

Good Morning,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weekend weather. We have another busy week with activities. Happy Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week! We are very fortunate to have a group of people who care about our students greatly and work very hard to help them grow and learn each day! Thank you to our great Belmont Staff!

Please take the time to complete the survey that was both mailed and emailed out to all Belmont Residents. The survey deadline is May 15th.

I was able to attend our Superintendent meeting at CESA #3 in Fennimore on Friday. We heard from a speaker from Grant County who was sharing information from their meeting with AY McDonald who is currently constructing a new foundry just south of Dickeyville. AY McDonald will be looking for future employees and they shared some important information and I found this as a great reminder on what we are trying to teach our students here in Belmont. Of course, academics and training are very important in preparing our students for future education and employment but one big topic revolved around the importance of "soft skills". You may ask, "What are soft skills?". Soft skills include the following:

- Teamwork. With effective teamwork, teams are more productive, deadlines are met, relationships with your team members are stronger and knowledge is shared. ...
- Problem solving. ...
- Communication. ...
- Adaptability. ...
- Critical thinking. ...
- Time management. ...
- Interpersonal Skills

One other topic we discussed is the importance of showing up to work on time and being accountable. I know many employers have this challenge with their employees. We address this at school by holding our students accountable for being late to school or late to class. Sometimes, this causes frustration from either students or parents but I do want to remind you that our discipline comes out of love for our students as we want them to be successful upon graduation. Habits are often formed early and we are doing our best to help create good habits. We also are having Senior Interviews this week which our Academic and Career Planning Committee put in place to help our students be as prepared as they can be in their "soft skills". I felt this served as a great opportunity to remind and share what we are doing here at school to give our best effort to prepare our graduates!

**WE DO HAVE DOUBLE BUS ROUTES TONIGHT.** Here is a list of this week's activities:

**Monday, May 6th:**

MS Track @ Boscobel 4 pm

HS Track @ Darlington 4 pm

HS Baseball & Softball @ River Ridge WI 5 pm

**Tuesday, May 7th:**

5th Grade Band Concert 2:30 pm

MS Track @ River Ridge WI 4 pm

JV Baseball @ Mineral Point 4:30 pm

JV Softball vs. Cuba City 5:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 8th:**

Large Group Music Festival @ Shullsburg (leave at 11 am)

**Thursday, May 9th:**

4th Grade at the Day at the Dairy (leave at 8:30 am)

7th/8th Grade PE Field Trip to UWP (leave at 10:45 am)

MS Track @ Platteville 4 pm

HS Baseball vs. River Ridge IL 4:30 pm

HS Softball @ Pecatonica 5:00 pm

**Friday, May 10th:**

Champion Games at Boscobel (leave at 8:00 am)

HS Track @ Boscobel 3:30 pm

HS Baseball vs. Barneveld 4:30 pm

HS Softball vs. River Ridge WI 5:00 pm

**Saturday, May 11th:**

HS Softball Tournament Home (begins at 9:00 am)

HS Baseball vs. North Crawford 10:00 am

Make it a great week!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent