

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

- October 18 & 19
- Parent-Teacher
Conferences - 2-
Hour Early
Dismissal
- Conference
Times (New
Times This
School Year)
 - October 18
3:30-8:00
 - October 19
1:30-6:00
- October 20 - No
School
- November 7 -
School Board
Elections
- November 8 -
2-Hour Early
Dismissal for
Teacher
Professional
Learning
- November 22-24
- No School -
Thanksgiving
Break
- Dec.13 - 2-Hour
Early Dismissal
for Teacher
Professional
Learning
- Dec 22 - Jan. 3 -
Winter Break

Bellevue Elementary Update

Driving near the Bellevue MS/HS last week, and early this week, you may have noticed work being done in the field to the east. It is the beginning of the process for the new Bellevue Elementary School as we are drilling a Geothermal test well for the new building. Ground breaking for the building will likely be occurring in March of 2024 after the plans for the building are finalized and the building is “put out for bid” to contractors.



Safe Environments and Emergency Notifications

Safe Environments - The district works to maintain a safe environment for students and staff, this includes the physical entrances to the buildings, rules and regulations within the schools, and specific behaviors and expectations for students in our system overall. The district has enhanced safeguards in our schools over the last few years, and will continue training for staff (and students) during this school year.

The district also wants to issue that the environment in the schools is safe for our students. As a result, periodically, in conjunction with law enforcement officials the school district will conduct K-9 maintenance searches. Student lockers, desks, the parking lot, and other storage areas owned by the school district and used by students can and will be inspected. Student bags may also be placed in hallways or common areas and searched by K-9 units as well. Trained law enforcement officials will conduct these inspections.

Emergency Notifications - Emergency notifications, including weather-related announcements and other potential emergency situations, are shared in a variety of ways. Information will be shared via our JMC Student Management System via email and text, along with being posted on social media areas and local TV and radio outlets. A summary of the areas is below:

- Email and Text - All parents (primary contact) who have shared a valid email address and cell number will be notified via email and text of weather-related late starts, early dismissals, and days with no school.
- Social media Facebook - Tom Meyer on Facebook and TomMeyerBHS on Twitter (“X”)
- Radio and TV - Dubuque and Maquoketa radio stations and area local TV stations

Additionally, any other school emergencies will also be communicated to parents in the same manner with regular updates. This would include any threatening situations to the school and its students.



Wind Turbine

While Mr. Reuter’s science class is not involved in the engineering of the elementary building, in class they are studying about wind turbines as a source of energy (and making their own replicas for an in-class experiment.

Parent Teacher Conferences

While I have the dates and times listed for the Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences on the side of the document, I want to remind everyone of the process, along with the new times for this school year.

- The dates are **Wednesday, October 18 from 3:30-8:00 & Thursday, October 19 from 1:30-6:00**. This is a new time for the second day of conferences in comparison to previous years.
- Elementary parents will be contacted to arrange specific times for their conferences, while middle/high school parents can attend at any time during the time frames to visit with the variety of teachers their students engage with on a regular basis.



Bellevue Fire Department

The Bellevue Fire Department once again offered the “smoke house” to our students and staff to review safety procedures.

This training is essential, along with the volunteered time of all of the Bellevue Fire Department staff that assisted with the learning for students.

A great service for a great community!



**BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY PAC'S
SECOND ANNUAL
TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

WHERE: BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT, PLAYGROUND, LUNCH ROOM & GYM

WHOS INVITED? ALL BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & ST. JOES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

WHEN: **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th 5-7:30**

- *FOOD TRUCKS 5:00-7:00
- *TRUNK OR TREAT 5:00-7:00
- *GAMES (OUTDOOR) 5:00-7:00
- *CRAFTS (LUNCHROOM) 5:00-7:00
- *BINGO FOR BOOKS 5:00-7:00
- *KARAOKE & BOUNCE HOUSES 5:00-7:00
- *DANCE (GYM) 6:30-7:30

COST: FREE! ONLY PAY FOR FOOD & MORE AT THE VENDOR BOOTHS!

TRUNK OR TREATERS WILL DRESS UP IN THEIR COSTUMES TO TRUNK OR TREAT AND WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET TO DEPOSIT AT THE TRUNK THEY THINK IS BEST. THE TRUNK THAT HAS THE MOST VOTES AT THE END WILL EARN \$100 IN CHAMBER BUCKS WHICH CAN BE USED AT MANY LOCATIONS AROUND TOWN!

FAMILIES, BUSINESSES OR GROUPS GET TOGETHER AND DECORATE THE TRUNK OF A VEHICLE TO HAND OUT GOODIES TO THE TRUNK OR TREATERS. ALL TRUNK HOSTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS UP IN COSTUME AS WELL AS IT IS A COMPETITION FOR BEST OVERALL THEME!

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