

The Weekly Comet

From Dr. Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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2023-2024 School Year Calendar

The 2023-2024 school year calendar was approved by the Bellevue Board of Education on Monday, April 10 at their regular monthly meeting. Some key points with the calendar are the following:

- The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23 (the first date allowed by the state law).
- Thanksgiving Break, like previous years, begins on Wednesday with no school.
- Winter Break is from Thursday, December 21 through Wednesday, January 3. School resumes for students on Thursday, January 4.
- Spring Break is from Friday, March 29 through Tuesday, April 2, with school resuming on Wednesday, April 3
- Early dismissal dates for teacher professional learning are approximately 1-time per month, unlike many other districts in our area that have early dismissal on a weekly basis.

A version of the calendar is available at the district website at www.bellevue.k12.ia.us

Bellevue Soccer

The inaugural season of Bellevue High School Soccer is off to a good start, with a win in the first home game of the season over Monticello. Coaches Stephanie Penniston (girls) and Gary Penniston (boys), along with assistant coach Kevin Petesch, have worked to prepare the teams for success in their 1st season.



Student Learning and Preparation for Student Learning

1st Grade students took part in coloring eggs last week as a conclusion to their “technical writing” unit on describing how to do something accurately so that others can follow their directions and be successful. Also, the custodial and maintenance staff are working on the old Ag room currently, with students going to join in soon as they renovate the area to have Ag classes in the building again during the 2023-2024 school year.



Upcoming Events, Early Dismissals, and “No School” Days

- April 26 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students - Teacher Professional Learning
- May 10 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students - Teacher Professional Learning
- May 6 - Jr/Sr Prom at Horizon Hall
- May 26 - Last Day of School for the 2022-2023 School Year (pending other weather-related)



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2023-2024 School Calendar – Approved on April 10, 2023

Summary of Calendar (Days/Hrs)

First Semester 82/521

Second Semester 96/612

TOTAL DAYS/HRS178/1133

HOLIDAYS

Labor Day (9/4)

Thanksgiving Day (11/23)

New Year's Day (1/1)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/15)

President's Day (2/19)

Easter (3/31)

Memorial Day (5/27)

Key Aspects

- Start Date of August 23 is the 1st date allowed by the State of Iowa
- A scheduled 2-Hour Early Dismissal each month except for January where there are two scheduled full-days for Teacher Professional Learning; In all but two month this is the 2nd Wednesday of the month (3rd Wed in March and April due to shortened weeks the prior week).
- All Teacher Professional Learning early dismissals will focus on staff collaboration by grade level/curricular area
- 1st Semester is 82 days and allows the semester to end before Winter Break; 2nd Semester is 96 days
- 5-Days of Professional Learning and Preparation before the school year begins.
- Fall P/T Conferences are one-week later in the 1st Semester than this year, but still before the end of the quarter to allow for parent communication before the quarter ends.

August 2023					Student Days/Hours	
M	T	W	Th	F		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25	3	19.5
28	29	30	31		7	45.5
September 2023						
				1	8	52
4	5	6	7	8	12	78
11	12	13	14	15	17	108.5
18	19	20	21	22	22	141
25	26	27	28	29	27	173.5
October 2023						
2	3	4	5	6	32	206
9	10	11	12	13	37	236.5
16	17	18	19	20	42	265
23	24	25	26	27	47	297.5
30	31				49	310.5
November 2023						
		1	2	3	52	330
6	7	8	9	10	57	360.5
13	14	15	16	17	62	393
20	21	22	23	24	64	406
27	28	29	30		68	432
December 2023						
				1	69	438.5
4	5	6	7	8	74	471
11	12	13	14	15	79	501.5
18	19	20	21	22	82	521
25	26	27	28	29	82	521
January 2024						
1	2	3	4	5	84	534
8	9	10	11	12	89	566.5
15	16	17	18	19	93	592.5
22	23	24	25	26	98	625
29	30	31			101	644.5
February 2024						
			1	2	103	657.5
5	6	7	8	9	108	690
12	13	14	15	16	113	720.5
19	20	21	22	23	117	746.5
26	27	28	29		121	772.5
March 2024						
				1	122	779
4	5	6	7	8	127	807.5
11	12	13	14	15	132	840
18	19	20	21	22	137	870.5
25	26	27	28	29	141	896.5
April 2024						
1	2	3	4	5	144	916
8	9	10	11	12	149	948.5
15	16	17	18	19	154	979
22	23	24	25	26	159	1011.5
29	30				161	1024.5
May 2024						
		1	2	3	164	1044
6	7	8	9	10	169	1074.5
13	14	15	16	17	174	1107
20	21	22	23	24	178	1133
27	28	29	30	31		
June 2024						
3	4	5	6	7		

August 15 New Teacher Orientation
 August 16-22 Teacher Professional Learning
 August 23 1st Day of School

Sept. 4 Labor Day
 September 13 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning

October 11 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning
 October 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences; 2-
 Hour Early Dismissal-3:30-8:00
 October 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences; 2-
 Hour Early Dismissal –1:30-6:00
 October 20 No School
 October 27 End of 1st Quarter (47 days)

November 8 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning
 November 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving

December 13 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning
 December 20 End of 2nd Quarter (35 days)
 and 1st Semester (82 days)
 Dec. 21-Jan. 3 No School – Winter Break

January 3 Teacher Professional Learning
 January 4 School Resumes; Start of 2nd
 Semester
 January 15 Teacher Professional Learning
 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 14 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning
 February 19 President's Day (No School)

March 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences; 2-
 Hour Early Dismissal-3:30-8:00
 March 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences; 2-
 Hour Early Dismissal-1:30-6:00
 March 8 No School
 March 15 End of 3rd Quarter (50 Days)
 March 20 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning
 March 29-April 2. No School – Spring Break

April 2 Teacher Professional Learning
 April 17 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning

May 8 2-Hour Early Dismissal –
 Teacher Professional Learning
 May 23 End of 4th Quarter (46 Days) and
 2nd Semester (96 Days)
 May 24 Teacher Professional Learning
 May 25 Graduation