



Belfast

Central School District



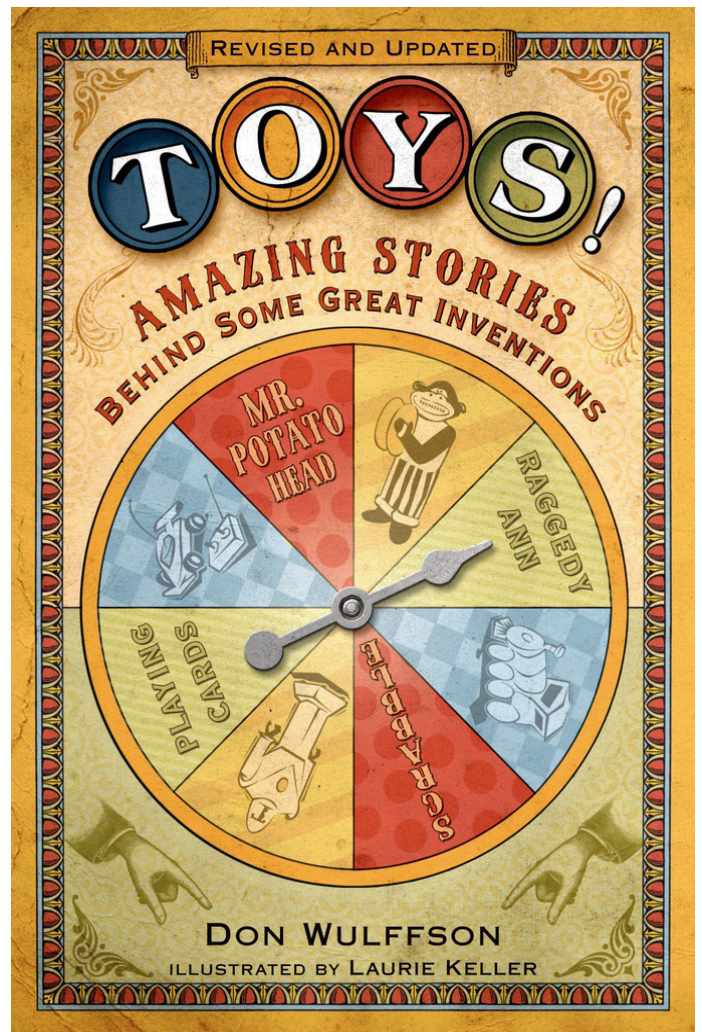
Newsletter

“a school dedicated to excellence”

Welcome Back Bulldogs!

I am so excited to be able to welcome our BCS students and their families back to school for the 2021-2022 school year. I am hopeful that we will be able to resume most, if not all, of our traditional school year activities with some minor changes to follow NYS and DOH Covid guidelines. We are starting by planning for our Back-to-School picnic which will be held on Tuesday, August 31 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Our theme will be based on the book Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions by Don Wulffson. We will have our traditional treats like popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones along with dinner served by BCS faculty and staff. There will be fun and games for students of all ages as well as an opportunity for students to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, drop off school supplies, fill out annual forms, and win prizes! Make sure you pick up your copy of the Toys! passport to complete your tasks and earn tickets towards our prizes!

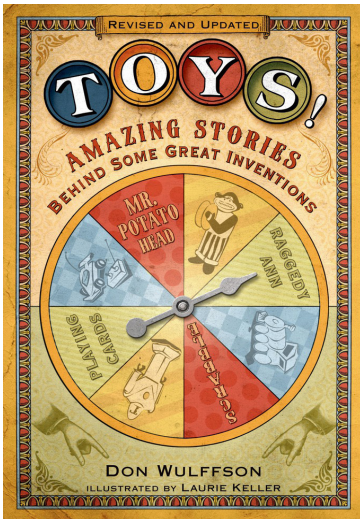
Mrs. Jessica Hess, Pre-K – 4th Principal



More about the **Welcome Back to School picnic** and the **classroom meeting schedule** can be found on **page 5**.

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 7

SEPTEMBER 2021 Reading Calendar for Toys!



Preschool – 6th grade students will receive a copy of Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions and the month-long reading calendar on the first day of school when we kick off our 2021 One School, One Book novel. Here’s a sneak peek....

Have you ever wondered who invented Lego, Mr. Potato Head, or toy trains? In Toys! are the fascinating stories behind these toy inventions and many others. Learn why the see-saw was popular with the Romans, how the Slinky was used during the Vietnam War, and the reason Raggedy Ann has a red heart on her chest that says, "I love you." From dolls and checkers to pinball and the modern video game, there's a wide selection here for boys and girls alike. With humor and wit, this intriguing book serves up slices of cultural history that will inspire young readers to start thinking up their own toy inventions.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day! No School!	7 First Day of School Book Kickoff! Introduction and The Slinky	8 Seesaw and Lego	9 Tops and Mr. Potato Head	10 Playing Card and Silly Putty	11
12	13 Wind up Toys, Automatons, and Hobby Horses	14 Bicycles and Remote-Controlled Toys	15 Raggedy Ann and Toy Soldiers	16 Twister and Parcheesi	17 Checkers and Magic Rocks	18
19	20 Super Ball and Toy Trains	21 Play-Doh and Table Tennis	22 From Pinball to Video and Trivial Pursuit	23 Kites and Dolls	24 Hot Wheels and Monopoly	25
26	27 Pokemon and Scrabble	28w Skateboards and Whiffle Ball	29 Novelty Gags and Bonus Materials	30 Family Literacy Night 5:30-7:00		

Who is my teacher?

Belfast Central School will be sharing this information with students and families individually.

We can't wait to see you!!



Teaching and Non-Teaching substitutes needed!

Please go to the Belfast Central School website at:
<https://www.applitrack.com/caboces/onlineapp/>
 for an application, or stop by the greeter's desk at the rear of the building to pick up an application.



Pre-K News

The Belfast Preschool Program (UPK) is undergoing many exciting changes! We are eagerly planning for our first year as a **Full Day Program!** Having students all day will allow us more opportunities to explore and continue our learning without interruption and time constraints.

Mrs. Ross has been spending her time learning and planning for more **Purposeful Play**. “Play is one type of environment where children can be rigorous in their learning,” write Kristi Mraz, Alison Porcelli, and Cheryl Tyler. “It helps to have practical ways to carry that mindset into all aspects of the curriculum.”

Last year was our first year implementing Second Step, PEDALS (Positive Emotional Development and Learning Skills). Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Bodgan observed how valuable PEDALS mini-lessons and extended practice had become for developing useful strategies to foster social-emotional development of our preschoolers. This year we dig deeper into the curriculum and intertwine it within our Purposeful Play model.

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”
~Fred Rogers



From Mrs. Bogdan – “I’m excited to get to know our new class of preschoolers! Preschool is a fun place to be!! See you soon!”



From Mrs. Ross – “My mind is swirling and I’m full of jitters just waiting for what this group of preschoolers is going to teach me about their world and what they want to learn and achieve. Great things are around the corner for us all! September, here we come!”



A Message From the Superintendent

September will bring about a sense of normalcy to everyone's life with all of our students returning to school for a full day of school. The requirements with regard to COVID will continue to be changing, but our students and staff have demonstrated that they are willing to do whatever necessary to be in school.

Our staff has been working to plan for the return of our Back-to-School picnic on August 31st from 5:00-7:00p.m. This is always a great event to help our students and staff transition back to school.

I'm excited to announce that we will have scheduled building tours for our BCS community to visit the building to see all of the changes that have been made to our facility over the last two years. Because COVID guidelines restricted access to who could be in schools, the majority of our community has not had the opportunity to see the changes first hand. Building tours will be given on August 31st from 3:00-5:00. Individuals will need to register and must wear a mask to tour the building. A survey to register for a tour is on the Belfast CSD webpage.

On August 4th, school districts were informed that the NYS DOH would not be issuing updated guidance for the start of school in September. Superintendents in our region met to discuss a regional approach to the start of school, prioritizing the return of all students to a full day of instruction five days a week.

BCS will start school on September 7th with the following protocols:

1. All students will be in school five days a week for a full day.
2. All students, staff, and visitors are required to wear masks when in halls, large groups, or when six feet of distance can not be maintained.
 - a. Students and staff may be seated three feet apart, and masks can be removed if they are separated by a barrier.
 - b. Teachers must submit/upload seating charts for all classes, and the charts must be updated whenever there is a change. (See quarantine/ contact tracing information below)
 - c. Masks are not required when outside.
3. Masks must be worn on busses at all times. The social distancing requirements on busses will be removed to allow the district to have all students on a bus.

4. The cafeteria will be used for normal lunches.
 - a. Students must continue to be cohorted as much as possible.
 - b. Masks can be removed when students are eating.
5. There will not be a remote instruction option, unless it becomes mandated.
 - a. The only exception would be if the school, a class, or students are quarantined, as a short-term solution.
 - b. iPads will continue to go home with students every day in the event of an unplanned shut down.
6. The Allegany County DOH will continue to contact trace and quarantine individuals who are a close contact to a positive.
 - a. Per the NYS DOH, individuals who have been vaccinated and are asymptomatic will not be required to quarantine.
 - b. The nurse and District Office will continue to be the managers of contact tracing.
 - c. In a classroom, anyone who was within six feet of a positive COVID case for ten minutes will potentially be quarantined by the DOH.
7. Students and staff experiencing any COVID symptoms should not come to school.
 - a. The DOH decision-making flowchart for student and staff attendance (Pre-K to Gr 12 COVID-19 Toolkit) has not changed since February 2021.
 - b. Symptomatic individuals will be sent home and must follow the flowchart steps to return to school.
8. Classrooms will continue to be fogged every night, and increased cleaning and sanitizing protocols will continue from last year.
 - a. BCS will be installing air purification systems in classrooms during the 21-22 school year.

BCS will essentially be opening school as we left in June, aside from the cafeteria and bus updates.

I understand that most people were hoping to have COVID restrictions removed for the 21-22 school year, including me. At the same time, we must continue to follow recommendations to safely keep our students and staff in school.

I am grateful for the continued support and understanding that the BCS community has shown throughout the COVID pandemic. We are truly blessed.

Dr. Wendy Butler
Superintendent

Upcoming Events

First day of school 9/7/21
 Pre-K staggered start 9/7/21-9/9/21
 Pre-k full day start 9/10/21
 Kindergarten orientation 9/7/21

Upcoming events:



9/13/21	Yearbook Mum Flower sale begin
9/24/21	Yearbook Mum Flower sale ends
9/30/21	Family Literacy Night
10/5/21	Blood Drive 1-6
10/8/21	Middle School Dodge Ball tournament
10/8/21	Home coming dance 8pm-11pm
10/9/21	home coming games
10/11/21	Columbus (Indigenous People) Day – no school
10/12/21	Picture Day
10/22/21	Middle School Niagara Chocolate sales begins
10/22/21	Elementary Musical
10/29/21	Halloween Parade
11/2/21	Niagara Chocolate Sales ends

Pesticide Notification

The Belfast Central School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Plan that emphasizes the use of non-chemical solutions when pest removal from the district buildings or grounds is necessary. This plan is available for inspection in the district of office. This plan promotes proper storage of food items and to prevent any possibilities of unwanted pests. If it becomes necessary to eliminate pests, traps, environmental modifications, and/or mechanical means are utilized whenever possible. Occasionally, chemical pesticides may be used for serious or unsafe pest infestations for which other non-chemical means are either inappropriate or ineffective. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice. For more information contact the Superintendent's Office at 365-9940.

Welcome Back to School Picnic

All students and families in the Belfast Central School District are invited to meet the faculty and staff, participate in fun activities, and enjoy our free picnic! Students in grades K-6 are encouraged to bring in their school supplies! Since this is an opportunity for families to meet with faculty and staff, students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. New families are invited to arrive at 4:30pm for a tour prior to the picnic in the lobby by the aud.

Meetings in classrooms as follows:

- Grades 5/6 @ 5:00pm
- Grades 7-12 from 5:30-6:00pm (in various teachers' classrooms). Choir, Art, and Physical Education will be available in the gym.
- Grades 1/2 @ 5:30pm
- At 6:00pm, Grades 7-12 will pick up their schedules and handbooks in the new cafeteria.
- Grades 3/4 @ 6:00pm
- At 6:30pm, senior students will have a mandatory meeting in the new cafeteria.

The picnic will be outback before, during, and after the meetings with free food for all. There will be a photo booth, inflatables, and face painting for students of all ages. Popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones for everyone! We are looking forward to seeing you!



Come join the fun!!



2020-2021 BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR PK - 6TH GRADE

PREK (Ross)

Backpack (write student's name on it)
Sneakers for PE class
1 decorated coffee can for their mail
1 box of tissues
1 box of non-perishable snack items
1 pencil/crayon box
1 pack of 16-24 count Crayola crayons
1 pair of children's Fiskar scissors
1 glue stick

KINDERGARTEN (HAMER)

Several glue sticks
2 2-pocket plastic folders with clip & child's name
2 boxes of crayons
1 box of markers
1 box of tissues
1 box of pencils
Several pink block erasers
1 container of baby wipes or Clorox wipes
1 backpack (with child's name)
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)

1st /2nd GRADE (Miller/Romance)

2 composition notebooks
2 2-pocket plastic folders with clips
1 box of markers
1 box of crayons
1 box of tissues
1 box of standard pencils
1 box of colored pencils
1 pkg. of dry erase markers (Miller)
1 bottle of Elmer's glue
Several Elmer's glue sticks
Several pink block erasers
1 pair of scissors
Baby wipes or Clorox wipes
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
Backpack (with child's name)
Chapstick (with child's name on it)

Ms. Shephard

Backpack with child's name in it
Sneakers for PE
2 boxes of tissues
1 package or baby wipes

2 glue sticks
3 folders
1 package of dry erase markers (thick)
Chapstick (with child's name on it)
Reusable water bottle (with child's name on it)
1 package of pencils (thick or regular)
Change of clothes
Pink eraser

3rd GRADE (Borden/B Hazelton)

1 large backpack
1 box of tissues
Colored pencils and/or markers
3 composition notebooks
2, 2-Pocket PLASTIC folders with prongs
Sneakers for PE class
Chapstick with child's name on it
reusable water bottle (with child's name)

4th GRADE (Austin/Triscari)

1 large backpack with child's name on it
1 box of tissues
2 composition notebooks
1 pack of Clorox wipes
2 boxes #2 pencils and pencil top erasers/sharpener
1 pack of highlighters
1 package-colored pencils
1 package wide-lined loose-leaf paper
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
2 folders-2 pocket plastic colors (any color)

5th-6th GRADE (Arnold/Guilford/Bainbridge/ Paulsen)

1 jumbo book cover
2 composition notebooks
4-6 pkgs. of pencils & erasers
Manual pencil sharpener
2 boxes of tissues
Sneakers for PE class
Shorts/sweats, t-shirts for PE
1 pkg. Clorox wipes
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
Chapstick (with child name on it)
Earbuds
Pkg. of dry erase markers

2020-2021 BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADE

ELA (7th & 8th grade)

Pencils
Pens (any color but red)
1 folder just for ELA
3 packs of sticky notes (any colors)
Highlighters
Headphones or earbuds

ELA (9th Grade)

2-inch binder with 5 dividers
Pencils
Pens (any color but red)
1 composition notebook (for ELA notes)
3 packs of sticky notes (any colors)
Highlighters (any colors)
Headphones or earbuds

ELA (10th Grade)

Notebook (100+ pages, college-rule)
Ballpoint pens in black/blue ink
Highlighters in two colors
iPad & charger
Earbuds

Science

7th and 8th grade Science and Earth Science
3" binder with dividers
Earbuds or headphones
Index cards
Agenda
Blue/black pens
Pencils

Biology

3-ring binder OR 3-5 subject notebook

Chemistry or Physics

3-ring binder OR 1 -3 subject notebook
Scientific calculator

MATH (7th grade, Geometry, Algebra 1, Year 1)

Binder
Loose-leaf paper
Pencils

Precalculus/Calculus

Notebook
Pens/pencils

MATH (8th grade, Algebra, Algebra 2, Algebra Year 2)

Spiral notebook (3 or 5 subject)
Pencils/pens
Folder

HEALTH/HOME & CAREERS

Ear buds
Personal tissue packs
Manual pencil sharpener
Pens & pencils
Backpack

SOCIAL STUDIES

Colored pencils
Highlighters
Loose-leaf paper
Folder
Pens & pencils

SPANISH

Pens
Small vocabulary notebook
loose-leaf paper
3-ring binder for Spanish only

TECHNOLOGY & WOODWORKING

Folder with pockets (not necessarily new-just good condition)
15-20 sheets of loose-leaf paper in the folder
4-#2 pencils
good eraser

TECHNOLOGY & WOODWORKING

Several pkgs. of pencils
Several pkgs. of pens (blue or black)
Sneakers for PE class
Shorts/sweats, t-shirts for PE
Spiral notebook for all other math classes
Folder with pockets (Business)
1-1/2" 3-ring binder (Business)

Jr. & Sr. High Choir/Bands:

1" black, 3 ring binder (choir)
2 pencils (band & choir)

Greetings From Mr. Bull!

I trust everyone has had a relaxing summer and found some time to spend with loved ones and enjoy yourselves!! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Welcome Back to School Picnic on August 31 from 5:00 – 7:00. During these closing weeks of summer I encourage you to begin setting goals for this school year. One simple goal that can pay off big dividends is simply creating a homework friendly area in your home that will allow your child to focus. I would also recommend starting to regulate a consistent bedtime; ensuring your child is getting enough sleep each night will help them focus better throughout the school day.

I would like to send a shout-out to the custodial staff who have worked extremely hard (and are still working extremely hard) to make sure the school building is in tiptop shape for your return. I would also like to recognize your teachers, many of whom have

spent the summer completing hours of professional development to help equip themselves with tools to provide you with the best education available! Thank you!!

It will be nice to begin this school year with everyone here and being open 5 days a week. However, we still have to be mindful of social distancing and we do have to wear masks when in the halls or if we cannot be 6 feet apart. Most importantly, if you are sick please stay home, we do not want to risk spreading Covid or any flu type of disease and having to shut down.



Please remember that one of the most important ingredients for student success is parent and school communication. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (585)365-8285 or email me at rbull@belfastcsd.org with any questions or concerns you may have. Another important ingredient is

student preparedness. Students, please remember to bring your charged iPads to school each day.

One important change to be aware of this year is that the deficiency list (D list) will be coming out on Monday's. Students who are failing or are missing New York State required science labs will be placed on the D list. When students are restricted on the D list they are not permitted to participate in extracurricular school activities.

We are very excited for this school year and are looking forward to making new friends and experiencing new levels of learning and achievement. And remember, throughout this school year, if you have a question or concern do not hesitate to contact me (585)365-8285 or email me at rbull@belfastcsd.org.

Mr. Rick Bull
5th – 12th Grade Principal

		BELL SCHEDULE 2021-2022			
7:55 AM	School doors open	GROUP B			
8:00 AM	Teachers in classroom	12:00 AM	5C begins		
8:05 AM	First period	12:22 PM	5C ends		
8:49 AM	First period ends	12:22 PM	5D begins		
8:52 AM	Second period begins	12:44 PM	5D ends		
9:36 AM	Second period ends	12:47 PM	Sixth period begins		
9:39 AM	Third period begins	1:31 PM	Sixth period ends		
10:23 AM	Third period ends	1:34 PM	Seventh period begins		
10:26 AM	Fourth period begins	2:18 PM	Seventh period ends		
11:10 AM	Fourth period ends	2:21 PM	Eighth period begins		
GROUP A		3:05 PM	Eighth period ends		
11:13 AM	5A begins	3:15 PM	BUSES LEAVE		
11:35 AM	5A ends	Class times for students at Belmont BOCES are as follows:			
11:35 AM	5B begins				
11:57AM	5B ends				
		Juniors - Bus leaves 8:05, returns 11:20 Seniors - Bus leaves at 11:40, returns 2:45			



***All day BOCES students are to report to the bus for attendance; half-day morning BOCES students will have attendance taken in their homeroom.**

Drop Off / Pick Up Reminders

Drop Off and Pick up of Students

Students' pickup location and drop off location must be well-planned by parents because the District will NOT allow any changes in these locations without prior written notice.

- Bus riders will enter and exit through the elementary wing entrance.
 - * Students will be assigned seats on each bus and must wear a mask at all times on the bus.
- Any student being dropped off at school needs to be dropped off at the Main Entrance. Please do not drop students off in the parking lot by the auditorium.
- Walkers will also enter and exit using the main door.

Sign in/out Procedure for all Students

- Students who are late or being picked up early, will use the new main entrance located on South Street.
- Use parking lot on South Street.

Dismissal of Walkers

Student walkers will leave by the main entrance located on South Street.

IMPORTANT Attendance Reminder

Please remind your child that they are required to be IN first period class at 8:05 a.m. Absences, tardiness, and early dismissals will be entered as excused or unexcused along with the district code for the reason. Excuses should be sent in within 24 hours of returning to school. A list of *Excused Absences/Tardiness* 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. All tardy or early dismissal occurrences will follow the rules described in *Pick Up and Drop off of Students*.

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

Please make note of the following regarding student transportation.

Students will have only one pickup and only one drop off address. These may both be the same or may be two different addresses. Example: a student may be picked up at home and dropped off at a childcare provider. Both addresses must be within the boundaries of the school district. We will not pick up or bus students to any other address but the two provided to us. (The district will not transport students to social functions such as parties, overnights, or youth group activities.) Should you wish to make a permanent change in either of the two addresses, you must request this change in writing two days before the change is to take effect. There is no exception to this rule as bus drivers are not authorized to make changes to the bus schedule without notice from BCS administration.

Phone calls requesting changes WILL NOT be accepted. Requests for changes must be made in writing two days in advance.



Notices and Reminders

BE A GOOD SPORT

Did you know that fans, players, and coaches of each school are rated for sportsmanship after each game? We would like to encourage all BCS sports fans to be positive in their comments to all players and referees. It is important to remember that as adults we need to set positive examples for the young people around us. Let's all make a concerted effort to encourage others by what we say and do. Be a good sport!

GENERAL NOTICE

The Belfast Central School District complies with all applicable Federal and State regulations, laws and requirements including, but not limited to the following: the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 Laws, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, and the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply.

The District does not discriminate in employment practices or in the planning and implementation of its educational programs because of factors such as age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, or arrest record. Anyone wishing to obtain information or lodge complaints on the part of the school district is asked to contact the Superintendent of Schools at 365-9940.

SMOKING/ALCOHOL BANNED ON PROPERTY

Included in Education Law are provisions that impact every school district that directly or indirectly receives Federal funds. The regulations ban smoking, alcohol, e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, and the possession of firearms on school grounds. Belfast Central School will abide by those regulations. Everyone's assistance is necessary!

NOTICE OF ASBESTOS REINSPECTION

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we performed re-inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in the school administrative office.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. Six-month inspections

are performed during the school year.

All asbestos material in this school remains in good condition, and we will continue to manage them in place, as recommended by EPA guidelines.

You are welcome to view these materials anytime during normal school hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.) The Asbestos LEA Designee is available to answer any questions you might have about asbestos in our school building; the phone number is 365-2646.

FIREARMS IN SCHOOL, MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER

The Belfast Central School District has adopted various Board of Education Policy statements over the years relating to various issues focusing on public order. Pursuant to various laws and regulations be advised that firearms or other weapons are not allowed on school property. Education can flourish only in an environment of mutual respect, self-restraint, civility, and trust among all groups and individuals. The failure on the part of individuals to live by our rules for the maintenance of public order and discipline will be addressed in a prompt and serious manner.

POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Belfast Central School District has a policy concerning sexual harassment. The entire school and community is alerted to the fact that acts of sexual harassment are contrary to school district policy and will not be tolerated in the school district environment. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, this policy applies to all staff members and students. Sexual harassment creates an unhealthy atmosphere destructive of the School District's educational purpose. The Board of Education will investigate alleged harassment and will affect an appropriate remedy when an allegation is determined to be valid. Such conduct violates Education Laws 3214, 3020A, and Civil Service Law 75. Any complaints are to be reported to the Superintendent of Schools who shall investigate the complaint.

PARENTS "RIGHT TO KNOW" ADVISORY

Under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, parents are required to be given several official notifications:

1. Parents may request information regarding the qualifications of their child's Title I teachers and paraprofessional staff. Parents may request specific information as to the following: ["Title I" Teachers are those supported by Federal Title I funds]

- whether the teacher has met State qualification and

licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;

- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- if the child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

2. Section 9528(a)(1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the high school guidance office at 365-8297 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student's information released to the military or to colleges without your expressed permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the high school guidance office.

Under the Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be communicated to staff, community, and local law enforcement officials in order to ensure that the offender does not have contact with children.

Any information that the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan's Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law.

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES

Schools often experience problems with head lice when students return from extended vacation periods. If you have any reason to believe that your child may have come into contact with head lice during this vacation period, please consider checking your child's hair carefully before he/she returns to school.

The following is a listing of the procedures followed at Belfast Central School in regard to head lice.

1. Upon receipt by our health office personnel of reliable, confidential information, students in various classes may be

checked for the possibility of head lice infestation.

2. Upon the discovery of head lice or nits (lice eggs), the school sends notification to all parents with children in the affected classroom(s), indicating that such a condition exists, along with recommendations for dealing with the situation. We trust that this information is helpful to you, and that you may then play a role in minimizing the possibility of contagion.

3. Upon the discovery of head lice or nits (lice eggs) for the third time in the same family in a given school year, county health authorities may be contacted and asked to intervene to help to remedy this situation. The family involved is informed that contact has been made.

YOU CAN HELP!

1. If you discover that your child has head lice and treat your child at home, please notify our health office that this has occurred. We will confidentially check your child upon his or her return, and we may then check the other children in your child's classroom. Please check your child's hair regularly.

2. If you feel that you have reliable information regarding possible lice infestation in any child in our school, you might also consider notifying our health office. The information will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions at all about any aspect of head lice, please contact the Health Office.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

HEALTH OFFICE

If a student becomes ill or injured in school or during a school activity, she or he should report to the school nurse, who will then make an assessment. When students are ill, they may not leave the building without permission. If the nurse is not in, students are to report to the Main Office. All students must be signed out before leaving school.

DENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Dental Health Certificates are recommended and kept on file for grade Pre-K, K, 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

If your child has any health problems, please let the school nurse know. This information will only be shared with those who need to know. If students have had illnesses or injuries over the summer, please inform the nurse.

Belfast Central School 2021-22 Calendar

July 2021						
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	Prof. Dev. Days (No students)
	Graduation
	Parent/ Teacher Conference

	Holidays (Offices Closed)
	3-8 Testing Dates
	Open House

	Breaks (No Students or Faculty)
	Regents Exam Dates

ELA 3-8 Testing Range

Jul	5	Independence Day
Aug	30,31	Superintendent's Days
Aug	31	Back to School Picnic (5-7)
Sept	6	Labor Day
Sept	7	1 st Day for Students
Oct	11	Columbus Day
Nov	11	Veterans' Day
Nov	12	Professional Dev Day

Nov	22	Parent Teacher Conf. (12-8)
Nov	23	Superintendent's Day
Nov	24-26	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec	23-31	Christmas Recess
Jan	1	New Year's Day
Jan	17	Martin Luther King Day
Feb	21-25	Pres. Day/February Break
Mar.	10	Open House (1:00 dismissal)

Mar	29-31	ELA 3-8 Testing Range
April	11-15	Spring Recess /Good Friday
Apr	26-28	MATH 3-8 Testing Range
May	30	Memorial Day
Jun	6	Science 8 Test
Jun	20	Juneteenth
Jun	24	Rating Day/ Last Day of School
Jun	24	Graduation

Teacher Days: 186 Student Days: 181 2- Make-Up Days built in the calendar

How to Help with Student Stress



TIP #1

Listen! Every student has a different set of stress triggers and coping skills. Find time to let your son/daughter explain to you how they are feeling and listen. Don't feel as though you must talk. There is power in silence and your son/daughter will appreciate your open ears. For more tips check out "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk" by Adele Faber.



TIP #4

Let your child know it's ok not to be perfect. Students are often expected to perform their best from tests to on the field. Let them know you respect and appreciate their effort, determination, and good character.



TIP #2

Set a routine. Students work best when they have a routine, especially in the morning. Help set a calm, organized and expected routine that will set the tone for the rest of their day. Familiar schedules are very reassuring for students of all ages.



TIP #5

Think and talk positive! Spent a few minutes each day focusing on the good. Have student's name their favorite parts of the day or their favorite activities, hobbies, toys, food at the moment. Help students engage in positive self talk. Ask them to put their worries into words and then use logic to reframe the words into a more positive light.



TIP #3

Let kids be kids. Our students today have lots of their plates – make sure playing and having fun are two of them.



TIP #6

Be a good role model. Help model for your child how to manage stress by managing your own stress. Your child will do what you do, so make time for your own self-care.



TIP #7

Help students practice breathing! When the body feels stressed we often take short, shallow breaths. Help students become mindful of their breath and practice taking deep breathing. For young students watch "Belly Breathe" with Elmo by Colbie Caillat and Common (video online.) For older students practice birthday breathing. Have them imagine their favorite birthday cake covered in candles. As they inhale through their nose imagine the smell of the cake and as they exhale through their mouth imagine blowing out all the candles. If your student is hooked on technology check out the "Breathe2Relax" app.

Tax Information

At the July 13th meeting, the Belfast Central School Board of Education set the tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year. For a town with a state equalization rate of 100%, the tax rate per \$1000 of assessment is \$14.63.

Taxes will be collected in the office located at the main entrance on South Street on a **limited basis**.

The tax collector will be available:

Tuesdays in September & October, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Saturdays in September & October, 8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Thursday, September 30th, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 30th, 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

We are unable to collect taxes at the school at any other times.

Taxes may be mailed to:

Robin Owens, Tax Collector, Five Star Bank
Belfast Central School, P.O. Box 419, Warsaw, NY 14569.



Payment of taxes may be made during the month of September with no penalty or in October with a 2% penalty. **No taxes will be collected in November at the school, by mail, or at Allegany County Treasurer.**



Nurse's Corner

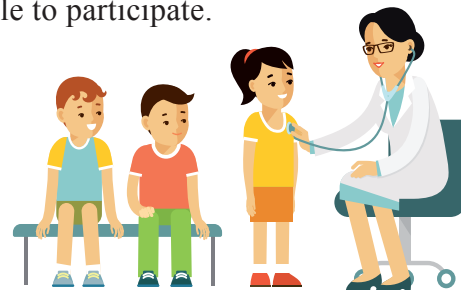
Welcome back everyone!

I hope this year is a bit less chaotic and may resemble some normalcy. New York State has not yet given us any new guidance as far as sickness goes. We are still under the protocol that if your child is sick (cough, congestion, runny nose, headache, fever, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, tiredness, body aches, they are not permitted to be at school or school functions, they will be sent home. They will need a doctor's note in order to return to school. If your child has any of these symptoms keep them home, please do not spread this to their entire sports team, or classroom. I understand the inconvenience of this but we are following New York State protocol. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions and or concerns.

Just some friendly reminders for parents/ students: If your child has not had a physical for over a year please call their provider and set one up. We do not have physicals here at school yet, and unsure when this may happen. If you are, having any problems let me know we can work out any issues. If your child is in Kindergarten, 6th, 7th, or 12th please make sure they are up to date with immunizations. Any questions please contact me. Lastly, if your child is playing sports please make sure we have a physical on file or they will not be able to participate.

Amy Giboo RN, School Nurse
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Stay Healthy!



Summer Visitor at BCS!



Senior Pictures

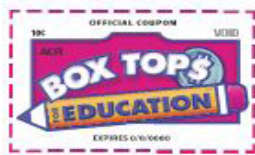


Seniors are required to have their picture taken on **October 12**, by the school photographer. You may also choose to have additional professional pictures taken to be submitted for publication in the BCS yearbook.

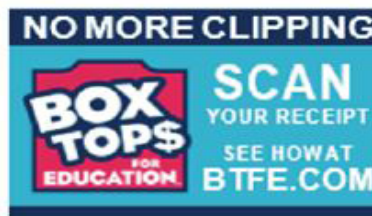


Did you know....

Our school receives 10 cents from every box top given to the school!?! This money helps to keep the cost of the BCS Yearbook down. And like many other things, box tops are going digital. For now, we can accept both digital and those cut from the packaging. But soon, only digital will be accepted. Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the Traditional Box Top tops clips to the new Box Top label. Please read over this month Box Top information sheet to learn how you can help.



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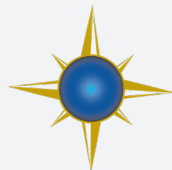
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- Business Office365-8289
- Guidance Office365-8297
- Bus Garage.....365-2609
- Nurse’s Office365-2053
- Special Education Office.....365-8847
- Preschool.....365-8088
- Automated Attendant365-2646
- Fax.....365-2648
- Website.....www.Belfastcsd.org

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.

Board of Education Meetings
Belfast Central School
Board of Education Meetings
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM



BOCES Students
BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program
Mandatory orientation meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 1 at 5:30pm at the center.
Career & Technical Center at Belmont
5536 County Road 48
Belmont, NY 14813



If you need assistance or directions, please call the center at 585-268-5681. See you on September 1st at 5:30pm!