



January 10, 2021

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family took some time to relax over our winter break. We were glad to see all our students back in Distance Learning this week. With Term 2 concluding on January 22, please take a moment to reach out to your child's or teen's teacher or principal with any questions or concerns relating to assignments or classwork. We are committed to your child's/teen's academic success.

It is an honor to congratulate and recognize our McNeel Principal, Mrs. Hendrix-Nora, recipient of the 2021 YWCA Racial Justice Award. The Racial Justice Award recognizes an individual who actively strives to eliminate racism and promotes racial equality. Mrs. Hendrix-Nora will be honored during the annual MLK Jr. Commemoration. This virtual event will premiere at noon on Saturday, January 16 via YWCA Rock County's Facebook page. We will also be sharing the livestream on our District's Facebook page. We thank Mrs. Hendrix-Nora for her leadership in our District and in our community. We are #BeloitProud of her.

**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 available every Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm at the Beloit Public Library. Stop by on Thursday, January 14, if you need some assistance.

**Ready to Learn:**

I always encourage students to get a good night's sleep during the school year. It is 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 increases energy to sustain classroom participation and lessons.

**Grab and Go Meals: Important Update**

Grab and Go Meals are available for pick-up on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am to 1:30 pm at all six elementary schools. We continue to make deliveries to families who are unable to pick-up meals during this time. If you have not made an arrangement for delivery, you can do so by calling (608) 361-3136. If you have already arranged for delivery, you do not need to call.

Please take note of our upcoming Grab and Go Meal Schedule for the next two weeks:

**Thursday, January 14**, we will be providing five days of breakfast and lunch meals for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

**Monday, January 18**, the School District of Beloit honors and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on this date. We will not be serving Grab and Go Meals.



**Tuesday, January 19**, we will be providing two days of breakfast and lunch meals for Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Thursday, January 21**, we will be back to our regular schedule and will be providing four days of breakfast and lunch Grab and Go Meals.

**Snow Days:**

With winter weather in full swing, we will continue to keep our families advised of any school closings due to inclement weather. We have a web page that outlines our decision-making process and how we communicate school closings due to weather: [School Closings](#). While in Distance Learning, we will continue to follow our school closing policy and procedures.

**Free Counseling Available During COVID-19:**

Have you or a loved one been impacted by COVID-19? There is a resource in Project Recovery that can help. Crisis Counselors are available free of charge to meet your emotional needs. For more information, please call 2-1-1 and ask for Project Recovery. Or you can visit their [Website](#).

Regards,

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School District of Beloit