> Preschool Registration	
CHILD'S NAME	
DATE OF BIRTH	
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S)	
ADDRESS	
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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.



a lasting impression on our kids"



# Learning Tips from Mrs. Hess

#### **Learning is Messy**

The learning process is filled with mistakes and setbacks. Our children need to know how to navigate those inevitable mistakes in order to grow from their experiences. Here is a three-step strategy to teach children to harness the power of mistakes both at home and in the classroom:

- Normalize mistakes: Children need to learn that mistakes are a normal part of the learning process. By teaching them how to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes, failure will no longer be something that is feared. Rather, it is an important and natural experience that they can learn from.
- 2. Value mistakes as learning opportunities: Turning mistakes into valuable learning opportunities is also key to normalizing them. Mistakes should be used as a jumping-off point for a discussion for improvement.
- 3. Coach students through setbacks: When your child hits a snag in their learning that they cannot resolve, their parent has the opportunity to step in and coach them through it. Provide them with open ended questions such as "Why do you think this happened?" or "What's another strategy you could use?" or "How might you avoid this mistake next time?" to guide them through the learning of their mistake.

Have you ever noticed that your child is willing to tackle a new level of a video game for hours but gives up on their math homework or cleaning their room in a matter of minutes? Lisa Blackwell, a mindset-researcher notes that the threat of permanent failure is taken away in video games, where the player is given an unlimited number of chances to improve. Every failed attempt at a level is still an incremental step toward the mastery of it. Take some clues from the gaming industry – masters at engaging kids – to provoke the same kind of stick-to-it-ness that kids employ in video games.

Here are some strategies:

- 1. Provide examples.
- Nonthreatening Children should have the opportunity to fail without consequence.
- Child input Allow your child input on the work they'll be doing. Voice and choice will promote ownership over the task and help children self-motivate to succeed.
- 4. Embrace differences Not all children learn the same way, let them try multiple paths and figure out on their own what works and what doesn't.
- 5. Intrinsic motivation External rewards are never as successful as when children discover what motivates them intrinsically.
- 6. Cheats Give your child tips and tricks to use as strategies in learning.
- 7. Constant feedback Children need a stream of feedback from parents, teachers, and peers offering valuable advice and information that can enhance their learning.
- 8. Scaffolding Make sure you provide support to your child in the form of scaffolding information and skill acquisition.
- 9. Create healthy competition Competition is often intrinsically motivating to students.

When parents and teachers swoop in to protect children from failure, they do them a disservice by depriving them of the opportunity to learn how to fail in a way that's productive and meaningful. Knowing how to fail is a valuable skill. Productive failure is the idea that mistakes and setbacks can be transitioned into valuable learning opportunities. So the next time your child struggles with something, let them fail. Then help them figure out what they can learn and how they can grow from their failure.

# Belfast Public Library News

We would like thank everyone who attended our Victorian tea party in February! It was a tremendous success. We had a full house and it was so much fun. Thank you to the library board and community members who volunteered treats and supplies. Keep an eye out for pictures coming soon to our Facebook page!

#### ADULT FICTION

- Simple Pleasures by Marianne Jantzi (religious fiction)
- Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon (religious fiction)
- Fifty Fifty by James Patterson
- A Death in Live Oak by James Grippando
- Come Sundown by Nora Roberts

- Look for Me by Lisa Gardner
- Fall from Grace by Danielle Steel
- Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- A Memory of Violets by Hazel Gaynor
- Wildflower by Kimberly Freeman
- State of Fear by Michael Crichton
- The Cobra Event by Richard Preston
- Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
- Dark in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel by J. D. Robb
- Lost City by Clive Cussler
- Switch by Joseph Finder

#### **ADULT NON-FICTION**

 The Time of Our Lives by Peggy Noonan (Large Print)

- History's Greatest Lies by William Weir
- Clara's War by Clara Kramer

#### YOUNG ADULT

- The Last Namsara by Kristen Ciccarelli
- I Believe in a Thing Called Love by Maurene Goo

#### **JUVENILE**

- Swiftmain by C. R. Fulton
- Ironhold by C. R. Fulton
- Giant Squid by Candace Fleming
- Welcome to Super Hero High!
   By Courtney Carbone
- Writing Radar by Jack Gantos
- Wonder by R. J. Palacio
- Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

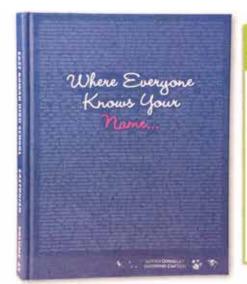
#### **DVDs**

- Classic Television
- Family Holiday Entertainment Vol. 1 & 2
- The Tudors, Seasons 1&2
- My Little Pony: The Movie
- The Farthest: Voyager in Space
- Annie
- Black Beauty
- Seabiscuit
- National Velvet
- Theodore Rex

#### **Arriving Soon**

- Murder on the Orient Express DVD
- The Tudors seasons 3&4





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# CALLING ALL SENIORS!!! \*\*\*SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY\*\*\*

The PTO scholarship application has been put in your senior mailbox!

Applications and all required information are due to the guidance office no later than May, 1, 2018.



# **Legal Notice**

## Notice of School District Budget Hearing, Annual District Meeting and Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Belfast Central School District, Belfast, Allegany County, New York, will be held at the Belfast Central School auditorium foyer, Belfast, New York in said District on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., at which time, the election of members of the Board of Education and the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the School District for the 2018-2019 school year, and the vote upon any and all Propositions involving the expenditure of money or authorizing the levy of taxes will take place.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the School District will be held by the Board of Education on May 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Belfast Central School, Belfast, New York, at which Hearing, the proposed 2018-2019 School District budget will be presented to the voters of the District. A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the aforesaid Annual Meeting and Election (other than a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday) at which the budget vote will occur. District residents may obtain this information at the office of the District Clerk at Belfast Central School, Belfast, New York, between the hours of 8: 00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### **PROPOSITION**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School is hereby authorized to levy the taxes within the District to expend the appropriation of necessary funds as established by the Board of Trustees of the Belfast Public Library, toward the support of the Belfast Public Library during the 2018-2019 School Fiscal Year.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes exclusive of public money and the amount of money which will be levied toward the support of the Belfast Public Library may be obtained by taxpayers or voters in the District during the fourteen (1 4) days immediately preceding the Annual District Meeting and Election except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at the Belfast Central School between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must

be filed with the Clerk of the District between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. not later than thirty (30) days before the Annual District Meeting and Election (by April 16, 2018).

#### Vacancies to be filled on the Board of Education:

# FIVE-YEAR TERM TO SUCCEED THE EXPIRED TERM OF JANINE PRESTON; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018.

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the length of the term of the office and the name of the incumbent.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that said Annual School District Meeting and Election will be conducted by the use of paper ballots.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the absentee ballots are available for those who are unable to appear in person on the day of the Annual District Meeting and Election due to permanent disability, illness, work, school, military obligation, incarceration, or personal vacation. A letter signed by the voter, requesting an absentee ballot, must be received by the district clerk not earlier than April 16, 2018 nor later than May 8, 2018. Voters may personally request ballots at the district clerk's office of the Belfast Central School not earlier than April 16, 2018, nor later than May 15, 2018. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the district clerk's office during regular office hours until the day of the Annual District Meeting and Election and will also be posted at the polling place.

By Order of the Board of Education Gina Larrabee – School District Clerk

# WE WISH TO REMIND DISTRICT RESIDENTS OF SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1. Petitions for our Board of Education seat are due to the district clerk's office by Monday, April 16, 2018.
- 2. Public hearing on the 2018-2019 Belfast Central School budget will be held on May 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the BCS auditorium.
- 3. Budget vote and school board member election May 15, 2018, noon to 8 p.m. in the auditorium foyer.

# BELFAST GENTRAL SCHOOL alendar of Events

# April 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Happy Easter!	No School Spring Recess	No School Spring Recess	No School Spring Recess	No School Spring Recess	No School Spring Recess	7
8	PTO Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	BOE Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	11 Grade 3-8 Testing	12 Grade 3-8 Testing	13 Grade 3-8 Testing Spring Sports Pictures	14
15	16	17	18	19	Pre-K Dad and Me Night Middle School Dance	21
22	23	24	25	<b>26</b> Awards Assembly	27	28
29	30					

# BCS Baseball/ Softball Schedule

Boys'	<b>Modified Bas</b>	eball
4/12	5:00 p.m.	(Fillmore)
4/17	5:00 p.m.	(Wellsville)
4/19	5:00 p.m.	@ Bolivar Richburg
4/21	2:00 p.m.	@ Fillmore
4/24	5:00 p.m.	@ Cuba Rushford
4/26	5:00 p.m.	@ Andover
4/28	11:00 a.m.	@ Whitesville

Boys'	<b>Varsity Baseball</b>	
4/9	5:00 p.m.	@ Scio
4/11	5:00 p.m.	(Genesee Valley)
4/12	5:00 p.m.	@ Avoca
4/13	5:00 p.m.	@ Andover
4/16	5:00 p.m.	(Whitesville)
4/18	5:00 p.m.	(Arkport)
4/19	5:00 p.m.	(Cuba Rushford)
4/21	11:00 a.m.	@ Walsh
4/23	5:00 p.m.	(Friendship)
4/25	7:00 p.m.	(Friendship NL)
4/27	7:00 p.m.	@ Scio NL
4/30	7:00 p.m.	(Fillmore)

Girls'	Varsity	Softball
4/11	5:00	(Genesee Valley)
4/14	12:00	@ Cuba Rushford
4/16	5:00	(Whitesville)
4/18	5:00	@ Hinsdale
4/19	5:00	(Cuba Rushford)
4/20	5:00	@ Bolivar Richburg
4/21	11:00	@ Walsh
4/25	7:00	(Friendship)
4/27	7:00	@ Scio
4/30	7:00	(Fillmore)

# 2018 BCS District Calendar

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

## Dates to Remember:

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)

Graduation

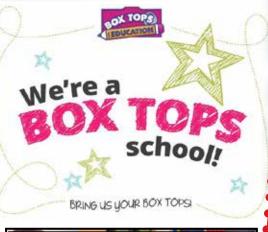




# Congratulations, Elisa Houser!

Elisa was selected for the High School Juried Art Exhibition at the St. Bonaventure University Regina Quick Arts Center. Her self-portrait pencil drawing will be displayed along with other 9th-12th grade students from Allegany County







# Scientists in First Grade

The students in Sandy Miller's first grade have been studying properties of light. Their final engineering project involved planning, designing, creating, and redesigning a light house. It was incredible to see the collaboration between the children, and how they were able to solve the problems that they were presented. They all encountered challenges along the way, but as a group they were able to overcome them.



## 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 are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline to submit is May 4th. 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!

#### Alumni Event

The Belfast Central School Alumni and Friends Banquet date and venue have changed.

Please join us on July 21st at the Belfast Town Hall!

Notices will be sent out soon, and we are still looking for people and addresses.

Watch the Belfast Central School Alumni Banquet page on Facebook for updates.

Contact Diana Grastorf or Patty Oliver for more information.

See you in July!!



# 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
Websitewww.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:
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Submitter's Name: