

Belle Fourche School District 9-1
2305 13th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

**2011-2012 Beginning of School
Information Newsletter**

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Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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Mission Statement

We, the members of the Belle Fourche Community, are committed to building a learning community and ensuring all learners equal opportunity for an excellent education program that results in learners who are responsible and accountable, who value lifelong learning and know how to learn; and who are capable of succeeding in a changing society.

School Registration

New Students: All new students to the District must register at the Central Office (2305 13th Ave.). Parents of new students to the District must stop at the Central Office to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible and sign a release form for the student's transcripts. Parents are also asked to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records.

High School: All students planning to attend high school in Belle Fourche must register at the High School office **during August 8 - 10 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and August 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Meal tickets may also be purchased at this time. Students should bring \$25.00 for an Activity Ticket. Adult tickets are available for \$35.00. This ticket will be for admission to athletic events. Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior class dues are \$3.00. All class dues are to be paid at the class meeting which will be held on the first day of school.

Sophomores, Juniors and seniors will report to the High School gym on Monday, August 22 at 7:50 a.m. for an assembly. They will be on an abbreviated schedule and will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. No lunch will be served on this day. No buses for high school students on this day.

Freshman will report to the High School gym on Monday, August 22 at 12:15 p.m. for an assembly. They will be on an abbreviated schedule and will be dismissed at 3:39 p.m. No lunch will be served on this day. No buses for high school students on this day.

Tuesday, August 23 will be a regular class day for all High School students. Starting time will be at 7:50 a.m. and dismissal at 3:37 p.m. Buses will be running on their regular schedule.

High School Annuals will be on sale during registration for \$30.00. Annuals purchased after January 1 will be at a higher price. **Buy now and \$ave!**

High School beginning and dismissal times are 7:50 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.

Freshman and All New Students Orientation:
Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. - High School Gym.

High School After-School Program
Grades 9-12

Time: 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.; **Place:** Assigned Rooms will be posted

Days: Mondays thru Thursday after school with Friday morning Intersessions. Activities will include homework help, access to computer lab, ACT Prep, special projects, scholarship preparation, and other activities. Students will sign-up for the activity they will participate in.

(Funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant)

PLEASE NOTE SENIORS- Senior pictures are due January 1st if you want them to be printed in color for the annual.

Best Buddies Mentoring Program

The Best Buddies Mentoring Program provides Juniors and Seniors the opportunity to enrich elementary students' lives. This program is a great way for juniors and seniors to be role models and helps build scholarship opportunities. The mentoring program involves up to an hour of fun filled activities and memories for both the high school student and elementary student. Sign up sheets will be available at registration and/or contact Samantha at 210-2489 or Brian at 210-0056.

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE!

PHONE NUMBERS:

Central Office - 723-3355 Athletic Director - 723-3359
 High School - 723-3350 Special Education - 723-3356
 Middle School - 723-3367 Buildings & Grounds - 723-3360
 South Park - 723-3382 Food Service - 723-3377
 North Park - 723-3379 Early Intervention - 723-9139
 Nurse - Contact your child's School Building
 Education Connection (Alt. School) - 723-0955

Middle School: All students in grades 5-8 must register during the following: **Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. or Thursday, August 11, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the Belle Fourche Middle School office. Meal tickets may be purchased at this time.

5th grade parents will be receiving a special newsletter with necessary information. Come meet the teachers at the Middle School Open House on August 22nd from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Homeroom assignments will be posted on the entrance doors at the end of the work day on August 15.

Monday, August 22, Middle School Students attend a half day from 7:55 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No lunch will be served. Buses will run a.m. and p.m. Parents are invited to meet with teachers from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Middle School Beginning and Dismissal Times: 7:55 a.m. - 3:43 p.m.

Belle Fourche Band Night
 Tuesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.

6th Grade Beginners Band
 BFMS Band & Chorus Room



The music stores will be here! Parents and students come and listen to the music stores rental plans, and make your selections of instruments, cleaning kits, reeds, valve oil, and lesson books. Orders will be taken, and delivery will be made at the school, the first week of school in time for the first lesson.

AFTER SCHOOL JAM PROGRAM
GRADES 5-8

Time: 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.; **Place:** Meet in Lunchroom of the Middle School;

Dates: Monday thru Thursday with Friday Intersessions (sessions to be posted)

Activities include Homework Zone, Computer Lab and other special activities planned each night. Students sign up for activities or after school. In town shuttle bus will be provided with bus stops at the High School, South Park, Police Station and North Park. Waiver/consent forms are needed for participation. These can be picked up at the Middle School office. If you have questions, please call 723-3367 or 641-3139 (cell#).

Elementary - Grades 1 - 4

Students in Grades 1 - 4 must register at South Park School during the following: **Wednesday, August 17 or Thursday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Meal tickets may be purchased at this time.

1st Day of School for Grades 1 - 4 is Monday, August 22 - for one-half day (AM classes - PM Open House) No lunch will be served.

Kindergarten students must register **Monday, August 22 anytime between 12:00 Noon and 3:00 p.m. at North Park School.**

Kindergarten students must provide the school with a certified copy of their **Birth Certificate** and must have their **immunization records** up to date prior to beginning school. If you did this during spring registration, you do not need to provide this information again.

Elementary Beginning and Dismissal Times:

North Park Kindergarten - **8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.**

South Park - grades 1 through 4: **8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.**

*****Elementary Parents Please Note*****

Buses will be loading on **Stanley Street** again this year. This street will be closed to all traffic except for School Buses. Please use Valley Drive to deliver children to school.

Bus Routes: The routes will be similar to last year.

Parents are requested to watch for the buses when they run their first routes on August 22. New residences along the bus routes outside of the city limits should contact Tri-State Transportation, Inc. at 892-2683 to arrange pick up of their children. The School Board has authorized town K - 8 students to ride the buses between schools. In the mornings, students in grades K - 8 will be allowed to get on a bus at any of the regular school stops and ride the bus to their school of attendance. In the afternoon, they may again board a bus at their school of attendance and ride to any of the regular school stops. Parents wishing to utilize the in-town busing service should watch the Butte County newspapers the week before school begins for a complete schedule showing locations, times and bus numbers.

REMINDER: (A) Any bus discipline problems will result in forfeiture of the privilege to ride; and (B) Rural bus students will always have priority for space. High School students are not allowed to utilize the in-town shuttles.

CHECKS WRITTEN TO BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Nonsufficient funds checks will be assessed a \$20.00 fee. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. For inquiries, please call 605-723-3355.

When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day you make your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

School Meals:

School Lunch: Lunches are prepared in the main kitchen of the Middle School and delivered to the other school buildings.

Breakfast is served at all schools. Breakfast times: North Park (7:30-8:10 a.m.); South Park (7:15-8:00 a.m.); Middle School (7:15-7:50 a.m.); and High School (7:15-9:00 a.m.).

Meal money is taken daily. Students may bring their lunch and breakfast money any day school is in session to the school they attend. We prefer they bring it to the lunchroom before school in the morning.

Meal money will be taken in the principal's offices during registration. We would appreciate receiving payment for the first week's meals at that time.

School meal prices for 2011-12 are:

(each price is per meal)

	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Grades K-4	\$2.25	\$1.55
Grades 5-8	\$2.55	\$1.55
Grades 9-12	\$2.85	\$2.55
Adults (Elem./MS)	\$4.00	\$2.00
Adults (HS)	\$4.00	\$3.00
Extra Milk (half pint)	.35¢	.35¢
Extra Entrees (if available)		
Grades 5-8	\$1.25	\$1.25
Grades 9-12	\$1.75	\$1.50
Adults	\$1.75	\$1.75

The "Meal Tracker" system is used in all dining locations. When students bring money, it is credited to their individual accounts. PIN numbers are issued at the start of kindergarten and remain with the student through the 8th grade. At North Park, the students are given their card each AM and present it to the cashier at meal service. At South Park and Middle School, the students memorize and enter their own PIN number. At High School, students use the number assigned to their ID Card. They must present their cards to the cashier at serving time.

You may pay weekly or montly for student meals. It is important your child(ren) have money in their account(s). At all schools, students will be issued a reminder when their meal account becomes low. If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please contact Rhonda Johnson, Food Service Director at 723-3377.

Children from families whose income falls at or below the level shown on the scale are eligible for either free or reduced price meals at .40¢ for lunch and .30¢ for breakfast. To apply for free or reduced price meals, please fill out an application as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to the school. Applications may be received when you register your child/children, or may be picked up in any of the school offices or Central Office at any time. Please list all of your children's names on one application. You will be notified of the eligibility determination.

*****NOTE***** Even if you have participated in the free and reduced meal program in previous years, a new application is required each school year.

(Effective from July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

Below are the income guidelines:

Participants may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income is at or below the limits on this chart:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTH	WEEK
1	20,147	1,679	388
2	27,214	2,268	524
3	34,281	2,857	660
4	41,348	3,446	796
5	48,415	4,035	932
6	55,482	4,624	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	1,339
For Each Add'l Family Member	+ 7,067	+ 589	+ 136

The information attached to the application explains eligibility and how to apply for meal benefits. If you have any questions or need help in filling out an application form, please contact Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, at 723-3355. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

If you have received a letter from the Department of Social Services qualifying your children for free meals, you need not return an application for free and reduced price meals. Sign and return the DSS letter instead. In this case, you will not receive an eligibility notification letter from the school business office.

Facility Rental: Out of school groups wishing to use school facilities should contact **Clay Anderson** at 723-3359.

FALL SPORTS BEGIN: (You must have a physical before beginning practice!)

August 1 - HS Volleyball meeting at HS Student Center - 6:00 p.m.

August 8 - Boys Golf meeting (Grades 7-12) at Golf Course - 10:00 a.m.

August 9 - HS Football Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. (H.S. Gym)

August 15- Cross Country (Grades 7-12) sign-up/practice at HS Gym - 9:00 a.m.

August 15 - Volleyball practice begins at H.S. Gym - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August 15 - Middle School Football (7th & 8th) meeting/equipment checkout at MS - 4:00 p.m.

August 15 - HS Football practice begins at 7:00 a.m.

August 15 - MS Volleyball (7th & 8th) meeting at MS - 4:00 p.m. Practice TBA at meeting.

August 16 - Middle School Football Practice at 4:00 p.m.

Coronation - Monday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming - Friday, September 30 and parade starts at 2:30 p.m.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

All Middle School and High School students participating in a sport, cheerleading or dance team will need to have completed and passed a physical examination before they begin practicing the activity. The school must have a copy of each student's physical examination before they will be allowed to begin practice. Physical examinations dated prior to April 1, 2011 will not be valid!

Dr. Doug Larson (892-4845) & Dr. Shawn Stinton (892-4909) are offering free student athletic physical examinations. Students wishing to take advantage of this service must call, make an appointment and tell them it is for a school physical.

The Belle Fourche Regional Medical Clinic (892-2701) will also be giving student physical examinations. The physicals are free with a PA or nurse practitioner or \$28.00 for the exam with a doctor.

Forms can be picked up at the School District Central Office, High School, Middle School, Belle Fourche Family Medical Center, Dr. Stinton's and Dr. Larson's Office.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED!

PARENT REMINDER

There will be a preseason meeting for all parents and athletes at the HS Gym on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. Optional meeting, but it is recommended that all 9th grade, first time participants and their parents be in attendance.

Impact Concussion Testing

- The Belle Fourche School District will once again be giving
- baseline concussion tests for their student athletes.
- Student athletes who took the baseline impact test last
- year will not need to retake the test unless they've had to
- take the post-test for a head injury during the 2010-11
- school year. High School students will test at the high
- school and middle school students at the middle school.
- Test schedule:
- August 1 - Volleyball: juniors & retakes - 1 to 2 p.m.
- Freshmen - 2 to 3 p.m.
- August 2 - HS Football: juniors & retakes 10 to 11 a.m.
- Freshmen - 11 to 12 p.m.
- August 2 - Cheer: 1 to 2 p.m.
- August 16 - MS Football: 2 to 3 p.m.

Admission charges and activity tickets for the various activities are listed below. Activity tickets may be purchased at the High School Principal's Office anytime after August 8, 2011.

ADMISSION FEES:

K-12 with no activity ticket \$3.00
Adult with no activity ticket \$5.00
K-12 season activity ticket \$25.00
Adult season activity ticket \$35.00
Senior Citizen (Age 55).	Free with Pass from High School
PreKindergarten Free

(Activity Tickets will not be honored at Tournaments or playoff games.)

Lou Graslie Stadium Reserved Seating

Regular Reserved Seating Packages are available for the 2011 Varsity Football Regular Season at Lou Graslie Field. Seats will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Cost is \$25/seat which includes an exclusive padded seat and game admission for the home Varsity Regular Season Games (Playoffs Excluded). **SDHSAA Playoff Reserved Seating Package** - Those who purchased Regular Reserved Seating Packages will be given the first opportunity to purchase their existing reserved seats for SDHSAA Playoff Games. Please go to School District website for more information or contact the Activities Office at 723-3359.

HIGH SCHOOL LIST OF MATERIALS

GRADES 9-12 - 2 Three ring binders 1 1/2" or 2", No. 2 lead pencils or mechanical pencils, black or blue pens, 5-7 spiral notebooks.

ART and PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES:

Photo: \$10.00 class fee. Buy your supplies at School: \$3.00 for 10 sheets of photo paper; \$2.00 per roll of film. 3D: \$10.00 class fee, buy clay stoneware 25lbs. for \$9.00. 2D Class: \$10.00 class fee. Mixed Media: \$17.00 class fee. Crafts: \$17.00 class fee.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

High School Conference Schedule: Fall Conferences: September 22 and October 27 from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Spring Conferences: February 2 and March 8 from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Middle School Conference Schedule: Fall Conferences: the evenings of October 27, 31, and November 1 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Spring Conferences: the evenings of March 13, 19, and 20 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Elementary Conference Schedule: Fall Conferences are scheduled the evenings of November 15, 17, and 21 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Spring Conferences: the evenings of March 1, 6, and 8 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Our elementary schools will have three grading periods. The first grading period ends on November 11, the second on February 24, and the third on May 23.

Assignment to Students in District:

Belle Fourche School District students will be assigned to the various school buildings as follows:

Kindergarten - North Park School at 29 North 6th Avenue, Phone 723-3379 (Call South Park Office at 723-3382)

Pre-School Special Needs - Early Intervention at 29 North 6th Avenue, Phone 723-9139, Fax 723-3381.

Grades 1 - 4 - South Park School at 1816 Valley Drive, Phone 723-3382, Fax 723-3384.

Grades 5 - 8 - Belle Fourche Middle School at 1302 Ziebach Street, Phone 723-3367, Fax 723-3374.

Grades 9 - 12 - Belle Fourche High School at 1301 12th Avenue, Phone 723-3350, Fax 723-3357.

Belle Fourche Education Connection at 2315 Dakota Avenue, Lower Level, Phone 723-0955, Fax 723-0941.

Special Education shall be assigned by board resolution according to the needs of the student.

Mailing address for all school buildings is:
2305 13th Avenue.

****SNOW DAYS**** When the decision is made that school will not be in session due to bad weather, the announcement will be made over the following radio and television stations: **KBFS, KBHB, KDSJ, KSQY, KSLT, KIMM, KKLS, KDDX, KOTA-TV, KEVN-TV, and KNBN-TV.** Parents will also be notified via our automated phone calling system.

Please remember that any days missed during the school year due to weather, will be made up and scheduled as soon as possible as determined by the School Board.

Schedule of School Beginning and Dismissal Times:

North Park Kindergarten	8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
South Park - grades 1 - 4:	8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
Middle School - grades 5 - 8:	7:55 a.m. - 3:43 p.m.
High School - grades 9 - 12:	7:50 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.

Beginning and dismissal times may be changed when deemed appropriate or necessary by the District.

Child Custody Notification

By law, if parents are legally separated or divorced, each parent has equal rights to the custody of the child/children UNLESS a parent has a court order that indicates which parent has sole custody of the child/children.

The school **MUST HAVE A COPY** of the court order on file, otherwise either parent may check the child out of school with proper identification.

Important Services for Students

DID YOU KNOW...? The Belle Fourche School District provides free, appropriate public education for all children with disabilities from birth through age 21, including any eligible child within the jurisdiction of the District, including those enrolled in any public or private agency or school.

Special Education services provide an educational program based on the concept of least restrictive environments. Students with disabilities and those without disabilities are encouraged to interact and learn with each other.

If your child is not performing up to his/her ability, is not able to keep up with peers academically, emotionally or socially, and you feel other options are needed, please contact the Special Education Director, Caleb Case at (605) 723-3356 where parental information and referrals may be started.

Administration

Steve Willard, Superintendent	723-3355
Susan Proefrock, Business Manager	723-3355
Mathew Raba, High School Principal	723-3350
Kevin Smidt, Middle School Principal	723-3367
Patrick Deering, Elementary Principal	723-3382
Clay Anderson, Activities Director	723-3359
Caleb Case, Special Education Director	723-3356
Greg Boyd, Buildings & Grounds Director	723-3360

Brandi Vansickle, School Nurse	723-3382
Rhonda Johnson, Food Service Manager	723-3377

SUPPLIES FOR 2011-12, KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

No Peanut Products

KINDERGARTEN

1 ream white copy paper
 1 Large eraser
 2 boxes of 8 Crayons, regular size
 6 Large Glue Sticks (Not Elmer's liquid or "rolling" glue)
 Fiskars Blunt Scissors (metal)
 Box for supplies, plastic (no larger than 8" x 5")
 No. 2 wooden pencils (No plastic or glitter coated pencils)
 Watercolor paints, Crayola or Prang brand
 2 Kleenex (large boxes)
 Back pack or book bag
 8 wide-tipped Crayola markers (classic colors only)
 2 boxes of colored pencils
 1 spiral bound wide-ruled notebook
 Backpack

FIRST GRADE

Box of Crayons, 24 pack
 4 large Glue Sticks
 2 large green or pink erasers
 Fiskars Scissors
 School box
 No. 2 lead pencils - plain yellow
 2 Kleenex (large boxes)
 No Markers
 1 bottle white Elmer's Glue
 1 box of crackers

SECOND GRADE

No. 2 lead pencils
 2 Glue Sticks
 1 bottle white Elmer's Glue
 2 Large pink erasers
 Box of 24 crayons
 Fiskars Scissors
 8 Crayola washable markers (optional)
 Kleenex, 1 large box
 School Box, about 8" x 4" x 1 3/4" deep

NOTE: School supplies left from last year may be used if you have them.

THIRD GRADE

No. 2 lead pencils (package of 12)
 1 Large eraser
 4 wide-line notebooks
 Scissors (Fiskars recommended)
 12 white Glue sticks
 Crayons
 2 Kleenex (large boxes)
 4 heavy duty 2 pocket folders
 (No Trapper Keepers)
 Plastic supply box (about 11" x 6" x 2")
 1 large container of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
 1 box of crackers per month
 Colored pencils
 Calculator (required) - large buttons



FOURTH GRADE

1 Dry Erase Marker
 White Board eraser (or sock)
 3 Spiral notebooks, wide-line
 Elmer's Glue and 2 glue sticks
 2 Red pens
 5 No. 2 lead pencils (NO mechanical pencils)
 1 Large Eraser
 Crayons - 48 pack
 12" ruler
 Scissors (pointed) (medium size) - NOT SMALL
 1 Kleenex (large box)
 Colored pencils
 Calculator - required
 Markers
 2 Folders (No Trapper Keepers)
 Small pencil sharpener, with cover
 Plastic supply box (about 11" x 6" x 2" deep) - big enough for glue, scissors, markers, etc.
 1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder
 (Some of these supplies need to be replenished during the year)

REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.

Please put your child's name on all supplies.

Everything listed per grade level is required.

SUPPLIES FOR 2011-12, 5TH - 8TH GRADE

Grades 5-8: Lock for Locker Required (may rent or purchase your own) - combination locks are offered in the office for \$5.00, which will be refunded when the lock is returned. If you use a key lock, please give an extra key to the homeroom teacher.

5THGRADE

Trapper with zipper
 No Book bags on wheels, as they don't fit in lockers
 Lock for locker - NO laser locks - (can rent from office)
 1 spiral nookbook (wide-lined) (Spelling)
 2 packages of loose-leaf paper (wide)
 1 three ring binder, 1 1/2 inch wide
 1 package of 8-tab binder dividers
 No. 2 lead pencils (re-supply as needed)
 Colored pencils (12 count only)
 4 Glue sticks (re-supply as needed)
 Markers (no more than 12 count)
 Scissors
 Self-enclosed pencil sharpener
 Erasers/pencil top erasers (re-supply as needed)
 2 red pens
 1 Composition Notebook
 5 Trapper folders with pockets
 2 - Kleenex (large boxes)
 1 large Clorox wipes
 1 Hand Sanitizer

(Some of these supplies need to be replenished during the year)

6THGRADE

Lock for Locker
 2 - 3 hole punched folders with pockets
 Erasers (pencil top)
 Highlighter
 2 boxes No. 2 lead pencils
 Crayons
 Colored pencils
 Washable colored markers
 2 Glue or glue sticks
 Scissors
 2 - 1 1/2 inch 3 ring binders
 Dividers for binders
 3 - 200 count loose leaf lined paper
 Kleenex (2 large boxes)
 Self-enclosed pencil sharpener
 Flash Drive
 Composition Notebook
 Canister of Clorox Wipes



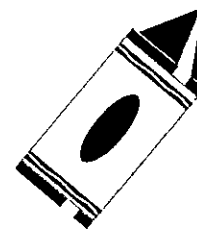
(Some of these supplies need to be replenished during the year)

7THGRADE

Lock for Locker
 No. 2 lead pencils (package)
 Black or blue pens (optional)
 Erasers
 Red pens (package)
 2 packages looseleaf paper
 Colored pencils - 1 box
 6 folders with pockets
 2 - Kleenex (large boxes)
 3 composition notebook (2-Science Lab) (1-Geography)
 4 spiral notebooks (Language Arts & Math)
 1 - 2 inch wide 3 ring binder with tab dividers (Geography)
 Paper Atlas for at home use
 1 Trifold (needed for future projects)

8THGRADE

Lock for Locker
 No. 2 lead pencils
 Black or blue pens
 Colored pencils
 Self-enclosed pencil sharpener
 12" ruler
 2 - Kleenex (large boxes)
 Loose leaf paper
 1 package 3 x 5 lined index cards
 2 large Glue sticks
 Trapper or binder with dividers



ART SUPPLY LIST - 5-8 Grade - two wooden pencils, large eraser, colored pencils (12 pack), Art folder, Art notebook (may be a small journal type).

P.E. Supply List Grades 5-8 - gym bag, shorts, shirt, white socks, towel, soap, deodorant and non-marking tennis shoes. (Shoes may be an old pair). Sweats for cold weather. Combination lock for PE locker - no key locks. A sleeve type folder, spiral notebook, blue or black and red pens for Health class.

6TH-8THBANDSUPPLIES

6th grade - Book 1 Essential Elements & #2 reeds
 7th grade - Book 2 Essential Elements & #2.5 - 3 reeds
 8th grade - Book 3 Essential Elements & #2.5 - 3 reeds

(All published by Hal Leonard. Books can be purchased at Haggerty's Music or Batchelder's/Plummer Piano in Rapid City.) **All students will need to provide their own: valve oil, cleaning kits, lesson books, reeds and other supplies.**

NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

The purpose of this notice is to inform parents and students of the rights granted to them under Section 504. The federal regulations that implement Section 504 are found at Title 34, Part 104 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and entitle parents of eligible children and the student themselves to the following rights:

1. You have a right to be informed of your rights under Section 504. The School District must provide you written notice of your rights under Section 504. (This document represents written notice of rights as required under Section 504). If you need further explanation or clarification of any of the rights described in this notice, contact Jeff Caldwell, Section 504 Coordinator, at the South Park Elementary School, 723-3382, and he will assist you in understanding your rights.
2. Under Section 504, your child has the right to an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met.
3. Your child has the right to free educational services, with the exception of certain costs normally also paid by the parents of nondisabled students. Insurance companies and other similar third parties are not relieved of any existing obligation to provide or pay for services to a student who becomes eligible for Section 504 services.
4. To the maximum extent appropriate, your child has the right to be educated with children who are not disabled. Your child will be placed and educated in regular classes, unless the District demonstrates that his or her educational needs cannot be adequately met in the regular classroom, even with the use of supplementary aides and services.
5. Your child has the right to services, facilities, and activities comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
6. The School District must undertake an evaluation of your child prior to determining his or her appropriate educational placement or program of services under Section 504 and also before every significant change in placement.
7. If formal assessment instruments are used as part of an evaluation, procedures used to administer assessments and other instruments must comply with the requirements of Section 504 regarding test validity, proper method of administration, and appropriate test selection. The District will consider information from a variety of sources in making its determinations, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, reports of physical condition, social and cultural background, adaptive behavior, health records, report cards, progress notes, parent observations and test scores.
8. Placement decisions regarding your child must be made by a group of persons (504 committee) knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation date, possible placement options, and the requirement that to the maximum extent possible, disabled children should be educated with nondisabled children.
9. If your child is eligible under Section 504, he or she has a right to periodic evaluations to determine if there has been a change in educational need. Generally an evaluation will take place at least every three years.
10. You have the right to be notified by the Belle Fourche School District prior to any action regarding the identification, evaluation or placement of your child.
11. You have the right to examine relevant documents and records regarding your child (generally documents relating to identification, evaluation or placement under Section 504).
12. You have the right to an impartial due process hearing if you wish to contest any action of the District with regard to your child's identification, evaluation or placement under Section 504. You have the right to participate personally in the hearing or to be represented by an attorney if you wish to hire one.
13. If you wish to contest an action taken by the Section 504 committee by means of an impartial due process hearing, you must submit a notice of appeal or request for hearing to the District's 504 Coordinator (Jeff Caldwell, Belle Fourche High School, 2305 13th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Ph. (605) 723-3350). A date will be set for the hearing and an impartial hearing officer will be appointed. You will be notified in writing of the hearing date, time and place.
14. If you disagree with the decision of the hearing officer, you have the right to seek a review of that decision before a court of competent jurisdiction (normally the closest federal district court).
15. With respect to other issues surrounding your child's education that do not specifically involve identification, evaluation or placement, you have a right to present a grievance or complaint to the District's 504 Coordinator, who will then investigate the situation, taking into account the nature of the complaint and all necessary factors, in an effort to arrive at a fair and speedy resolution.
16. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education. The address for the regional office that covers the Belle Fourche School District is US Dept. of Ed., 10220 North Executive Hills Blvd., 8th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64153-1367, Ph.# (816) 880-4200.

**ATTENTION: PROJECT
CHILD FIND
BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT
NEEDS IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Belle Fourche School District will continue conducting a child identification project which will identify and evaluate children under the age of 21 who may require special education services. ANYONE who may know of a child in the District with unserved special needs is asked to contact Caleb Case, Special Education Director at 723-3356 or Lisa Ward at 723-9139.

After children have been referred, the District will gather all needed data to determine if an evaluation is warranted.

Parent permission will be obtained before any evaluation will be completed.

Following a comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation, a meeting will be held with the parents, child (if appropriate), diagnostician, and other appropriate individuals to determine needs and develop an appropriate education program.

Parents need not know that their child has special needs before referring, instead, the Belle Fourche School District encourages any parents who have concerns regarding their child's development to contact the District.

Quarterly screenings are made available to the public and are conducted at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center with collaborative efforts of Head Start, Butte County Public Health Nurse, and The Parents Resource Network/Parents as Teachers.

Screenings are held in August, October, January, and April. Please watch for further information regarding Child Find efforts.

Caleb Case
Special Education Director
723-3356

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMPLAINT
POLICY AND TITLE X PART C - HOMELESS
EDUCATION**

A parent, student, employee, or District stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal NCLB funds and is unable to resolve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the District's superintendent.

Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation (including inter-district disputes), and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth may initiate the dispute resolution process directly at the school they choose, as well as at the District office. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the School's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian or youth to appeal the decision. Students should be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes are resolved.

1. The superintendent will investigate, within one week, the circumstances of the complaint and render a decision, within two weeks, after receipt of the complaint.

2. The superintendent will notify the complainant of the decision in writing.
3. The complainant will be allowed one week to react to the decision before it becomes final.
4. The complainant will either accept or disagree with the decision and will provide such acknowledgment in writing, addressed to the superintendent.
5. If the issue is not resolved with the superintendent, the complaint will be forwarded to the School Board for further review. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the District's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.
6. Unresolved complaints may be forwarded by the stakeholder to the South Dakota Department of Education for review. (Consult SD Department of Education Complaint Procedure).

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Equal Opportunity Title IX-504

The Belle Fourche School System is a non discriminatory institution that offers education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or disability. Equal Opportunity Grievance Procedures - Specific allegations of violation may be submitted in writing to Title IX Coordinator, Clay Anderson, 2305 13th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, (605) 723-3359, within thirty (30) days of the grievance.

1. Within five (5) days, the coordinator will evaluate the grievance and render a written decision.
2. Grievances will be discussed with the immediate principal involved and action through the principal with cooperation of the involved person(s) and the coordinator will ensue.
3. At the discretion of the principal, or coordinator, filee or involved person, a formal hearing can be conducted with concerned persons present and with a third uninterested party conducting the proceedings.
4. This will be done within ten (10) days of the initial decision of the coordinator.
5. If there is to be a hearing, all interested parties will be notified by writing as to the time and place.
6. The decision of the coordinator or the decision resulting from the hearing may be appealed within five (5) days after the coordinator's written decision.

The following three steps shall be followed to appeal: (a) principal, (b) superintendent, (c) School Board. The School Board will act at its first meeting following the superintendent's decision. Following each step of appeal, a decision must be rendered within five (5) days. Correction or recommendation of discrimination practices will begin immediately following a judgement of discrimination. Accurate records of all proceedings, actions and discussions shall be kept by the coordinator.

Patrons of the
Belle Fourche School District
who claim mileage for the
2011-12 school year must turn
in mileage vouchers to the
Central Office by May 31, 2012.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All children entering the Belle Fourche School District this fall must have their immunizations current. The immunization record must show that your child has had: (1) DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) 4 doses-at least one after age 4; (2) Polio - 3 doses-at least one after age 4; (3) MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) - 2 doses; (4) TB Skin Test - at least one on record; and (5) The parent must provide proof that the child has had chicken pox or the child must have a chicken pox immunization before entering kindergarten. Children and adults need a tetanus booster every 10 years. Hepatitis B Series is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. Parents of kindergarten and transfer students must bring the immunization record to school at the time of registration. All children entering school must be in compliance with South Dakota's immunization requirements. Each child's record must show the above immunizations. **FAILURE TO SHOW PROOF OF THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING SENT HOME UNTIL THE PROPER IMMUNIZATIONS ARE OBTAINED.** Call your physician for an appointment or the Public Health Office at 892-2523 for immunizations. When registering your child for school, please notify the school if your child has allergies or any health concerns. We do our best to adjust the child's schedule to accommodate health problems of any kind. **NOTE: The school will no longer purchase non-prescription pain reliever for student use at school unless under the direction of the school nurse. If your child needs prescription or non-prescription medication, a parent or guardian must come to school and fill out the proper forms.**

We look forward to a healthy and happy school year!
~Brandi Vansickle, School Nurse~

AFTER SCHOOL OASIS

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center provides a fun, safe, and enriching environment for children grades K-4. After School Oasis is a licensed out-of-school time (OST) program and runs from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m., on days in which school is in session. Daily and weekly enrollment is welcome. Children must be signed up a week in advance. Fantastic Fridays are full day programs offered on several days when school is not in session! For more info, contact Tessa at 892-2467.

Pamida will be collecting dollar donations to help children purchase school supplies who cannot afford the supplies. The Pamida Foundation will present a check to the District Office for \$250.00 plus the amount of local collections to purchase the needed supplies.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

The U.S. Government and the State of South Dakota require that we notify you annually of asbestos in our buildings. The law requires all school buildings to be inspected for asbestos. The first inspection took place in 1988. The report showed the areas that contained asbestos. Since then, the school has established a maintenance program to monitor and repair asbestos continuously. The law requires that we inform you of any removal of the asbestos.

In the past, we have informed you of areas that have had removal done. This past year, no removal was done.

The law further requires that we keep a copy of our Asbestos Management Plan on file and available for public viewing. A copy is on file with the Director of Buildings & Grounds Office at 2305 13th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. For more information, please call Greg Boyd, Director of Buildings & Grounds at (605) 723-3360.

Parent Portal

Parent portals, via the internet, are available as a means to further promote educational excellence and to enhance communication with parents. The portal allows parents to view their own child's school records anywhere at any time via an internet connection. The portal is available to every parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the Belle Fourche School District. Parents may stop in the Central Office to pick up the forms necessary to access this service or print form from District website.

Youth & Family Services Rural Head Start

Youth & Family Services Rural Head Start is recruiting families with pre-school aged children (3 and 4 by September 1st) who meet household income eligibility guidelines or have special needs. Please call 1-800-568-0202 or (605) 645-1142 for more information.

INTERESTED IN SUBSTITUTE TEACHING?

A substitute teacher inservice will be held **Wednesday, August 10, 2011** at the Middle School Library at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your high school diploma or college certificate to the inservice if not already on file.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL PERMISSION FORM

We are pleased to offer students of the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 access to the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the principal's office. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet user throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further education goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network. Network storage areas and e-mail may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored.

During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities copies of which are available in school offices, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Welcome Back

It seems like it has been awhile since we left school this spring. The custodial and buildings and grounds staff have been working hard cleaning all the buildings and keeping the grounds looking fantastic. Everything will be ready for a new school year. It will soon be time to open up books, get to know teachers, and meet new friends. The school year will be exciting!

We have upgraded or added new technology in many of the buildings while increasing network bandwidth capacity. Our computers will run faster with less down time. This will allow teachers and students to use more technology.

We are faced with some financial challenges as are all school districts in the State and Nation. The School Board, at a recent June board meeting, voted to opt out of the general fund levy limitation. Opting out is to impose an excess levy. The amount of the opt out is \$555,000 per year for three years. This opt out makes up for the revenue that was cut by the State in our per-pupil allocation. This additional revenue will allow our District to avoid drastic program cuts. As always, we will continue to be fiscally responsible and spend every penny as carefully as possible.

Things are as good or as bad as we think they are. I believe we have a bright future and we will have a great school year.

Thanks,

Steve Willard
Superintendent of Schools

Bullying Hot Line 1-866-346-2610

One of the tools being used to combat bullying within our School District is a bullying hotline. SchoolReach Cyber Bully Hotline can help students, victims and witnesses anonymously report incidents of cyber bullying and other bullying or harassment. SchoolReach provides a reporting line open 24/7 where individuals can safely report threats or incidents. Bullying reports are recorded and forwarded to school administrators via email as a .wav file.