



December 6, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some family time and a break from electronics during our Thanksgiving holiday. It's hard to believe that December has arrived, and we are fast-approaching winter break. Now would be a good time to check in with your child's/teen's teacher(s) with any questions regarding assignments or grades. We also encourage you to check in with your school's counselors or social workers with any concerns. You can access social and emotional support [HERE](#). We are all working together to ensure your child and/or teen are doing well academically, socially, and emotionally during this time.

**Winter STEAM Challenge:**

**STEAM** stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rts, and **M**ath. This month, our STEAM Design Challenge will focus on the **Arts**. We invite and encourage all students to create a winter or holiday-themed decoration or compose a song that, in some way, represents them, your family, or your culture.

This STEAM Challenge is for fun and family bonding. Please don't buy anything special to complete the task. Use items from around your home. Be sure to have fun with this STEAM Challenge. We are looking forward to seeing the final project.

Students can access the video link to help give them ideas. Please have your child/teen record themselves telling us about the decoration or sharing of a song. There is a three-minute limit to the videos. Students must log-in to their School District of Beloit email to view the [VIDEO LINK](#) and to participate.

**Parent University:**

We have added a new tab under Parent University on our website titled *Family Guides, Supporting Learning*. These guides provide information on the most important things students should be learning, how to reinforce learning with everyday activities, tips for talking to teachers, and online resources. The focus on these guides for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is math and literacy. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Grab and Go Meals: Important Update**

Please take note of the changes to our Grab and Go Meals during December:

- Grab and Go Meals are distributed at all Elementary Schools from 11 am to 1:30 pm on Monday and Thursday. Delivery is provided for families if needed. If you have already made delivery arrangements, there is no need to call. If you need delivery, please call (608) 361-3136.
- **On Monday, December 21**, seven days of breakfast and lunch meals will be provided. This will be the **last day** of meal distribution for December. Delivery will be offered to families if needed.
- Grab and Go Meals will begin again on **Monday, January 4**.



We have communicated with Caritas, the Salvation Army, and People's Church that our families will need meals the week of December 28. They have provided us with the following information:

**Caritas:** 2840 Prairie Avenue, Beloit, WI

Food Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10 am to 2:15 pm and on Thursdays from 10 am to 12:15 pm.

**The Salvation Army:** 809 Broad Street, Beloit, WI

Provides Grab and Go lunch from 11 am to 1 pm.

Food Pantry is open Monday and Wednesday from 12 pm to 3 pm.

**People's Church:** 340 West Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI

Second Harvest Food Bank offers food on Tuesdays from 10 am to 11 am.

Please visit the People's Church WEBSITE to complete a form before showing-up.

**State Park Badge: A Contest for our High School Artists!**

High school students can enter artwork in the 2022 Wisconsin State Park Sticker Design Contest. Wisconsin high school students can now submit entries for the 2022 Wisconsin state park sticker design contest. The contest will run through Friday, April 30, 2021. The contest is open to all high school age students (9th through 12th grades). The winning design will be displayed on hundreds of thousands of vehicles.

The design must be the artist's original creation and cannot be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, clip art, or electronic graphic images. Photographs or photo manipulations are not accepted. Contest rules, a design template, and entry form are available on the [DNR website](#).

Enjoy the rest of your Sunday. My next update will be on Sunday, December 13.

Kind regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser

Interim Superintendent

School District of Beloit