



January 24, 2021

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

At Tuesday evening's Board of Education meeting, I will provide an update on the progress we are making toward Term 4 during the Superintendent's Report. You can view the Board of Education meeting on Spectrum Channel 991 or on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Free Counseling Available During COVID-19:

Has COVID-19 impacted you or a loved one? 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](#).

Todos Unidos Event:

Todos Unidos is hosting a webinar on Thursday, January 28, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The topic for this month's webinar discusses DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and the new updates and changes to the program. The guest speaker is Mr. Matthew Gillhouse, Immigration Attorney. The webinar will be conducted in Spanish. To join the meeting, click on this [LINK](#).

Early Childhood Screening:

Do you have a child between the ages of two and five? Do you have concerns about his/her development? We have early childhood screenings available for our families. The upcoming dates for screenings are February 17, March 17, and April 21. Screenings will take place at Hackett and Todd Elementary Schools. Appointments are required, so please call Wendy Porter at (608) 361-4020 to schedule an appointment.

Typical Childhood Milestones Include:

24-36 Months: Child should be able to climb well, turn book pages one at a time, and recognize and identify almost all common objects and pictures.

3-4 Years: Child should be able to kick and throw a ball, use scissors, draw circles and squares, speak in five to six-word sentences, tell stories, and correctly name some colors.

4-5 Years: Child should be able to swing and climb, print some letters, dress independently, recall parts of a story, count to 10 or more objects, wants to please and be with friends, likes to sing, dance, and act.

iPad and Chromebook Support:

We continue to receive positive feedback on our iPad and Chromebook support sessions at the Beloit Public Library. We are at the library every Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm to offer students and families assistance with navigating iPads, Chromebooks, and apps. School District of Beloit Spanish Interpreters will be available, and no appointment is necessary.

Attendance and Engagement:

Attending classes and participating in classroom assignments and activities are vitally important to a students' 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.



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. It is recommended that elementary students get at least nine hours of sleep per night and for teens 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. We provide healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch meals through our Grab and Go program every Monday and Thursday at our elementary schools. Delivery service is available if needed. Please call 608-361-3136 if you require delivery service. You will not need to call if you have already made delivery arrangements.

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.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend. We look forward to seeing your children and teens on Monday in Distance Learning.

Regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
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School District of Beloit