



November 8, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

I appreciate the time you take to read these weekly letters. I want to be sure that I am providing you with the most up-to-date information regarding our District, our schools, and our students. If there is a topic you would like me to address in an upcoming letter, please send that request to our [Marketing Department](#).

Important Update Regarding Grab and Go Meals: During Thanksgiving Week

On Monday, November 23, we will be providing seven days of breakfast and lunch meals to all children in our community aged one through 18. Please stop by from 11 am to 1 pm at all our elementary schools and Beloit Memorial High School on Monday, November 23, to receive an entire week of meals. For families who are unable to pick up meals, we are providing a delivery service. Please call (608) 361-3136 to arrange for delivery.

We will have our regularly scheduled pick-ups on Mondays and Thursday up until November 23.

Please note that Merrill Elementary School will distribute meals at Summit Park during the weeks of November 9 and November 16.

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 their risk of others to being exposed to COVID-19.

The School District of Beloit Launches a Blog: Great Articles and Information

The School District of Beloit launched its first-ever blog. We provide a new blog each Wednesday, and we share it on Facebook and LinkedIn. All blogs post on our website, as well: [LINK](#). Our first three blog topics were *Self Card During a Pandemic*, *Singing and Dancing is Learning*, and *The Bilingual Advantage*.



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.

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!

Community Outreach and Updates:

Beloit Area Community Health Center offers drive-through flu shots for adults and children by appointment, Monday – Friday. Medicaid, Medicare, and most private insurances are welcome. Discounts are available to uninsured families. In addition, the clinic is offering free insurance enrollment assistance to the community during this year's open enrollment period for Marketplace insurance, which ends on December 15.

No one is ever turned away or denied services due to inability to pay. Please call (608)361-0311 to schedule an appointment. Spanish speaking translators are always available.

Hendricks CareerTek offers a free shuttle service from the Beloit Public Library to Hendricks CareerTek for all high school students in need of tutoring, a place to study, access WIFI, access computers, or work on group projects. Pick up is Monday through Friday at 8:35 am with a return ride to the library at noon. School District of Beloit teachers and paras will be at Hendricks CareerTek during this time for tutoring. This free shuttle service is provided by the Stateline Boys and Girls Club. This shuttle and tutoring service is a positive, collaborative opportunity between the School District, Hendricks CareerTek, and Stateline Boys and Girls Club for our students. Call (608) 312-4770 for more details.

Future Weekly Letters:

With Thanksgiving and winter break approaching, I wanted to update you on the upcoming schedule of my weekly letters: November 15 and 22; December 6, 13, and 20; and January 10.

Regards,

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School District of Beloit