

BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From Principal Hartung-Schroeder

This will more than likely be the last newsletter for the 2023-2024 school year. The School Board at their last meeting set some very important dates. The LAST day of school for students will be Friday, May 24. There were 5 weather-related canceled school days. We were to get out of school on May 23, but added that Friday to make up one day. We are able to do this because the state allows schools to count hours instead of days. Another date that was set was the START date for next school year. That will be Friday, August 23. That is the earliest date allowed by legislation. As soon as the proposed calendar is approved, it will be posted on the school website at www.bellevue.k12.ia.us.

At the end of March, Superintendent Meyer announced that he was leaving the Bellevue Community School District. He served the district well for 20 years first as Curriculum Director, then HS/MS Principal, and superintendent. He will be relocating to become a superintendent in Colorado. We wish him all the best!

With that news, the wheels are set in motion to find his replacement. The Bellevue Board of Education hired Grundmeyer Leader Services to support the search for a new superintendent. Your feedback is wanted regarding desired qualifications in our next superintendent. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/BellevueSupt> to complete. They would like as many people to fill out as possible. Deadline is April 18.

Wishing all of you a happy and safe summer. I will be seeing some K- 2 students for summer Adventure 2024. Be Safe!

Summer Meals

Summer is an exciting time for children to enjoy time with friends, a week at camp, a family vacation, or time at the pool. But for many children, summer can mean hunger. Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) administered by the Iowa Department of Education, provides nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas during the summer months. There are many summer food service program meal and snack sites across the state of Iowa. For information on Summer Food Service site locations, text 'FOOD' to 304-304. These meals are for all children 0-18. You do not need to reside in the school district to participate in this food program.



History in the Making

On Monday, April 15, 2024, the above met for this groundbreaking photo. Pictured left to right are Board Vice President Janet Sieverding, head of grounds Brett Ernst, Matt Wedeking, Eric Kilburg, President Mike Reed, Marty Ploessl, Superintendent Dr. Tom Meyer, Allysen Bonifas and OPN Architect Matt Stewart. Mike said a few words recognizing the work of previous Boards and administrators to get to this building to happen.

Spring Family Folk Dance Night & Meal

The students have been working hard in music class to learn different dances. Come and learn these dances with your student on Tuesday, April 23 in the Bellevue High School West Gym. Grades K-2 level dances will be 5:30-6:30 PM and grades 3-5 level dances will be 6:30-7:30 PM. A spaghetti dinner from the PAC is also offered that night.

Important Dates

- April 19 - 2nd Gr. Field trip to UD and National Mississippi. Museum
- April 23 - Family Folk Dance Night and Supper by PAC
- May 7 - Challenge to Change here
- May 17 - Gr. 3-5 Track and Field Day
- May 17 - K Field trip to Creative Venture Lab
- May 17 - 5th grade Neon Lock in
- May 20 - 5th grade Field Trip to Caves
- May 22 - 4 yr old Little Stars Preschool Field Trip
- May 23 - 6:30 PM Little Stars Preschool Graduation
- May 24 - Bellevue Community Carnival sponsored by PAC and LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for 2023-2024!
- All TWTh in June -Summer Adventure 2024