



October 4, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Family Survey last week. I am reviewing the data with my leadership team and will be sharing the results with you in my October 11<sup>th</sup> letter. Your feedback, suggestions, and comments have been shared with our School Principals. Here's to another positive and productive week of learning. We appreciate your support and collaboration with your child's/teen's teacher(s) and school.

**iPad Help and Outreach:**

Our iPad sessions at the Beloit Public Library last week were very successful. We were able to help dozens of students and families. We plan to continue these sessions at the Beloit Public Library every Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm to offer students and families some assistance with navigating iPads and apps. School District of Beloit Spanish Interpreters will be available, and no appointment is necessary. Our next date is Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Email Teachers from Skyward:**

I have some good news to share. Families can email their student's teachers, counselors and other school contacts when they log into their Skyward Family Access account. Teacher email addresses can be accessed on the Gradebook and Schedule tab, and other email addresses are located under the Student Info tab.

Clicking on a staff member's name will generate a pop-up box containing their email address. Click on the blue email address. A "Send an Email" box will appear pre-filled to send to the selected staff member. Enter the subject of the email on the "Subject" line. Click into the large box on the bottom to compose the message. If you want to receive a copy of the email, put a check mark in the "Send a Copy to Me" box. Let us know what you think of this new feature by sending your feedback to [marketing1@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:marketing1@sdb.k12.wi.us).

**Social and Emotional Wellbeing: Students and Families**

The School District of Beloit cares deeply about the social-emotional health and wellbeing of our children and families. We recognize that Distance Learning does have a significant impact on each of us. Increased stress and anxiety are common responses to the coronavirus outbreak. Each week we will be providing resources that can support you and your family through this challenging time. In addition to resources for stress management, there are helpful strategies and resources for proactively developing your child's social and emotional skills. We will start this week with support for our Early Childhood families.

[At-Home SEL Strategies: Early Childhood](#)

[Sesame Street Name that Emotion](#)

[How to Teach Kids About Their Feelings: Early Childhood](#)

[SEL Tips for the Moment](#)



**Beloit Memorial High School Key Club Scavenger Hunt: There is Still Time to Participate**

Here is a safe, fun way to spend some time at home and outdoors! The Beloit Memorial High School Key Club is hosting a Family and Friends Scavenger Hunt. The event will take place between October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Fun clues and activities will have you completing tasks/assignments in your home, while others will have you finding Beloit landmarks or other specific items. Check out the Beloit Memorial's [Key Club](#) webpage for full details and for the scavenger hunt list. We thank our Beloit Memorial High School Key Club for creating, presenting and hosting such a safe and fun event for our families. Be sure to wear your face covering.

**Attendance and Engagement:**

Attending classes and participating in classroom assignments and activities are vitally important to a student's academic and social success in school. Please reach out to your child's/teen's principal or teacher if you have questions regarding attendance, engagement, or curriculum. I also encourage our families to take advantage of the iPad support that is available every Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm at the Beloit Public Library.

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

Start your morning off with a nutritious and healthy breakfast. We provide Grab and Go Meals on Mondays and Thursdays. On Mondays, families will receive a breakfast and lunch meal for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; and on Thursdays, families will receive a breakfast and lunch meal for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For families who are unable to pick up meals, we are providing delivery service. Please call (608) 361-3136 to arrange for delivery. Grab and Go Meals are available from 11 am to 1 pm at all our elementary schools and at Beloit Memorial High School at the Elizabeth Reinholz Theater. All children from ages one to 18 are eligible to receive these meals.

**Community Partner Update:**

This week's partner spotlight is **Latino Service Providers Coalition (LSPC)**. The Latino Service Providers Coalition is a nonprofit organization serving in Rock County and the surrounding areas of Beloit. The main goal of this organization is to help Latinos in the community gain access to the services and education needed to guide them to a more fulfilling and productive life, as well as to gain the participation of members of the Latino community in events and events of interest to the entire community. At their monthly meetings they share information and ideas and discuss the needs of Latinos in our community. There is always wonderful participation by many community partners. The number of Latinos in our community has grown significantly in recent years and therefore the need for services as well. The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating for everyone and for Latinos as well. LSPC has been a key place where they have continued to provide services from home. The LSPC office is located at 717 Hackett Street, and the phone number is 608-361-1928. You can also reach out through email at [Lspcayuda@yahoo.com](mailto:Lspcayuda@yahoo.com). Please follow them on Facebook: Latino Service Providers Coalition.

Enjoy the rest of your day,

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