



November 15, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

I have lots of important information to share with you this week, including a calendar update for the week of Thanksgiving.

Important Calendar Update:

Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24: Teacher Work Days and Student Assignment Work Days

Our teaching staff will not be providing live instruction during these two days. We encourage all students to spend time getting caught up on assignments and homework during these two days. Our teachers will be working on curriculum and lesson planning during this time.

Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27:

Thanksgiving Break, and no school.

Grab and Go Meals:

On Monday, November 16, we will provide six days of breakfast and lunch meals at all our elementary schools. All children aged one through 18 are eligible for these meals. With six days of meals provided on Monday, we will not have Grab and Go Meals available on Thursday of this week.

On Monday, November 23, we will provide six days of breakfast and lunch meals. With six days of meals provided on Monday, we will not have Grab and Go Meals available on Thursday (Thanksgiving) of this week.

We have extended our pick-up times from 11 am to 1:30 pm. If you have already made arrangements to have meals delivered, we will continue to provide delivery service. You will not need to call our hotline.

For families who are unable to pick up meals, we are providing a delivery service. Please call (608) 361-3136 to arrange for delivery.

STEAM Challenge: Rube Goldberg

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) team has issued a Rube Goldberg Design Challenge to all students during the month of November. This team would like to see how well our students can make a Rube Goldberg device - a series of chain reactions designed to do something (anything) at the end.

Rube Goldberg devices are usually rather silly. There is no right way to make them. Access the [SDB STEAM Challenge Page](#) for more details! All you have to do is "Join with Google" to view the page. Make sure to use your SDB student email address.



Let's Stay Healthy Over the Holidays:

Thanksgiving is a time when many families celebrate together. Sometimes Thanksgiving celebrations involve families traveling long distances. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. For more information on the CDC guidelines for traveling, you can click on this [LINK](#).

If you decide not to travel and plan to have a social gathering on Thanksgiving, it is recommended that you inform any guests that plan on attending to quarantine at home for the two weeks prior to the gathering, other than for essential needs or work. By doing this, you will lower your risk and the risk of others being exposed to COVID-19.

Future Weekly Letters:

With Thanksgiving and winter break approaching, I want to update you on the upcoming schedule of my weekly letters: November 22; December 6, 13, and 20; and January 10.

I encourage you to continue to connect with your child's/teen's teacher or principal with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of your child's/teen's education during Distance Learning. I know how challenging this can be at times; our support staff in Pupil Services is here to help. For contact information, please click [HERE](#).

Regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
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School District of Beloit