



September 27, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

As we begin our fourth week of Distance Learning I wanted to touch base with our families and hear how things are going. In this week's letter, I am providing a link for you to complete a survey on Distance Learning. Your input and feedback are very important to us as we continue to teach and connect with your child(ren)/teen(s) in Distance Learning. The survey will be available through Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Family Survey: Available to Complete until October 2nd**

Please access this [LINK](#) to complete the family survey.

**Grab and Go Meals: Expanding our Services**

To continue to meet the food needs of our students and children in our community, we have expanded our Grab and Go Meals to include the weekends and have also expanded our delivery service of meals.

Beginning Monday, we will be providing 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. With this distribution plan families only have to pick-up meals twice a week. If families 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.

The **NAACP and 360 Consulting** are working together to make **Voter Registration** accessible to everyone. During our Grab and Go pick-up times on Mondays and Thursdays, 360 Consulting will be available to register voters at our elementary schools and Beloit Memorial High School.

**Beloit Memorial High School Key Club: What Fun!**

Here is a safe, fun way to spend some time at home and outdoors! The Beloit Memorial High School Key Club is hosting [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.

Each task will be worth a different amount of points. The family that collects the most points wins! Want to know what you are playing for? 1st place wins a \$75 Amazon Gift Card; 2<sup>nd</sup> place a \$30 Amazon Gift Card; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is a \$20 Amazon Gift Card.



Winners will be announced soon after the scavenger hunt is over. Check out the District’s and Beloit Memorial High School’s Facebook pages for all the details and the list of activities to complete on during October on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Stay safe and wear a face covering. The fun begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We thank our Beloit Memorial Key Club for creating, presenting and hosting such a safe and fun event for our families!

**Get to Know Your Bilingual Home School Liaisons:**

Our Bilingual Home School Liaisons are assigned to our schools to help facilitate the communication between our Spanish speaking families and students, and our school staff. Their number one priority is fostering an ongoing partnership between the home and school. They are available for translation services, interpretation, and can meet virtually if needed. Some of the additional services these staff members provide are information on the School District of Beloit programs, procedures, District and school activities, and they are a good resource for referring families to other support agencies.

Bilingual Home School Liaison	School Sites
Edith Alarcon	Beloit Learning Academy and Beloit Memorial High School
Jennifer Avila	Hackett Elementary and Cunningham Intermediate
Ariana Bruno	Robinson Elementary and Aldrich Intermediate
Lilia Lopez Aquino	Converse Elementary and McNeel Intermediate
Cristal Peña	Gaston Elementary and Merrill Elementary
TBD	Todd Elementary and Fruzen Intermediate

**Ready to Learn:**

I always encourage students to get a good night’s sleep during the school year. It is so important for our students to start the day ready to learn; even more so in Distance Learning. For elementary students, it is recommended that they get at least nine hours of sleep per night and for teen’s at least eight hours of sleep. Along with a good night’s sleep, proper nutrition is just as important. Jump starting the day with a good breakfast allows for better concentration and increased energy to sustain classroom participation and lessons.

**Community Partner Update:**

This week’s partner spotlight is **Nutrition and Health Associates**. Executive Director, Sue Stein, shared that Nutrition and Health Associates is a health and nutrition nonprofit in Beloit and Rock County serving our community for the past 36 years. Many people know of them as the Rock County WIC program: WIC is the premier public health nutrition program in the United States.

Rock County WIC provides nutrition education and healthy foods to help families make choices that help assure healthy pregnancies, healthy birth outcomes, and healthy growth and development for women, infants, and children up to age 5. WIC does this by providing nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare and critical social services. WIC foods are on a debit card and much of our program has online support. We offer Dental Care assistance, fun playgroups supporting literacy and a strong belief our clients are amazing.



The COVID-19 pandemic has put food insecurity in the spotlight. Many, many people are relying on food assistance programs as part of the solution to make decisions about how to spend their limited budgets on housing, medicine, cleaning and sanitation supplies, and nutritious foods. This organization is here to help. Look for more information on their [website](#), or call (608) 362-1566. Many working families are eligible.

I am grateful and appreciative of your continued support of your child's/teen's education during this time. Your child's/teen's principal and teacher(s) are here to help. Please know that you can reach out to them through email or your child's/teen's school phone number.

Enjoy the rest of your day,

Dr. Dan Keyser  
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