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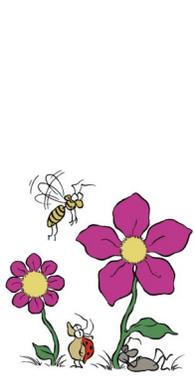
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*March winds
and April showers
bring forth May flowers.*



Happy May Day



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April 1, 2021

Dear Members of the Belleville Henderson Community,

I want to begin by wishing all of you a safe and restful Spring Break. I hope all of you have the opportunity to use the time to relax and hopefully enjoy warmer temperatures that signify the changing of the seasons here in our beautiful North Country. Just as a reminder, Spring Break will begin Friday, April 2 and will run through Wednesday, April 14.

We are pleased to announce that at the conclusion of Spring Break on April 15, in-person learning will be expanded for students in grades K-8. Students in those grades will be able to be in attendance on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesdays will remain remote days for all students. Students in grades 9-12 will continue to follow the current schedule. Parents who wish for their students to remain fully remote will be able to do so.

As we enter the 4th quarter of a school year that has been like no other, I want to take the opportunity to once again thank all of you for your continued support during these difficult months. I want to especially thank parents/guardians/family members in the community who have personally transported some 185 students to school daily. It is through this action that has allowed us at Belleville Henderson to accommodate all of our K-8 pupils.

The remote learning/hybrid learning schedules implemented this year have not been an easy transition for some students. This is why Belleville Henderson has placed an added emphasis this year on academic intervention services for pupils who need additional support. If you feel your child has been struggling academically due to the circumstances created by the pandemic, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Storey for more information on how the district can help further.

Finally, I would be remiss if I also did not thank all of our wonderful staff for their hard work, not only for this current school year, but for the last 12 months. It has now been one year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and the difficult decisions in March 2020 that led to the early closure of school for in-person learning for the 2019-20 school year. I want to thank all of our teachers, administrators, transportation staff, buildings & grounds staff, support services staff, and food services staff for their significant support over the last year. It was because of all of you that learning and important community services offered by Belleville Henderson were able to continue despite building closures. I cannot thank you enough for what that has meant.

As we enter what we all hope is the light at the end of the tunnel for this pandemic, I wish you all a safe and productive final three months of the school year. Together, we are Panther Strong!

Sincerely,

Jane Collins
Superintendent



FROM THE DESK OF MR. STOREY

With the arrival of spring and the beginning of the 4th Quarter of the 2020-21 school year upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to address 3-8 testing, Regents exams, and changes to graduation requirements.

NYS 3-8 Testing: Testing for students in Grades 3-8 will take place this year with several changes. For the ELA 3-8 testing, only Session 1 will be administered between the dates of April 19-29. For Math 3-8 testing, only Session 1 will be administered between the dates of May 3-14. For Grade 4 & Grade 8 Science testing, only Session 1 will be administered between the dates of June 7-11. Please be advised that students may not test remotely. If students have been receiving entirely remote instruction, they will be allowed to come to school to participate at the request of a parent/guardian. We will be contacting families of those remote-only students to inquire further on participation.

NYS Regents Exams: On March 19, 2021, it was announced that the New York State Education Department is cancelling all but four of the Regents Exams scheduled to be administered in June 2021 and all of the Regents Exams scheduled to be administered in August 2021. Only the following Regents Exams will be administered this June: **English Language Arts-June 17, 9:15 am; Living Environment-June 22, 9:15 am; Algebra 1-June 23, 9:15 am; and Earth Science (written test only)-June 24, 9:15 am.**

Graduation Requirements: Due to the pandemic and changes to the exam schedule this year, including the cancellation of the January and August Regents exams, regulatory amendments have been made to allow for flexibility when it comes to mastery and honors endorsements for graduation. This flexibility will allow for student course grades to be substituted for exam scores in cases where a Regents exam would preclude a student from qualifying for an endorsement to their diploma.

Science Laboratory Experience: The following amendments have been made.

- Clarify that a student may still be eligible to take a science Regents examination, and therefore be eligible for an exemption if applicable, even if they are unable to meet the 1,200-minute science laboratory experience requirement due to the COVID-19 crisis; and
- Expand the amendment allowing students to continue to meet the laboratory requirements through a combination of hands on and virtual experiences due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Mastery in Math and/or Science: The following amendments have been made.

- 3 Regents exams with an 85 or better
- 2 Regents exams with an 85 or better + 1 exemption
- 1 Regent exam with an 85 or better and a final course average of 85 or better in the two courses for which an exemption was offered

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Honors: The following amendments have been made.

- All Regents exams with a computed average of 90 or above
- 3 Regents exams with a computed average of 90 or above and exemptions for other applicable Regents exams
- If fewer than 3 Regents exams: a computed final course average of 90 or above in all courses for which an exemption was offered applicable to the diploma type.

I will conclude by thanking you for your continued support this school year. As a reminder, we are offering academic intervention services for students are struggling due to the circumstances surrounding the pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information on the outlined information above or any other questions you have regarding your child.

Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break and a great and productive 4th Quarter of the school year.

Mr. Scott Storey, Principal

UAB SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline for the Union Academy Senior Scholarship is May 15th. All application materials (including reference letters) must be received or postmarked on or before May 15th. You can pick up an application in the BHCS guidance office or you can find the link to print the application on the BHCS home page under Student Support/Scholarships/UAB Senior Scholarship. Feel free to contact Mrs. Hess (thess@bhpanthers.org), Mrs. Riordan (mrriordan@bhpanthers.org) or Mrs. VanBrocklin (alisonv@bhpanthers.org) for details.

LILA BULL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Belleville Central School, Henderson Central School and Belleville Henderson Central School can also apply for the Lila Bull Alumni Scholarship. The deadline for the Lila Bull Alumni Scholarship is May 15. Please contact Alison Miller VanBrocklin.



Belleville Henderson Backpack Program



The Belleville Henderson Backpack Program began in 2015. Currently we are providing 15 families with backpacks filled with food and personal care items monthly. These backpacks provide 33 students from Belleville Henderson with staple food items for weekend meal preparation. Donations toward the Belleville Henderson Backpack Program are always welcome.

| BACKPACK MENU ITEMS: | | |
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| Cereal | Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers | Canned Spam |
| Pancake Mix | Canned Vegetables | Tuna Fish |
| Oatmeal | Spaghetti or Macaroni | Chicken Salad |
| Pop tarts | Pasta Sauce (no glass containers) | Soup |
| Peanut Butter | Pasta Roni | Popcorn |
| Jelly (plastic containers) | Rice | Jell-O |
| Granola Bars | Spaghetti O's or equivalent | Pudding Cups |
| Applesauce (snack size) | Mac 'n Cheese | Mayonnaise (plastic containers) |
| Fruit cups or canned fruit | Knorr Pasta Sides | 2-1 Shampoo + Conditioner |
| Individual Pkgs. of Raisins | Potatoes-Mashed/au gratin/Scalloped | Toothpaste |
| Animal Crackers | Stove Top Stuffing | Toothbrushes |
| Club Crackers (sleeved) | Pork 'n Beans | Deodorant |
| Hot Chocolate | Black Beans or Red Kidney Beans | |

Please remember to check the dates on all food items

You may send in canned/boxed goods to the school's Main Office.

Monetary donations may be made payable to the "Belleville Henderson Backpack Program" and mailed to 8372 County Route 75, Adams, NY 13605.

Questions? Please contact Mindy Grandjean at mgrandjean@bhpanthers.org

Applications are available by calling Karen M. Bertram, School Nurse at 315-846-5323 or email at kbertram@bhpanthers.org.



easter egg hunt

The words Easter egg are hidden in this puzzle 20 times. Can you find all the Easter eggs?

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

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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