



May 16, 2021

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

It's already mid-May, and we continue to move towards the conclusion of Term 4. The last day of school for our seniors is Thursday, June 3, and for the rest of our students, Friday, June 4. Please take a moment to connect with your child and/or teen to review their progress thus far. Your child's or teen's teacher or principal is always available to answer any questions or concerns.

Summer School: Register Today!

We are happy to see so many families taking advantage of our Summer School program. Our **in-person**, **five-day-a-week** program will be fun, engaging, and a positive experience for our students. Dual Language Immersion is also available for Summer School. Check out the Summer School webpage for the most up-to-date information and connect with Skyward to register.

Elementary and Intermediate Summer School starts on June 22 with session 1. High School Summer School starts on June 14.

Tech Support at the Beloit Public Library

Thank you to the Beloit Public Library for their partnership and collaboration with us this past year. Last Thursday was our final in-person tech support session at the Beloit Public Library. We will continue to offer tech support through your student's school and <u>online</u>.

Recognize Your High School Graduate on the Radio

104.5 WSLD is giving high school seniors and their families the opportunity to be honored and recognized over the air and on their station. To recognize your favorite grad, and for more information, click on this <u>link</u>.

b103 WGFB is spotlighting seniors on their online gallery, Facebook, and Instagram. One lucky senior will a cool prize. To recognize your senior, and for more information, click on this link.

Better Hearing and Speech Month

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) wants to raise awareness about communication disorders and available treatment options that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems speaking or hearing.

Please access these two excellent resources:

ASHA's <u>Identify the Signs</u> campaign shares information and education about typical communication development as well as the early warning signs of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

<u>Bright by Text</u> delivers free relevant and high-quality information to families to help them foster a child's healthy growth based on their exact age and developmental stage. Parents/caregivers and prospective parents can sign up by **texting BRIGHT to 274448**, or by using the <u>form</u> on the Bright by Text website. Text messages are customized by the child's age and zip code.







Help for Internet Services is Available

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a <u>participating broadband provider</u> or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an <u>online</u> or mail-in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting this <u>website</u> or calling 833-511-0311.

2021/2022 School Year

We have begun the process of planning for this fall and the start of a new school year. We anticipate, and with board approval, all our students will be back in school full-time and in person. Throughout the next few months, I will keep you updated on the progress we are making with our plans.

I will continue with my weekly family letters through next Sunday, May 23. I hope you have found these letters to be useful and informative. You can reference all past letters on my webpage.

We look forward to seeing our students in person and concurrently next week.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser Superintendent School District of Beloit

