

Good Morning,

I hope you had a nice weekend. There has been an increase of illness around the area and we have seen some in our school so please remind your students to wash their hands and get the appropriate amount of sleep. I hope everyone can stay healthy as it is a fun time of year for most.

As a heads up, we will be holding a School Safety Drill sometime before the upcoming Christmas Break as required by the State. December 21st is our last day of school for this calendar year and we return to school on January 2nd.

Great job to the Elementary students and staff as they did a great job with the Holiday Concert last Tuesday! Mr. Lehnherr and Mrs. Edge continue to do great work with the music department so please thank them for their hard work and dedication!

We have a new buddy bench on the playground at school which was donated on behalf of Mr. Marc Heidorf. Please see below for information.

Many of our residents and student body may never have crossed paths with Marc Heidorf, father of Maisy Heidorf, but if you did you were lucky enough to witness his energetic personality. In helping coach the 2nd/3rd grade girls' basketball team in 2021-2022, it only took a moment to realize he was unforgettable. Marc was also the associate head coach of the UW-Platteville women's basketball team with Head Coach Kelly McNiff and fellow assistant coach Jeff Pustina. He was skilled in his ability to connect with the student athletes as a coach and mentor. "What made you smile today, kid?" was the signature question he would ask, always leaving conversations on a positive note.

Even through a 2-year battle with cancer, Marc never had room for excuses or negativity even up to his last days. It is the hope of the family (Sarah, Parker, and Maisy) that the buddy bench newly located on the playground, will serve as a permanent reminder that you can always find positivity, no matter the situation. The Heidorf family is so grateful for the support shown by the community and district for the past several months. Sarah would like to thank her CEO, Dan Blutstein of ACJ Arizona LLC (Scottsdale, AZ) for his generous donation making this possible and also the Belmont Community School's Ag. Department for assembling the buddy bench.

We are scheduled to have our new and upgraded district website launched this Friday. I will update you once this is finished so you can check it out. It will be much more user friendly and will have the same information as we have currently with a goal of having even more information available long term.

Here is the list of events for the next two weeks of school:

Tuesday, Dec. 13th: HS Boys BB @ Argyle 6:00/7:30

Thursday, Dec. 15th: HS Girls BB vs. Potosi-Cassville 6:00/7:30

Friday, Dec. 16th: HS Boys BB vs. Cassville 6:00/7:30

Saturday, Dec. 17th: HS Wrestling @ Richland Center 9:30 am

Monday, Dec. 19th: HS Boys BB @ Blackhawk 6:00/7:30

School Board Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, Dec. 20th: HS Wrestling Triangular 5:00 (Home - HS Gym)

MS/HS Holiday Concert 7:00 (EL Gym)

Spanish Club Fundraiser Dinner 5:00 (Cafeteria) There will be more information sent out.

Wednesday, Dec. 21st: Last Day of School this calendar year

Thursday, Dec., 22nd: Teacher Inservice (AM)

HS Boys BB @ Benton 6:00/7:45

HS Girls BB vs. Highland 6:00/7:45

Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st: Christmas Break

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent