



Dan King, Belfair
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Principal

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Belfair Elementary teachers and staff have been working hard to develop a high-quality remote learning experience for our students using *Seesaw* as our online Learning Management System.

Seesaw will allow teachers to create a virtual classroom where students and families can access live and pre-recorded video lessons, retrieve and turn in assignments, and communicate with teachers. We are excited about Seesaw and its potential to greatly improve the remote learning experience for everyone!

We have identified two goals for Belfair Elementary this school year:

1. Every student, staff member, and visitor to the school feels Belfair Elementary is a place where they BELONG.
2. Every student will READ at their GRADE LEVEL by the end of the school year.

We especially need your help with the reading goal. The most important thing you can do is to have your child read books and other forms of text daily. They can read aloud to someone or quietly to themselves. The important thing is that they read, read, read! Our teachers and staff are going to be focused and RELENTLESS on achieving our two school goals this year!

Finally, I'd like to explain how attendance will be taken while students are learning remotely. Attendance will be based on student engagement in learning as measured by:

1. Participation in synchronous (live/real-time) video lessons, class meetings, and small group intervention periods
2. Participation in asynchronous (pre-recorded) video lessons, and completing and turning in student work

It's important for students to be present during these synchronous periods of instruction, but we realize it might not always be possible for some of our students to be online during these synchronous times. Therefore, the most important measure of student attendance will be completing and turning in student work each week – in other words, completing the asynchronous learning events and activities that teachers are providing for students to engage in. If your child is not able to participate in remote learning for two or more days in a row, (for reasons of illness, travel, family emergency, etc.) please notify the school office.

Teachers will have much more to share with you over the phone and during their orientation session with you. The Belfair Elementary staff and I are here to support you with remote learning, so please communicate with us if you need our assistance. You can reach me at dking@northmasonschoools.org or at (360) 277-2231 if you have questions or concerns that I can help you with.

Sincerely,

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