



MONTHLY

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

## TOWN HALL JOIN US

THE BELVIDERE SCHOOL BOARD INVITES YOU TO  
DISCUSS THE NEW DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

BELVIDERE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
JAN 23, 6PM  
PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER

### Please Join Us

We would love to see you at the 2017-2018 District Town Hall meeting, where we will be discussing with the school board our proposal for the [new district strategic plan](#). Although you do not need to RSVP to attend, [letting us know you are coming](#) will help us plan.

We are halfway through the year, and it has been great so far. Read below to find out how some of our **students are getting national attention**, information about **testing**, and help us pass the word for our annual "**Kindergarten Round-Up**" where we work to register all incoming kindergarten students. We also have **PTO contact information** and dates for upcoming high school **student performances**.

Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for these cold days. Hats, boots, snow pants, warm jackets and gloves or mittens are essential for students to be able to enjoy their time going to and from school or playing outside. While I know they are not always easily convinced to do so, a gentle reminder that middle and high-school students should also dress warm in this weather helps! We want them to be comfortable and safe on these cold winter days.

Thank you for all you are doing to support our schools.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Woestman



## School Assembly with a Twist

Students at Belvidere High School kicked off the start of the second semester with a special surprise.

The start of 2017 brought more than just the beginning of a new semester. It was a pep rally, of sorts, to help them get focused to achieve great things. They watched a slide show presentation about showing empathy, setting goals and being good examples.

The event also included a special video featuring the school's [#mynorm](#) series. The series features students and graduates of BHS that show what makes them unique, highlights their passions and their authentic self.



The video that was shown during the assembly showcased 17-year-old BHS Junior Edward Baeza. He was a contestant on Univision's "La Banda." In the video, Baeza shared his story of how he auditioned for "La Banda," and how his education and aspirations helped shape who he is today.

After the video, Baeza made a surprise appearance and took the stage to sing an acoustic song for the student body.

## ACCESS Testing



ACCESS Testing for grades K-12 are taking place through February 10. The purpose is to assess each student's English language proficiency. The test is given to all students who are considered

English learners.

This testing system helps students and families understand the students' current level of English language proficiency along the developmental continuum. It assesses the four language domains: speaking, listening, writing and reading. These tests will provide districts with information that will help them evaluate the effectiveness of their

ESL/bilingual programs.

Parents will receive results of the tests in the fall of the next school year.

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### **PSAT Test Scores**

All Juniors took the PSAT test on October 19, 2016. Test scores will be sent home with students in the next two weeks.

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### **Put your Smarts to the Test for Trivia Night**

Founded in 2011, the Belvidere School District #100 Charitable Foundation was established to provide financial support for programs that enrich and enhance student-centered excellence for students.

*NEW THIS  
YEAR!*  
**Fully Served  
3 Course  
Dinner**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

DINE • DRINK • THINK

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
BELVIDERE MOOSE BANQUET HALL  
575 BELOIT ROAD**

**Register and pay by Wednesday, February 15th**

- \$40 per person (\$320 per team of 8)
- Fully served 3 course dinner
- Cash Bar
- Doors open at 5 PM
- Dinner served at 6 PM
- Questions start at 7 PM
- 4 rounds of 10 questions
- Activities between each round

Catering By:

*Tropical Oasis Catering*

For details and registration, go to  
[www.district100trivianight.eventbrite.com](http://www.district100trivianight.eventbrite.com) or call 815-544-8528.

*Presented By:*



**RETURNING!**  
SPECIAL GUEST QUIZMASTER  
WREX CHANNEL 13 ANCHOR  
**KRISTIN CROWLEY**

BELVIDERE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #100

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*Planting the Seed to Enhance Education*

# Kindergarten! ... here I come!



Kindergarten Orientation will be held at Central Middle School on Monday, March 13 at 5:30pm for parents only. The occasion gives parents the opportunity to get acquainted with the Kindergarten Program via a presentation. An English speaking presentation will be held in the Cafe. A Spanish speaking presentation will be held in the Library.

Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Wednesday, April 5 from 8-2 at your child's home school or from 4-7 at Lincoln Elementary School (any parent of any home school can sign up at this location).

For more information, please call the Central Office at 815-544-0301.

## Looking to volunteer within your child's school?

Here's a list of current contact information to help you get involved.

School	Club Name	President	Email
Belvidere High School	Belvidere Bucs Booster Club	Kay Smith	<a href="mailto:bucsboosterclub@gmail.com">bucsboosterclub@gmail.com</a>
Belvidere North HS	Blue Thunder Athletic Boosters	Matt Krause	<a href="mailto:president@bluethunderboosters.com">president@bluethunderboosters.com</a>
Belvidere North HS	Blue Thunder Music Boosters	Karen Chamberlin	<a href="mailto:i10isbeck3@aol.com">i10isbeck3@aol.com</a>
Belvidere South Middle School	PVO	Denise Schell	<a href="mailto:bdeschell@t6wireless.com">bdeschell@t6wireless.com</a>
Caledonia Elementary School	Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)	Jennifer Frint	<a href="mailto:jennifer.n.whittaker@gmail.com">jennifer.n.whittaker@gmail.com</a>
Lincoln Elementary School	Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO)	Karri Anderberg, Jodi Hernandez	<a href="mailto:lespvo@gmail.com">lespvo@gmail.com</a>
Meehan Elementary School	PTO	Jessica Beaudet	<a href="mailto:mespt100@gmail.com">mespt100@gmail.com</a>
Perry Elementary	Parent. Teacher, Child	Daisy	<a href="mailto:daisymathison@gmail.com">daisymathison@gmail.com</a>

School	Organization	Mathison	
Seth Whitman Elementary School	PTO	Teresa Schroeder, Iaina Moore	<a href="mailto:tesizzschroeder@yahoo.com">tesizzschroeder@yahoo.com</a> , <a href="mailto:ilainamoore79@gmail.com">ilainamoore79@gmail.com</a>
Washington Academy	PTO	Hope Garcia	<a href="mailto:mom2threeangels76@yahoo.com">mom2threeangels76@yahoo.com</a>

## PAC Calendar of Events



Stay on top of events taking place at Belvidere High School's Performing Arts Center (PAC). The district has added an interactive and up to the minute calendar on our website. **Click here for calendar.**

## February School Calendar

February 8	Early Dismissal (1 Hr)
February 16	Evening 9-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 17	School Improvement Day (No School)
February 20	Presidents' Day (No School)



## Plan Ahead with Next Year's School Calendar



## 2017-2018 School Calendar

Institute Days .....	August 15 and 16
First Day of School.....	August 17
Labor Day (No School) .....	September 4
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	September 13
School Improvement Day (No School) .....	October 6
Columbus Day (No School) .....	October 9
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	October 11
Evening 9-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	October 12
Evening 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	October 19
End of First Quarter .....	October 20
Evening 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	October 25
Evening K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	November 1
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	November 8
Evening K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	November 9
Day Before Thanksgiving (No School) .....	November 22
Thanksgiving Day (No School) .....	November 23
Day After Thanksgiving (No School) .....	November 24
End of Second Quarter .....	December 22
Winter Break .....	December 25 – January 5
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	January 10
Martin Luther King Day (No School).....	January 15
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	February 14
Evening 9-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	February 15
School Improvement Day (No School) .....	February 16
Presidents' Day (No School).....	February 19
End of Third Quarter .....	March 9
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	March 14
Spring Break .....	March 26-29
Good Friday (No School) .....	March 30
School Improvement Day (No School) .....	April 2
Early Dismissal (1 hour) .....	April 11
Last Day of Student Attendance .....	May 21
End of Fourth Quarter .....	May 21
Emergency Days .....	May 22-25, May 29
Records Day .....	May 30

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