



BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Strong relationships throughout the Belmont Community promote high learning and behavioral expectations.

Student/Parent Handbook & Calendar

2024-2025

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Lincoln Public Schools STUDENT CALENDAR | 2024-2025

Approved 2/27/24

JULY 2024							JANUARY 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2024							MARCH 2025						
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OCTOBER 2024							APRIL 2025						
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NOVEMBER 2024							MAY 2025						
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DECEMBER 2024							JUNE 2025						
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- First and Last Days of Class for Students
- All Schools Not in Session
- Schools Not in Session (Professional Learning/Planning Day)
- ⏏ Quarter Start Dates ⏏ Quarter End Dates

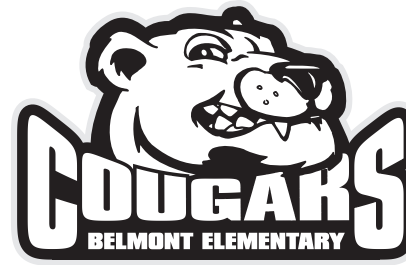
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GRADUATION DATES

- Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - Yankee Hill
- Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - Independence Academy
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 - Bryan Community Focus Program
- At Pinnacle Bank Arena May 23-25, 2025
- Fri: LNE | Sat: LSW, LNW, LNS, EHS | Sun: LHS, LSE

Calendar Options for Families: The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed.

Note: Changes to the calendar may occur as a result of inclement weather or other circumstances. If sufficient school time is lost as a result of calendar changes, and it brings the total number of school hours for the year below the state minimum requirements, the Superintendent will implement a plan for making up this time, which may require additional minutes added to the day, additional days added to the calendar, days previously identified as non-student days re-scheduled as student day, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.



Dear Student and Families,

Welcome to Belmont Elementary School! This handbook has been prepared for all students and parents/guardians in hopes that it will be helpful in answering questions you might have about the policies and practices of our school. Please carefully review the contents with your child. The "Important Information" booklet provided by Lincoln Public Schools also gives critical parent/student information. Note that dates for school events are subject to change. If you have questions or concerns regarding these publications, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 402-436-1124.

On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to working together to make this a productive and successful year of learning and growing.

Kim Rosenthal
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent/Teacher Conferences

First Semester

October 7th
October 9th

Second Semester

January 22nd
January 30th

PLEASE NOTE:

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED

Census forms will be completed online through ParentVue. There will be computers available for families to use during Open House. **For the safety of your child**, it is necessary to give the school the name of a person to contact in case you can not be reached.

It is very important that parents/guardians notify the school of any change in address and/or telephone number. **The office must have a current telephone number on file in case we must contact you in the event of an emergency.**

ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

Based on School Board Policy (Reg. 5140.1), the school may report to the county attorney when a collaborative plan involving the school, guardian, and student to reduce barriers to improve regular attendance has not been successful and the student has accumulated more than twenty (20) absences per year. Absence codes that make up the excessive absences include:

IL-Illness

PA-Parent Acknowledged

TR-Truant

MD-Medical (note from physician required)

It is our goal to have every student in school as many school days as possible, and to work with parents and guardians to help students understand the importance of being in school. When a student is absent from class for any reason, it becomes more difficult for the student to master the content of the course. Therefore, it is important that absences be eliminated or kept to a minimum. Equivalent experiences for students who miss class are difficult and

sometimes impossible to recreate. It is the responsibility of the student to make up work which has been missed because of any absence. The school staff will support the student's initiative to make up work missed.

If your child is unable to attend school, a telephone call to the school office is requested. A note from home is appreciated when your child returns to school. An absence which neither the parent nor the school condones, or is not called in, will be recorded as truancy. This will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the school admins.

If a student is absent the equivalent of 10 days, a written notice is sent home and a staff member will call home to discuss a plan to improve attendance. If a student is absent 15 days, a notice will be sent home. If absences exceed 20 days, a written notice will be sent home and an administrator will file a report with the Lancaster County Attorney.

Students are considered tardy if they are not in the building at the 8:15 a.m. bell. Excessive tardies may result in a meeting with administration or a referral to the county attorney.

CREATING A SUCCESSFUL ENVIRONMENT

At Belmont all students will meet high academic and behavior expectations and will be safe. Students are responsible to conduct themselves in a manner that will create a safe learning environment.

All appropriate behaviors are included in Belmont's three guidelines for success. We will work together to help our children to:

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE

BELMONT ELEMENTARY ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

For the safety of our students, families and staff, please follow these procedures for arrival and dismissal. **Students may not be at Belmont prior to 7:45 a.m.**

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- **The Belmont campus is closed until 7:45 a.m.** Students arriving for breakfast should not arrive before 7:45 a.m., as there is no supervision until that time.
- Breakfast is served between 7:45-8:00 a.m. After students eat breakfast, 1st -5th grade students report to the gym. Kindergarten students report to the kindergarten hallway.
- 8:00-8:10 a.m. 1st-5th grade students not eating breakfast will report to the gym. Kindergarten students will report to the kindergarten hallway.
- Playing outside or in the park before school is not an option for safety reasons.
- School begins at 8:15 a.m. After 8:15 a.m. all students use the main entrance and must check in with the office to be marked tardy and receive a slip to enter class.
- All parents/adults entering the building must first check in the office.

BELMONT TRAFFIC DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREAS

Student Safety is our number one priority. Please follow these directives:

- 14th Street Curb Cut Out: Do not park and get out of your car at arrival/dismissal. While in the curb cut out, continue to pull forward to keep the traffic moving.
- Judson Street: During arrival and dismissal we have a one way traffic flow moving

west. There is no parking on the south side of Judson Street.

- Educare/North Lot: Drop children off in the southwest corner of the parking lot and loop around the Belmont swimming pool parking lot.
- Manatt Street: You may park on Manatt Street to pick up your children.
- If you choose to get out of your car to drop off or pick up your child(ren), park in the Educare/North parking lot or the Belmont Swimming Pool lot. Do not park your car in the 14th Street curb cut out.
- **When crossing 14th street, students, parents and/or families must use the crosswalk at all times.**
- For the safety of all children, do not double park on 14th Street when dropping off or picking up children.
- To ensure children do not cross in the street, pick up and drop off your child(ren) on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- Making a U-turn on 14th Street is illegal. This is very dangerous with oncoming traffic on a very busy street.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

- Teachers will escort all students to their designated exit area at 2:53 p.m.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be dismissed from door 1 / the front entrance/14th Street.

- 2nd grade students will dismiss from door 1 and proceed to slanted sidewalk.
- 3rd grade students will be dismissed from door 6 / Judson Street.
- 4th grade will exit through door 4. Teachers will escort students to the corner of 14th and Manatt Street.
- 5th grade teachers will escort students to the corner of 14th and Manatt Street.
- We ask that you not park in the Educare/ North lot and wait for your children to find you in the parking lot.
- You may park in the Belmont Swimming Pool/South and have your child(ren) meet you there.
- All students must go directly home, to daycare, or to a school sanctioned activity after dismissal.

LATE PICK-UP

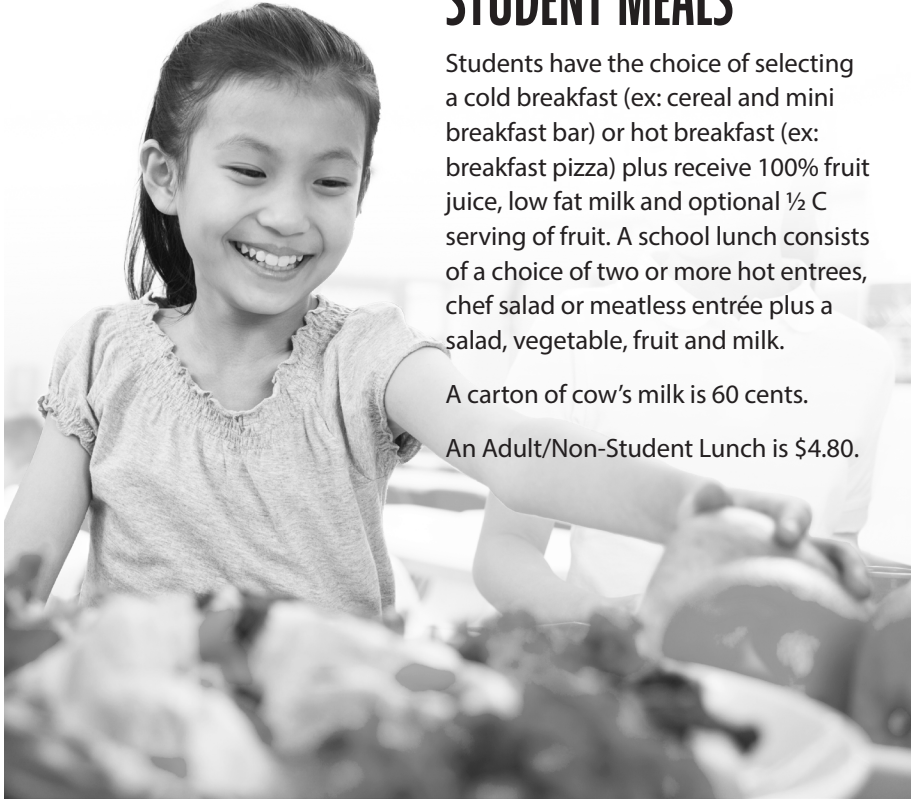
All children not picked up by 3:05 will be brought into the building. Parents will be contacted by phone. If we cannot reach a parent or students are not picked up by 3:15, emergency contacts will be called and/or law enforcement could be contacted.

STUDENT MEALS

Students have the choice of selecting a cold breakfast (ex: cereal and mini breakfast bar) or hot breakfast (ex: breakfast pizza) plus receive 100% fruit juice, low fat milk and optional ½ C serving of fruit. A school lunch consists of a choice of two or more hot entrees, chef salad or meatless entrée plus a salad, vegetable, fruit and milk.

A carton of cow's milk is 60 cents.

An Adult/Non-Student Lunch is \$4.80.



LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES

Free/Reduced Lunch and Breakfast

Our school qualifies for a special USDA program (Community Eligibility Provision) that allows every student who attends Belmont Elementary to receive school meals at no charge during the 2024-2025 school year.

What does this mean?

- If your child switches schools, you will be encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced Meal application on our website to continue receiving benefits.
- If you have children enrolled at other LPS schools, they do not qualify for this program and therefore you will need to complete a Free and Reduced Meal application.
- Please note that extras such as milk for a sack lunch from home or second servings will be charged at regular prices.

Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch. If you choose to bring lunch to school, you should not share food with any other student(s).

VISITORS

Visitors in the building will follow district procedures. Parents/guardians and community members are encouraged to visit school. Children not enrolled at Belmont may not visit unless accompanied by an adult. It is recommended that visitors limit their visit to 30 minutes. When visitors do come to school, we ask that they check in with the office and wear the name tag provided to them. Wearing this name tag will assure all staff that approval has been given by the office to visit. Visitors in the building will follow district procedures, and that includes no cell phone use.

Please schedule a classroom visit with the classroom teacher. You are always welcome to join your child at lunch. Parents/guardians must contact the office if students will be having a lunch guest other than the legal guardian. We will ask visitors to follow the same cell phone guidelines as our students.

GRADE LEVEL	RECESS	LUNCH TIME
Kindergarten	9:55-10:15	10:45-11:15
1st Grade	10:55-11:15	11:15-11:40
2nd Grade	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:05
3rd Grade	12:35-12:55	12:55-1:20
4th Grade	11:45-12:05	12:05-12:30
5th Grade	12:10-12:30	12:30-12:55

LIFE GOAL-I CAN FOLLOW DIRECTIONS EVEN IF I DON'T WANT TO.

2024

AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please join us each month at our School, Neighborhood, Activity Council. A lite meal is served at 5:00 pm, with the meeting going from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Help us plan events to benefit the entire Belmont Community!				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Open House 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	9	10
11	12 First Day of School	13	14	15 1st Quarter Club Registration Sent Home	16	17
18	19 SNAC	20	21 1st Quarter Club Registration Due	22	23 Back to School Bash and Community Fair! 4:30 - 6:00 pm	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 1st Quarter Club Confirmations Sent Home	31

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

At Belmont, staff appreciates and welcomes parent involvement. There are a variety of ways for parents to be involved. Students will have homework each night, parents can support their child by making sure they complete it. Throughout the school year we will have a variety of family engagement activities, School Neighborhood Advisory Committee (SNAC) meetings, and other opportunities for students to showcase their work. We encourage you to participate in these events! Watch for more information in our newsletter and from the CLC!

STUDENT USE OF TELEPHONE

Students will be permitted to call home regarding school matters after getting permission from the classroom teacher. Calls by students must be kept to a minimum, as there are a very limited number of phone lines in and out of school. Students are asked to make arrangements for participating in after-school activities or going home with a friend before arriving at school. Please keep your student's daily plan consistent, so they are not confused about where they need to be. The office will not send phone calls into classrooms during instruction.

HEALTH

Parents, please find important health information regarding school on www.LPS.org, homepage, titled "Important Information Booklet".

Health Office Hours 8:00 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

EXCLUSION FOR HEALTH REASONS

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Undiagnosed rash/skin lesion (exception: if student is taken to physician, he/she may be readmitted with the doctor's written permission stating the rash is not contagious)
- Other conditions which may warrant a student being sent home include: inflamed red eyes or drainage; vomiting; diarrhea; persistent cough; earache or drainage from ear; questionable illness' injury which may require medical evaluation; sore that appears infected/draining.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Please notify the Health Office of any important health related information you feel is important for your child's success/safety in the classroom.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent 3 or more days due to communicable disease, or if injured, the student should be readmitted through the Health Office. In questionable cases, a statement from the physician may be requested by the school nurse.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Health office personnel can administer medication to a student with a doctor's written prescription and signed permission from the student's parent or guardian. Medication must be brought to school in the prescription container with a label stating the student's name, physician's name, and directions for administering the medication. Over-the-counter medication will be given with a written order from the doctor. Cough drops are considered medications but can be administered with only signed parent permission. School-provided Formulary medication (ibuprofen or acetaminophen) can be administered to students with signed parent permission.

HEALTH FORMS

Blank copies of health forms including action plans, formulary consents, medication consents can be found at www.LPS.com and search "Health Services".

LIFE GOAL—I CAN BE OKAY WHEN OTHERS ARE NOT OKAY.

2024

SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Cougar Pride 8:15 am	7
	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED					
8	9 1st Day of Clubs	10 Family Engagement Night Music Bingo 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	21
22	23 SNAC	24	25	26	27 PICTURE DAY!!!	28
29	30					

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METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

COMMUNICATING STUDENT PROGRESS:

Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year. Please consult the Belmont School Calendar for Parent-Teacher conference dates. Parents with immediate questions about their child's academic progress are encouraged to contact the teacher at any time.

Contacting Your Child's Teacher

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to call their child's classroom teacher to arrange for conferences or when questions arise that can be handled with a brief discussion. The best time to reach a teacher by phone is before the student-day begins or after school. During instructional time, phone messages will be taken for teachers. For involved problems such as student evaluation, curriculum concerns, and school policy, a parent-teacher conference rather than a conversation by telephone is encouraged.

School Newsletter

The Belmont Newsletter contains announcements, information, school events, etc. This newsletter is sent monthly through School Messenger and Friday Folders.

Weekly Communication Folders

Typically, school news will be sent home via Friday Folders for kindergarten and 1st grade and binders for 2nd through 5th grade. Please return the folder the next day including any notes to your child's teacher. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the family attending Belmont School.

School Website

Information is regularly updated on our website: belmont.LPS.org

School Facebook

Check out school happenings on our Facebook Page!

"Like" us at www.facebook.com/belmontcougars

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Academic achievement based on district curriculum standards and work/study habits will be reported on the report card.

COMMUNICATION

A monthly newsletter is sent home by the principal. An electronic version is available to parents who provide their email address to the Belmont office. Classroom teachers will send home regular communication to inform parents of current curriculum studies, upcoming events, classroom events, etc

COMMUNITY NEWS

"Community News" is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. "Community News" replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue of "Community News."

SCHOOL MESSENGER

The district-wide communication system sends school and district emails, texts, and phone calls to families with important information. Please be sure the school has your updated phone number and email address.

PARENTVUE

Parents may access communications, attendance information and more for their child through ParentVue. A "button" linking you to ParentVue can be found on your school website.

LIFE GOAL-I CAN TAKE GOOD CARE OF MYSELF EVEN THOUGH I'M MAD.

2024

OCTOBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Health Screenings	2 Health Screenings	3	4 Cougar Pride 8:15 Last Day of 1st Quarter Clubs 2nd Quarter Club Registration Sent Home	5
6	7 Parent/Teacher Conferences	8	9 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2nd Quarter Club Registration Due	10 Last Day of 1st Quarter Family Night Music Bingo!	11 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	12
13	14 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	15	16 First Day of 2nd Quarter	17	18 2nd Quarter Club Confirmation Sent Home Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	19
20	21 SNAC	22	23	24	25 Report Cards Available on ParentVue	26
27 Belmont Community Treat Street	28 1st Day of 2nd Quarter Clubs	29	30	31		

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REPORTING ABSENCES:

If your child is unable to attend school, call the office at 402-436-1124 by 8:30 a.m. If the school has not been notified, a call will be made to your home or work. If you can not be reached, emergency contacts will be called.

MAKE-UP WORK

We appreciate parent/guardians' conscientious regard for picking up homework for their child.

- If your child will be absent only one day, work may be made up or taken home upon return to school.
- If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, please contact the classroom teacher to plan for completion of work and notify the office.

Please call the school in the morning to request homework to be picked up after school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Throughout the school year, a variety of interest clubs and activities are offered to our students. Club and registration information will be sent home with students, additional activities available to students (some for only designated grade levels) include: chorus, band and orchestra.

MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POINT OF CONTACT

Your student's mental health is important to their academic success. If you have concerns about your student's mental or behavioral health, you can contact the social worker at your student's school/program. LPS social workers are licensed mental health practitioners and can help connect you to appropriate mental health or behavioral supports.



BULLYING

If you feel that your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Kim Rosenthal. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child adults in the building who they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with.

Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.

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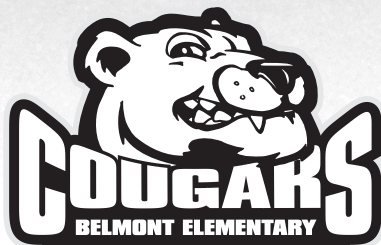
NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Cougar Pride 8:15 am	2
3	4	5 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	6	7	8	9
10	11 Picture Re-take Day	12	13	14	15 Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	16
17	18 SNAC	19 Family Literacy Night 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	28 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	29 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	30

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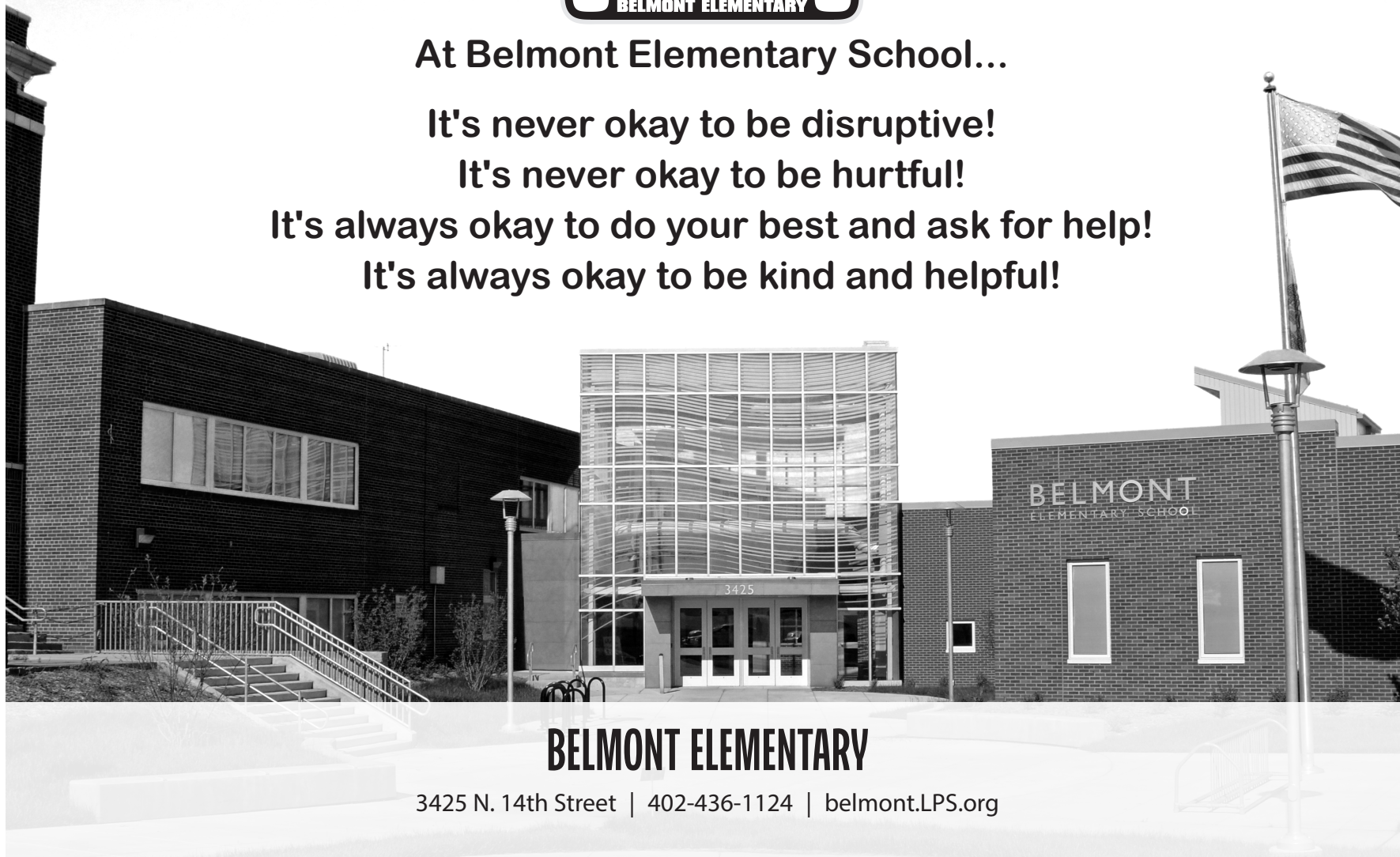
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It's never okay to be disruptive!

It's never okay to be hurtful!

It's always okay to do your best and ask for help!

It's always okay to be kind and helpful!



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DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 4th Grade Cunningham School Field Trip	6 4th Grade Cunningham School Field Trip Cougar Pride 8:15 am	7
8	9 4th Grade Cunningham School Field Trip	10 4th Grade Cunningham School Field Trip	11 4th Grade Cunningham School Field Trip	12 4th Grade Cunningham School Field Trip	13 Last Day of 2nd Quarter Clubs	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Last Day of 2nd Quarter Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED - WINTER BREAK						
29	30	31	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED - WINTER BREAK			

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JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED - WINTER BREAK						
5	6 First Day of 3rd Quarter	7	8	9	10 Cougar Pride 8:15 am 3rd Quarter Club Registration Sent Home	11
12	13	14	15 3rd Quarter Club Registration Due Report Cards Available on ParentVue	16	17 Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	18
19	20 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	21	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences	23	24 3rd Quarter Club Confirmation Sent Home	25
26	27 1st Day of 3rd Quarter Clubs	28	29	30 NO CLUBS Parent/Teacher Conferences	31	

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TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Belmont intends to follow the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy guidelines in accordance with federal law, *Section 1116(a-f) ESSA, (Every Student Succeeds Act) of 2015.*

In General,

Belmont shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent, practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. The policy shall be made available to the local community and updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Specifically,

- Belmont shall provide opportunities for the participation of parents and family members including those with migratory children, limited English proficiency, or have disabilities. Parent shall be notified of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable provided in a language the parents can understand;
- Belmont shall convene an annual parent meeting scheduled at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of Belmont's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;

- Belmont shall involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy;
- Belmont shall provide opportunities for parents and family members to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Belmont shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities;
- Belmont shall provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under this part, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards. Belmont will provide assistance, opportunities, and/or materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement in a format, and when feasible, in a language the parents and family members can understand;
- Belmont shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners;
- Belmont shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs, including preschool programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

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LIFE GOAL—I CAN BE OKAY WHEN OTHERS ARE NOT OKAY.

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FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Family Gym Night	5	6	7 Cougar Pride 8:15 am	8
9	10 SNAC	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	22
	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED					
23	24	25	26	27	28 4th Quarter Club Registration Sent Home	

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LIFE GOAL-I CAN TAKE GOOD CARE OF MYSELF EVEN THOUGH I'M MAD.

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MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 4th Quarter Club Registration Due	6	7 Last Day of 3rd Quarter Cougar Pride 8:15 am	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED					
16	17 First Day of 4th Quarter SNAC	18	19	20	21 4th Quarter Club Confirmation Sent Home Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	22
23	24 1st Day of 4th Quarter Clubs	25	26	27 Report Cards Available on ParentVue	28	29
30	31					

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APRIL



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		1	2	3	4 Cougar Pride 8:15 am	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 SNAC	15	16	17	18 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	19
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MAY



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				1	2 Cougar Pride 8:15 am Last Day of 4th Quarter Clubs	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Student Showcase	14	15	16 Food Market 2:53 - 3:30 pm	17
18	19	20	21	22 Last Day of School 5th Grade Promotion	23 Report Cards Available on ParentVue	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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JUNE



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JULY



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BELMONT SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

2024-2025 School Year

This Title I School-Parent Compact has been jointly developed with parents and outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. Updated May of 2024 with the SNAC.

TEACHER/SCHOOL:

It is important that students achieve. I agree to do the following:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to enable children to meet the challenging state academic standards.
2. Regularly communicate with parents on their child's progress.
3. Demonstrate professional behavior and positive attitude.
4. Have high expectations for all students.
5. Provide opportunities for families to be engaged in the school community.

Teacher Signature _____

PARENT / CARING ADULT:

I want my child to achieve; therefore I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

1. Communicate and work with teachers and school staff on an ongoing basis to be involved and support my child's learning.
2. Support your child's learning--volunteer in their classroom; participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their education, guide positive use of extracurricular time.

3. Make sure my child is at school every day and on time, unless he/she is ill.
4. Provide a quiet place and time to do schoolwork and encourage my child to complete schoolwork.
5. Participate (in person or on the phone) in parent/teacher conferences and school meetings about my student.

Parent Signature _____

STUDENT:

I know my education is important to me. It is important that I work to the best of my ability. I agree to do the following:

1. Be at school every day and on time unless I am sick.
2. Come to school each day prepared with supplies and an attitude to learn.
3. Be responsible for my own behavior.
4. Respect and cooperate with other students and adults.
5. Return completed school work on time.
6. Show high effort and follow The Belmont Way.

Student Signature _____

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INTENT OF STUDENT HANDBOOK

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Belmont Elementary School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained within it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although information found in this handbook contains detailed and specific information on a variety of topics, the handbook is not intended to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract.” The administration reserves the right to make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should the situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.



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