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Camryn Collier • JCC, Culinary Arts
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Breanna Scofield • SUNY Cortland,
Speech & Language Pathology
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Logan Simpson • SUNY Brockport,
Business Administration
Hunter Spencer • Coastguard, Law Enforcement
Eden Vaughn • Alfred State, Radiology Technology
Tirsa Welbourn • JCC, Early Childhood Development
Neriah Williams • Workforce, Cosmetology

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sept. 1 & 2 Superintendent's Conference Day (Faculty and Staff only)
 Sept. 3 Deadline to Register for the October 3rd SAT - Late Registration Sept. 21, 2020
 Sept. 4 & 7 Labor Day Holiday & Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
 Sept. 8 **School Opens for Students**
 Sept. 21 Modified Fall Sports Begin
 Sept. TBA Pre-K Physicals @ 1:00 PM
 Sept. 12 Virtual Open House K-12 - 5:30-7:00 PM
 Sept. 12 ACT
 Sept. 14 **Pre-K - First Day of School**
 Sept. 14 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 Sept. 21 4-H Begins
 Sept. TBA PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
 Sept. 21 Fall Sports Begin
 Sept. 28 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM



Oct. 3 SAT
 Oct. 7 Deadline to Register for November 7th SAT - Late Registration October 25, 2020
 Oct. TBA PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the Library
 Oct. 12 Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
 Oct. TBA FFA Land Judging Jefferson-Lewis Counties
 Oct. 16 5 Week Progress Reports Distributed
 Oct. 19 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 Oct. 24 ACT



Nov. 5 Deadline to Register for December 5th SAT / Late Registration Nov. 23, 2020
 Nov. 6 Deadline to Register for December 12th ACT /Late Registration Nov. 7 - 20, 2020
 Nov. 7 SAT
 Nov. 9 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 Nov. 11 Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL
 Nov. TBA PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the Library
 Nov. 20 Report Cards Mailed Home
 Nov. 23 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 Nov. TBA Varsity Winter Sports Begin
 Nov. 25- 27 Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL



Dec. 5 SAT
 Dec. TBA Kris Kringle Corner for Students
 Dec. TBA 15 Week Progress Reports Distributed
 Dec. 12 ACT
 Dec. 14 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Dec. 22-Jan. 1 Holiday Recess NO SCHOOL-
 School Resumes on January 2, 2021

Superintendent Message

Belleville Henderson will open this year under very different circumstances due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This newsletter outlines key components of these changes. School districts across New York State are following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Requirements, as well as, guidance provided by the New York State Education Department. These new requirements are located in our *Belleville Henderson School Reopening Plan*, which is located on our school website on the home page at www.bhpanthers.org. The link for our plan is under *Headlines* on the right side of our homepage. Other additional plans are located at that same site for parents' review.

Wearing a Mask

The key required health and safety mandates involve wearing a mask, social distancing, health screenings and temperature taking, hand washing, and cleaning protocols. First, students are required to wear masks on the bus, in the halls, outside when entering the school, in bathrooms, and in the classrooms. Teachers will provide mask breaks. Information sent home explains that wearing a mask is required, as well as, how to put a mask on, and the importance of wearing a mask. This district has purchased cloth masks for students. Mask distribution to pupils is the first week of school. Parents may pick up masks on September 2, 2020 between 12 and 3. Please call 315-846-5121 to let the office know you are coming. Otherwise, masks will be given to pupils the first day of school.

Social Distancing

A second key mandate requires that a student social distanced from other students in classrooms and the halls and bathrooms by 6 feet. Classrooms have half the number of desks per room due to this requirement. We have established two cohorts of pupils. One cohort will attend school on Monday and Tuesday while the other cohort will attend on Thursday and Friday. We are doing deep cleaning and disinfecting on Wednesday between cohorts. PE, Chorus and band require 12 feet of social distancing.

Health Screening and Temperature Taking

Parents are required to do the Health Screening Questionnaire on Mondays. The district is providing directions to parents on how to submit this information in materials sent home Thursday, August 27, 2020. We are requesting that parents take their child's temperature every day before they board the bus. If the child has a temperature over 100.0 F, please DO NOT send your child to school. If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, please DO NOT send your child to school. There will be two methods to report your child's Health Screening information and temperature: Parent Square will be one method and there will be a second method on our website. Parent guidance and information for how to access these two methods is being sent home on August 27, 2020. If a child has a temperature over 100.0 F, and/or any of the COVID-19 symptoms, and is at school, we are required to call the parent and ask you to pick up your child. Our school nurse will provide the parent with NYSDOH guidance. The district's local NYSDOH contact is Jefferson County Public Health. All students and staff will have their temperature taken daily prior to entering school.

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Hand Washing

One of the major areas the NYSDOH requirements focus is *Hand Washing*. Students will be eating in classrooms and they are required to wash their hands before and after eating. Hand washing will be encouraged as a major health and hygiene etiquette multiple times a day. Hand sanitizers are throughout the school in classrooms. Any parent that does not want their child to use hand sanitizer, please send a note to the nurse requesting such. This week the New York State Transportation announced that hand sanitizers will be allowed on buses, as well.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols

Classrooms and all areas of the school are undergoing deep cleaning and disinfecting on a regular basis. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily, as well. The district has purchased hospital grade disinfecting equipment which is use nightly in the school and on our buses.

The Instructional Program – In-Person/Remote or Remote

Students are able to attend *In-Person/Remote or Remote*. Cohort A and Cohort B attend In-Person two days a week and Remote three days. Some students will attend from home remotely every day. A copy of our Remote Plans are on our BH Reopening Plan website page. Teacher training on new technologies is providing support on these enhanced methods allowing teachers to provide better communication with students virtually. This week Chromebook distribution to students in grades 3-12 occurred on Thursday. Students in Pre-K through 2 will receive devices once these arrive.

National School Lunch Program

One area that all parents could support our school is to complete and return the School Lunch Program Application, which is attached in to this newsletter. Please help us by returning this form by the end of September!

Panther Strong!

Regardless of these unprecedented times, we are strengthened by the dedication of caring Board of Education, faculty, staff and administration. We appreciate our parents support and strong communication! As we say, "Together, we are, Panther Strong!"

Sincerely,
Jane Collins



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Hello. We regret that this year we are unable to have persons in the school for a traditional Open House. Pre-K through Sixth Grade teachers will be in touch with parents virtually or by phone for a meet-and-greet opportunity.

Below is a schedule for this year's Virtual Open House.

September 1, 2020

Grade 2 – 5:00 pm

Kindergarten Coseo – 5:30 pm

Grade 3 – 6:00 pm

Grade 4 – 7:00 pm

September 2, 2020

Grade 5 – 5:00 pm

Pre-K – 5:30 pm

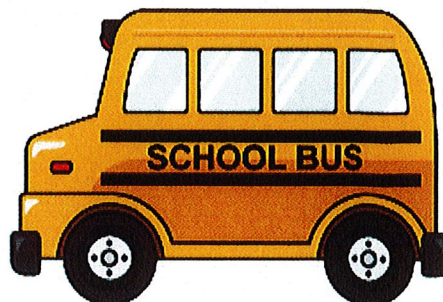
Grade 6 – 6:00 pm

Grade 7-12 – 7:00 pm

Please call the main office at 315-846-5411 or 315-846-5121.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

846-5826	Ms. Jane Collins, Interim Superintendent Mrs. Sally Kohl, Secretary to the Superintendent / District Clerk Mrs. Marisa Riordan, District Treasurer Mr. Stephen Magovney, Business Manager
846-5411	Ms. Michelle Morales, Office/Aide Mr. David Kiblin, Head Cleaner Mrs. Mindy Grandjean, Food Service Director
846-5121	Mr. Scott A. Storey, Principal Mrs. Teresa McIntosh, Secretary in the Main Office
846-5825	Mr. Shaun Gagan, School Counselor Mrs. Tara Hess, K-12 Registration Mrs. Erica Pettit, CSE/CPSE & Psychologist
846-5323	Mrs. Karen Bertram, Nurse
846-5023	Mr. Philip Gleason, Mechanic / Bus Driver
846-5617	Fax Number



DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

School Day starts at 8:00 a.m.

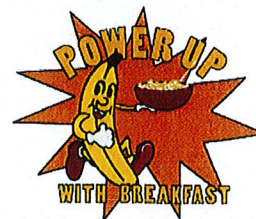
Dismissal at 3:00 p.m.

BUS CHANGE INFORMATION

Parents / Guardians at the beginning of the new school year please update your children's bus information. We need a new bus note each year we can not use old bus notes.

Bus change information should be taken to the Main Office. Please be very specific when writing bus note changes. The following information should be included on the bus note:

1. Student's full name
2. The date
3. The person's name where the child is going
4. The address and telephone number for that person
5. Parent/Guardian Signature



STUDENT PRICES

Breakfast	Free
K-6 Lunch	\$2.00
7-12 Lunch	\$2.25
Reduced Lunch	\$.25
Main Entrée	\$1.50
Side Dish	\$.50
Snack Milk	\$.50



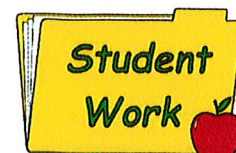
ASSIGNMENT REQUEST

When a 7-12th grade student is unexpectedly absent from school it would be appreciated if that student would ask a classmate to pick-up his/her assignments and needed books. If this is not possible, please call the Main Office at 846-5411 between 8:00-9:00 AM.

When a student knows in advance that they will be absent from school (field trips, dentist, doctor, etc.), they are responsible for getting their own assignments and handing those assignments in on schedule.

If work is required for a **K-6 student**, please call Mrs. McIntosh at 846-5411 between 7:00-8:00 AM.

Note: When homework assignments are not called in during times noted above, it is not guaranteed that the homework will be available to go home that day.



ATTENDANCE

Parents of students who are late or absent will be called on a daily basis to check on their attendance. If you expect that your student will be late or absent, please call the health office phone. Calls can be made before school hours by calling 846-5323 and leaving a message on the answering machine. If you do not call in before 8:00 a.m., please expect a phone call from the nurse's office to inquire about your student's absence.

Schools are responsible for your student's learning. Schools, however, cannot do their job if your student is absent. Learning builds day by day. A student who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Here's How You Can Improve Your Student's Attendance

1. Talk with your student about the importance of attending school regularly.
2. Avoid scheduling family trips during school hours.
3. Help your student stay healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
4. Discuss with your student what is happening at school.
5. Support school rules and consequences.
6. Show your student why education is important.
7. Set a good example for your student.

The Board of Education has adopted a policy that students must attend school a minimum 85% of class sessions.

WRITTEN EXCUSES FOR ABSENTEEISM

It is necessary for the school to have on file information concerning absenteeism during the school year. When your student is absent for any reason please send in a written excuse with him/her the day he/she returns to school. Excuses for students in grades K-12 should be taken to the Main Office.

An excuse should be provided EVERY TIME a student misses time from school. This includes late arrivals, early departures, and all day absences. The excuse must include:

1. Student's full name
2. Dates of Absence (s)
3. Reason for Absence
4. Parent/Guardian Signature

Excuses are legal documents and must be maintained as a student record.



Notice of Non-discrimination under Title VI, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities:

The Belleville Henderson Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Scott Storey, Building Principal
8372 County Route 75
Adams, NY 13605
315-846-5411

Inquiries concerning the application of the Belleville Henderson Central School District non-discrimination policies may also be referred to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005, telephone (646)428-3800

PROCEDURES FOR THE DELIVERY OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

BUS AND PICK-UP INFORMATION

Due to the health and safety considerations of our school, we will not be able to accommodate daily changes to transportation. Please have permanent Pick-Up and Drop-Off plans for your child.

Please be patient while waiting for your child's bus to arrive in the morning. If the bus hasn't arrived by 7:40 am, please call Mr. Gleason at the bus garage at 315-846-5023. Family members need to sit together due to bus capacity restrictions. Please have your families understand we cannot change their bus seats.

- This form must be filled out for all students in grades K-6. Please indicate whether your student rides a bus, is picked up, or is a walker.
- Students will be allowed one primary DROP OFF location and one alternate location. Both destinations will be kept on file in the school office.
- Phone calls to change the afternoon drop off location will only be accepted before **noon (12:00 p.m.)**. Otherwise, a written note or in-person visit must occur if the student is to be PICKED UP or DROPPED OFF at the alternate location.

What you as a parent or guardian need to do:

1. Fill out the information form below and return it to your student's teacher as soon as possible. **Please remember to update the Unplanned Early Dismissal information. If you are going to use your Primary Destination in the event of an early dismissal, please indicate this on the form.** Send in a note each day the child is to go to their secondary location. Notes requesting changes to locations other than the two listed on the information sheet will not be allowed.
2. ***Understand that it is the parent's responsibility to have an adult waiting for the student at the bus stop.***
3. If an emergency arises, you must call the principal.
4. To change the primary or secondary location, parents must request a new form. The form must be returned to the main office and approved before the change can be made.

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Annual Transportation Update - Required for all students grades K - 6

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PM Bus / Pick-Up / After School Program / Unplanned Early Dismissal

You may complete one form and list all children with the same instructions for the new school year. For any child in your household with a different Primary, Secondary or Unplanned Early Dismissal destination, please fill out a separate form. **If permanent changes occur during the school year, please request a new form.**

If a daily transportation change is required - please send a written note to school with your child, whenever planning to use the secondary drop off location. If you are not able to send a note with your child, please send the request for change by e-mail to tmcintosh@bhpanters.org or by fax to 315-846-5617. **In addition, please call the office at 315-846-5121 to alert us to the requested change. All transportation changes are to be made in writing, before Noon (12:00 p.m.)** With regard to safety, it is important to notify the office early. Thank you.

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade/Teacher _____

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Student's Name _____ Student's Grade/Teacher _____

Parent /Guardian information:

Name _____ Home/Cell Number _____

Name _____ Home/Cell Number _____

Home Address: _____

Indicate how your child/children arrive(s) at school each morning (Please circle): Ride a bus Walk Parent Transport

Morning Pick-up address if different from above: _____

1. Primary, Regular Dismissal Information (for most days): Please circle one: Bus Drop-off/location Pick-up in foyer

Name: _____ Relationship to child _____

Drop-off Location or Address: _____ Phone number _____

2. Secondary Drop-off Destination Information: (Alternate location when requested by Noon with note, e-mail or fax)

Name: _____ Relationship to child _____

Drop-off Location: _____ Phone number _____

UNPLANNED EARLY DISMISSAL DESTINATION/NO After-School Programs (Used ONLY if school closes early.)

PLEASE CHECK ONE: ☐ Primary Destination ☐ Secondary Destination ☐ Other:

Name _____ Address _____

I understand that it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to have an adult present and visible at the drop off site each afternoon and that changes to transportation must be made in writing before noon.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL
NEW HORIZONS VOLUME 36

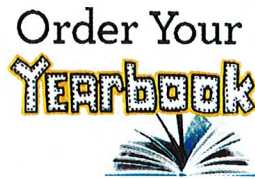
Dear Belleville Henderson Families,

We are in the process of preparing and publishing the 2021 edition of our yearbook. This year's yearbook will be printed in full color for your enjoyment.

We will do a yearbook pre-sale during the months of October & November. Price is \$40.00. This year when students order a yearbook, they will be asked to pay for them with cash or check when ordered. Yearbooks will not be ordered online this year. Please return the regular order form, the charge will be \$40.00 payable now so that you may be assured to receive a copy when yearbooks arrive in early June. Yearbooks for the Class of 2021 will be priced at \$45.00 which includes two lines of imprint and four personalized icons.

Only a very limited number of books will be ordered as extras. We strongly encourage you to **PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW** to ensure you receive a copy of our full color edition.

Please fill out this form and return it with your check made payable to Belleville Henderson Yearbook 2021 to Miss Colby or Mrs. Winters no later than Friday, December 11, 2020.



YEARBOOK RESERVATION REQUEST

Name of Student _____ Grade _____

I would like to order _____ yearbook (s) for _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

BHCS DISTRICT CONTACTS

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security – For information on Education Law 2D Stephen Magovney who is the Data Protection Office for Belleville Henderson Central School District, 8372 County Route 75, Adams, NY 13605, smagovney@bhpanthers.org, 315-846-5826.

Code of Conduct – Persons with questions regarding the District's Code of Conduct please contact Mr. Storey, Principal.

ADA Compliance Officer for Americans with Disabilities Act for 1990 is Scott Storey, Principal, contact information is (315)846-5121 and email sstorey@bhpanthers.org.

Title IX Compliance Officer is Scott Storey, Principal, contact information is (315)846-5121 and email sstorey@bhpanthers.org.

English Language Learners Contact person is Scott Storey, Principal, contact information is (315)846-5121 and email sstorey@bhpanthers.org.

Civil Rights Compliance Officer is Scott Storey, Principal, contact information is (315)846-5121 and email sstorey@bhpanthers.org.

Section 504 Compliance Officer is Erica Pettitt who can be reached at epettitt@bhpanthers.org or (315)846-5121.

Title 1 contact person is Scott Storey, Principal, contact information is (315)846-5121 and email sstorey@bhpanthers.org.

School Vaccination Requirements in NYS – Contact our school nurse, Karen Bertram (315)846-5323.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison Officer is Shaun Gagan who can be contacted via email: sgagan@bhpanthers.org or phone 315-846-5825.

The District's Dignity for All Student's Act (DASA) -Compliance Officer is Shaun Gagan email: sgagan@bhpanthers.org or phone 315-846-5825. If you wish to file a complaint under DASA, you may make an appointment to file such complaint with either the Superintendent of School, the Principal or with the District's DASA compliance officer listed above. The Bullying Incident Reporting Form is accessed on the website or in the guidance office.

Drug Free Work Place – Belleville Henderson School District is a Drug Free Work Place. Questions are to be directed to the Superintendent, Jane Collins.

Records Access Officer is Stephen Magovney whose address is Belleville Henderson Central School District, 8372 County Route 75, Adams, NY 13605, smagovney@bhpanthers.org, 315-846-5826.

Pesticide Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and nonpublic schools to provide periodic written notification regarding the potential use of pesticides throughout the year. The Belleville Henderson Central School District maintains a list of all staff and persons in parental relation to students who wish to receive prior written notification of pesticide applications as required by law. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will also be made to supply written notification to those on the Prior Notification List.

If you would like to receive prior notification of pesticide applications that may occur at the school, please provide a letter to:

David Kiblin
Belleville Henderson Central School District
8372 County Route 75
Adams, NY 13605

State your request, your address, day and evening phone numbers, and an email address. Sign and date your request.

Required Notifications

Please refer to www.bhpanthers.org > Board of Education > BHCS D Policy Manual for more information on the following notifications:

- Access to Student Records (Policy #7240)
- APPR of Teachers and Principals (Policy #6130)
- Disclosure of Student Records to Military (Policy #7242)
- Student Information ("Directory Information") (Policy #7241)
- Student Privacy (Policy #7250)

Please refer to www.bhpanthers.org, under Site Shortcuts>Your Right to Know:

- Teacher Qualification Requests
- Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL ASBESTOS NOTICE

All Belleville Henderson Central School District buildings have had an inspection for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials according to the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. Under the Federal Guidelines, the buildings were completely inspected for asbestos-containing materials. A copy of the Management Plan is available in the Main Office, as well as the District Office. Every six months surveillance is done of the asbestos-containing material. Every three years, a mandatory re-inspection takes place in each area that is known to contain these materials.

The District's contact person regarding asbestos is Dave Kiblin, Head of Maintenance. Mr. Kiblin can be contacted at (315) 846-5411.

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Belleville Henderson Central School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **0**; lunch costs \$2.00 for students in Grades K-6 and \$2.25 for students in Grades 7-12. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Karen M. Bertram, School Nurse at 8372 County Route 75 Adams, New York 13636.**
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Shaun Gagan (315-846-5825 or sgagan@bhpanthers.org)** to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **315-846-5323** if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Steve Magovney (315-846-5826 or 8372 County Route 75 Adams, New York 13605).**
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

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14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY, DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

Sincerely,
Jane Collins

Athletic Update:

Soccer Sign Ups:

Fall soccer signups are underway - If you would like to sign your child (grades 7-12) up for fall soccer and haven't completed the Google Form please email Mrs. Barnhart-Burto at abarnhart-burto@bhpanthers.org.

Physicals for Sports:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it presents to our healthcare providers, student athletes who plan to participate in the fall 2020 sports season can participate if they previously had a health exam in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years. Students must provide an updated health history signed by the parent or guardian within 30 days prior to the beginning of the sport season. At this time, students should plan to obtain their health examination prior to their participation in the winter and spring seasons, although this may change depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information will follow as it is updated. We will still plan to offer sports physicals at school if you choose that option as well.

If your child didn't have the required physical, they will need to obtain the health examination prior to participation in the fall sports season in order to participate in practice or games. The fall sports season is anticipated to **begin September 21, 2020**.

Athletic Information:

NYSPHSAA is using the NFHS recommendations guidance document for opening up high school athletics and activities. This document provides recommendations on how to safely return to athletes. As we continue to get more information I will keep you informed.

**2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK**

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

Current Gross Income: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, Salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income - gross sales minus expenses only - not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Karen M. Bertram Title: School Nurse
Telephone Number: 315-846-5323

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ____ R ____ D ____

2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call (phone number), if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: (School Name)
(Street Name)
(City, State, Zip Code)

1. List all children in your household who attend school:-

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- ____ - ____

 I do not
have a
SS# ☐

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or LatinoRace (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)

Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official

Date Notice Sent:

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to _____.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: _____. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Nurse's Update:

Make Hand washing a family activity. Hand washing is a cheap, effective way to prevent the spread of germs and goes a long way to keep you and your child(ren) healthy, so you won't have to worry about missing work, school, or other activities. Help your child develop good hand washing skills. You can find ways to make it fun – make a game of it, sing a song, make-up silly songs together. Until hand washing becomes a habit, your child will need to be reminded when to wash their hands so it becomes automatic and frequent reminders aren't necessary.

We should wash our hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching and playing with pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing or blowing our noses. Additional times to include hand washing into your daily routine are: before, during and after preparing food; before and after caring for someone who is sick; before and after treating a cut or injuring; after changing diapers or cleaning a child after toileting; after touching animal waste or feed or treats; after touching garbage.

If water is not available or feasible at the time, you can use hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol. Use enough that your hands become completely wet and scrub your hands together as if you are washing your hands until the hand sanitizer dries on your hands. Wash your hands when soap and water is available.

Baby wipes make your hands look clean but are not a substitute for soap and water. Wipes don't kill germs. Please follow the link for a hand washing videos: <https://www.cheatsheet.com/entertainment/11-hand-washing-and-hygiene-videos-to-show-your-kids-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html/>

Respiratory illnesses are spread by droplets that travel short distances in the air or land on surfaces that we touch. Respiratory illness include the flu, covid-19, pertussis or whooping cough, RSV, croup, colds, bronchiolitis, and pneumonia.

Five steps to hand washing the right way:

Wet your hands with clean running water; lather your hands with soap, scrubbing both sides of hands and between fingers and under fingernails for at least 20 seconds; rinse your hands under clean, running water, and finally dry your hands.

Face Coverings

It is important for people to wear face coverings in public when they can't social distance at least six feet apart. If your child isn't able to wear a face mask or face shield, we will need a note from your healthcare provider stating so. We understand that people with certain medical conditions may not be able to wear a face covering. Most parents have said that they can provide a face mask for their child. We will have some masks available for those who can't. Cloth face covering of any kind need to be laundered daily. They can be safely laundered with your clothing at home. **Face coverings will be required on school buses.**

Symptoms of COVID- 19: fever or chills; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste and/or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; and diarrhea. This list doesn't include all the possible symptoms of COVID-19 and is updated by CDC as they learn more about the virus. People can have very mild symptoms or severe illness. Symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Older adults and people with underlying medical conditions or diabetes seem to be at higher risk of more serious complications to COVID-19.

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON BACKPACK PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

The targeted date for the backpack program to begin is mid September for the new school year. The goal of the program is to help Belleville Henderson's children to become food secure each weekend. If your family is approved to receive the Free/Reduced Meal Program at school, or if you would like your children to participate in the BHCS Backpack Program please fill out and return the form below to:



Karen M. Bertram, School Nurse
Belleville Henderson Central School District
8372 County Route 75
Adams, New York 13605

315-846-5323 or kbertram@bhpanthers.org



Please list the name of the student below

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

Please list the name of Parent/Guardian and contact information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please circle how you would like your pack delivered: BUS DELIVERY or PARENT PICK-UP

PLEASE SIGN ON BACK OF PAGE

PARENT/GUARDIAN and STUDENT

We are asking that your family help us out!



Please be accountable for the BHCS Backpack that is sent home each week.

We ask that you make sure the BHCS backpack is sent back to school each Monday morning. The backpack supply is limited.

We ask that you sign at the bottom of this agreement that you will be accountable each week for the backpack that is sent home to you and make sure that on Monday morning it is returned to school.

Thank you

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student(s) - Please list:

Belleville Henderson Central School 2020 Tax Collection

BH Tax Collector, Colleen Bellinger

Phone: 315-846-5826

Email: cbellinger@bhpanthers.org

2020 TAX COLLECTION WILL BE BY MAIL ONLY

Mail Payments to: Colleen Bellinger, Tax Collector

Belleville Henderson CSD

8372 County Route 75

Adams, NY 13605



St. Lawrence – Massena – 156 Center Street, Massena, NY 13662
P: 315-764-9442 F: 315-764-9464

St. Lawrence – Ogdensburg – 1033 Paterson Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
P: 315-764-9442 F: 315-713-8115

Jefferson & Lewis – Watertown – 120 Washington St, #430, Watertown, NY 13601
P: 315-764-9442 F: 315-405-4991

Franklin – Malone – 3372 St. Rt. 11, Ste D, Malone, NY 12953
P: 518-483-2151 F: 518-483-7491

Dear Jefferson County Youth Bureau,

At this unprecedented time of global crisis, many of our community members are seeking assistance and support. WIC benefits may be of assistance to help with food insecurity, and now the benefits are easier to access than they have ever been before.

WIC is still open and offering services and benefits in Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties. In addition, there is an exciting new development in the WIC program called *eWIC*. With *eWIC*, benefits are now provided electronically, making shopping with WIC easier and more convenient.

Anyone who has shopped with WIC paper checks will appreciate the convenience of *eWIC*. WIC benefits are loaded onto the *eWIC* card at the WIC clinic appointment, which is currently being provided remotely via phone. The *eWIC* card is used just like a debit card at the grocery store, letting participants buy food when it works best for them rather than all at once.

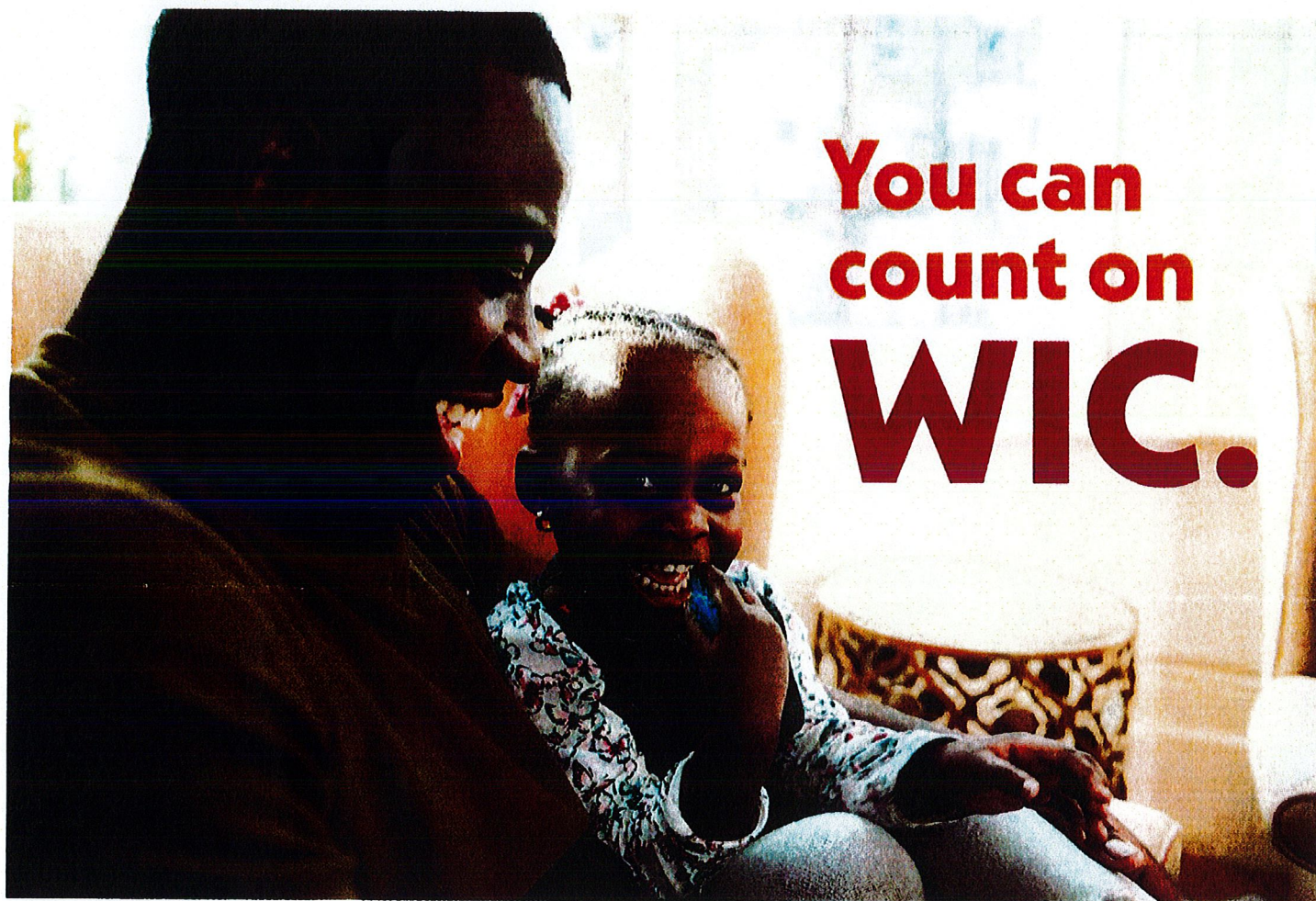
Even though parents and caregivers know that hunger has a negative impact on children's mental, physical, and emotional development - providing kids with a consistent nutritious diet can often seem out of reach. It doesn't need to be. WIC can help.

I write in hopes that you can spread the word to your parents and caregivers about this program in this time where they may be experiencing uncertainty about what help is available to them. Enclosed you will find flyers that you can post and/or distribute. To learn more about WIC eligibility, they can contact their local WIC Help Specialist. WIC Help Specialists provide one-on-one services to help connect eligible families with young children to WIC. These services are free and confidential. Our WIC Help Specialist's phone number is 315-705-3859.

Please feel free to reach out if you have questions about the WIC program, and we look forward to working together to address the nutrition and education needs of our community.

Best,

Emily McClure
WIC Help Specialist
MILC, Inc.
emcclure@milcinc.org



**You can
count on
WIC.**

She counts on you. You can count on WIC.

WIC helps kids under age five get healthy food, nutrition information and more. Moms, dads and caregivers can apply for WIC on behalf of their young children.

WIC Help Specialists can tell you if your child may be eligible. We also help you prepare for your first WIC appointment. It is free, safe and confidential.

Contact your WIC Help Specialist today:

**Maximizing Independent Living Choices
WIC Help Specialist
315-705-3859**

Serving Jefferson & St. Lawrence Counties

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The new
eWIC card!



WIC is easier with eWIC!

eWIC makes shopping for WIC foods more convenient. No more paper checks. You can use your eWIC card just like a debit card at the register to buy WIC-approved foods for you and your children.

It's that easy!

For help with WIC, contact your local WIC Help Specialist today. WIC Help Specialists tell you if you may be eligible for WIC, and help you set up and prepare for your first appointment at a WIC clinic near you. It is free and confidential.

**Maximizing Independent
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Childhood Special Education Services

Early childhood Special Education Services are available for children from birth to the age of 5 or school age. Your child can receive a free evaluation to determine a need for special services. Special services are also free for all children, if deemed necessary after the evaluation process.

Early Intervention Services 0-2 years old

Early Intervention is a program that provides services to developmentally delayed children from birth through 2 years of age. If you have concerns regarding your child's development in the areas of speech and language, motor skills, hearing, vision, or any other areas of development, you can call Jefferson County Public Health Services at 786-3355 for an evaluation.

Preschool Special Education 3-5 years old

Preschool children who have a delay in development may be eligible for special services as well. Developmental problems can occur in any of the following areas:

- Language (talking and understanding)
- Motor (walking and movement)
- Hearing
- Visual
- Other

Each school district in New York State must have a Committee on Preschool Special Education. If you suspect your child may have a problem, you can refer your child to CPSE by contacting Erica Pettit at 846-5825 at Belleville Henderson Central School.

Pre-school special education includes evaluation and a variety of special services. There are many choices as to where and how special services can be provided. You have an opportunity for input regarding services for your child. The special services your child receives are developed by CPSE. The committee consists of you, the chairperson from the school district, the school psychologist, a representative from the county where you live, someone who evaluated your child or can interpret the evaluation, and a pre-school teacher. You are welcome to bring along anyone else you think can be helpful. If you feel that your child is delayed in any of the above areas, please do not hesitate to call your school district and request an evaluation from CPSE.

If you need further information regarding the referral process to Early Intervention or CPSE, please feel free to call Kathi Zecher, Associate Director of Head Start, Health and Disabilities Services at 782-4900 ext. 242. You may also call Erica Pettit, CPSE Chairperson, at 846-5825.

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Board of Education Meeting Dates ***7:00 p.m. in the BHCS***

Monday	September 14, 2020
Monday	September 28, 2020
Monday	October 19, 2020
Monday	November 9, 2020
Monday	November 23, 2020
Monday	December 14, 2020
Monday	January 11, 2021
Monday	January 25, 2021
Monday	February 8, 2021
Monday	February 22, 2021
Monday	March 8, 2021
Monday	March 22, 2021
Monday	April 12, 2021
Wednesday	April 21, 2021-BOCES Vote
Monday	May 10, 2021 (Public Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting)
Tuesday	May 18, 2021 (Annual Budget Vote/Election & BOE Meeting)
Monday	June 7, 2021
Monday	June 21, 2021
Monday	July 12, 2021

Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

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