

# The Weekly Comet

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

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## Upcoming Events, Early Dismissals, and "No School" Days

- August 21 - Unpack the Backpack Night - Grades PK-5 - 5:30-7:00
- August 21 - MS & HS Orientations for new students to the building - MS at 6:00; HS at 6:30 - Locker access at this time for any students as well.
- August 23 - 1st Day of School
- September 4 - No School - Labor Day
- September 13 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Learning
- September 13 - Community Open House to View Plans for the new 3-5 Bellevue Elementary School - 6:30-7:30
- September 29 - PK-12 Homecoming Assembly at Bellevue MS/HS
- September 29 - Homecoming Parade - 2:45
- Dec 22 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break

## Welcome Back!

The 2023-2024 school year officially begins on Wednesday, August 23 (3-year old preschool begins on Thursday, August 24).

While time is moving swiftly, the learning of our students is also continually evolving and progressing at a rapid pace. I am personally proud of our students and staff in their learning endeavors on both a daily and annual basis. Students in the Bellevue CSD consistently perform well above state/national averages and standards, and this is a result of their commitment to success and the work of our staff in all areas in striving to make the Bellevue CSD the best for our students and community.

At the same time, while success has been reached in the past in many areas, the district is determined to provide more relevant and personalized learning experiences to meet the needs of each and every individual student as we pursue excellence in all areas. The district is persistent in reflecting how we can better prepare our students, including developing skill sets they need to be successful outside of the school walls. These encompass many areas, including the essential skills of problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, self-care, and many other vital skills.

The district is also involved in developing a new learning space for our elementary students. The Bellevue CSD Board of Education and design team are working directly with architects and engineers as they focus on developing a 3-5 school building that will have a lasting impact on the education of our children and the Bellevue community. The district believes this is an important project to meet essential needs of our students and their education and individual development. The building is scheduled to open for the 2025-2026 school year, and a specific article on this topic (and future planning) can be found on the district website.

The district is excited for the 2023-2024 school year to begin and to continue our passion to reach new learning levels, engage our students in school each day, and develop lifelong learners with career aspirations as they progress through school.

## The Year has Started

The year has started for all of our staff who participated in a variety of professional learning on Wednesday, and the rest of the week (along with some staff who returned on Tuesday for new learning on literacy at the elementary school and Authentic Intellectual Work at the middle/high school). Additionally, students in activities have also been participating in practices in the last two weeks.



