



November 1, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

It's hard to believe that we are at the start of a new month and Term 2. As the weather gets colder and the snow starts to fall, please be sure to take advantage of our meal delivery service on Mondays and Thursdays. To arrange for delivery, call (608) 361-3136.

**November: National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month**

In the School District of Beloit, we have 254 students identified as being homeless. The pandemic has also been a struggle for many of our families living without electricity, heat, or who may have had to find alternative living arrangements in tents and cars. Ms. Robin Stuht, our Homeless Liaison, is reaching out to all our families to see if they can help us take care of our homeless students and families during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month.

Ms. Stuht works directly with our homeless students and our struggling families and knows what can help them through this unprecedented time. If you are able, please consider donating a \$20 grocery store gift card from either Woodman's, Piggly Wiggly, and Walmart; or a \$10 gift card from any fast food restaurant. Please drop off these cards to the attention of Robin Stuht at Beloit Learning Academy at 1033 Woodward Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. Or you can mail them to her attention at the Beloit Learning Academy.

**Update on Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, October 27:**

A few weeks ago, I asked our teachers and administrators to participate in a Distance Learning survey. I wanted to get a feel and pulse check on how things were going and ask for feedback. As part of that survey, 80% of our administrators and 59.9% of our classroom teachers shared that under the right conditions, they would be in favor of having small groups of students (less than 10) have access to learning in the classroom.

I was able to share this update with the Board of Education at their meeting last week. They were supportive of the District exploring small groups of students in our buildings. I am committed to analyzing the possible scenario of small groups of students working collaboratively with our staff.

No decision has been made at this time. I will keep you updated on any progress we are making in working towards this goal in my weekly letters.

**iPad Help and Outreach:**

We will continue to be at the Beloit Public Library every Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm to offer students and families assistance with navigating iPads and apps. School District of Beloit Spanish Interpreters will be available, and no appointment is necessary. Please stop by; we are here to help!



**School District of Beloit Quarterly Newsletter: Sign-Up**

Each quarter the School District of Beloit will share information to keep you informed on our engaging curriculum, student and staff successes, community collaborations, and much more. You can sign-up to receive this newsletter at this [LINK](#). For more information on the School District, visit our [News Page](#).

**City of Beloit Polling Places:**

The official polling locations to vote on Tuesday, November 3, include our elementary schools. We are proud to be a partner with our city, as we have for many years, in opening our doors to the citizens of the City of Beloit to vote. The eight polling locations are open from 7 am to 8 pm. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters. We encourage everyone to get out and vote.

The city of Beloit has stated that election workers will be wearing masks and will regularly sanitize their hands and work stations. The City of Beloit will do everything it can to administer this election in a safe manner with proper protective equipment.

- Wards 1, 2 & 3: Converse School, 1602 Townline Avenue
- Wards 4, 5 & 6: Gaston School, 1515 W. Grand Avenue
- Wards 7, 8 & 9: Hackett School, 625 Eighth Street
- Wards 10, 11 & 12: Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett Street
- Wards 13, 14, 15 & 22: Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard
- Wards 16, 17 & 18: Todd School, 1621 Oakwood Avenue
- Wards 19, 20 & 21: River of Life UMC, 2345 Prairie Avenue
- Wards 23, 24 & 25: Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road

**Grab and Go Meals: Every Monday and Thursday**

The District provides Grab and Go Meals on Mondays and Thursdays. For families who are unable to pick up meals, we are providing a delivery service. Please call (608) 361-3136 to arrange for delivery. Grab and Go Meals are available at all our elementary schools and Beloit Memorial High School. Starting the day with a good breakfast and enjoying a nutritious lunch can help students stay focused and engaged in learning. Be sure to take advantage of our Grab and Go Meals and our delivery service if needed.

**Future Weekly Letters:**

With Thanksgiving and winter break approaching, I wanted to update you on the upcoming schedule of my weekly letters. I plan on sending letters on these dates:

- November 8, 15, and 22
- December 6, 13, and 20
- January 10

Enjoy the rest of your weekend. Our teachers are excited for the start of Term 2.

Regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser  
Interim Superintendent  
School District of Beloit