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# In the News

## November News

### Special Dates to Remember

- 6th—10:00 Horizon HS vs. The Cyclones Basketball Game
- 18th—Scouts' Veterans Breakfast
- 22nd—10:00 Bowling Tournament
- 27th—BHS Orchestra Performance / 1:00 Dismissal
- 28-29th—School Closed for Thanksgiving

### Did You Know?

Belleville High School Students have performed for us on the day before Thanksgiving for over 20 years!

There have been many exciting changes that have occurred over the last few weeks. If you haven't visited our new website yet, please take a few minutes to take a look at it! When you visit the school look at all the beautiful new photographs of our students on the walls! Also you will see a new banner on the side of the building and a new sign above the entrance with our new motto, "Unique needs deserve a unique school."

Our student-athletes are getting ready for a big basketball game between the team from Horizon High School. The game will be held on Wed. the 6th at 10:00. Come out and support our team! We also want to wish each class good luck as our annual bowling tournament

begins at the end of this month.

In honor of Veteran's Day the Scouts will be hosting an "Honor Our Heroes Breakfast" for some local veterans. It is a great way to show our appreciation and to give back to the community.

On the 27th the students will be dismissed at 1:00. We will have our annual Thanksgiving lunch where each class will announce what they are thankful for. The Belleville High School Orchestra will perform for us in the morning and get us ready for the upcoming holiday season! We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and we are thankful to everyone who helps to make our school the very best.

## Firemen Visit

The Belleville Fire Department visited the school and reviewed fire prevention and safety with the students. The firemen explained the science behind fires and smart

ideas that will reduce fire hazards around the home. Students were able to see up close how a fire truck works and even got to see the fire hose in action.



## Spotlight on Ms. Joanne

Joanne Bundonis, our physical therapy department head, was recertified this month as an ATP (assistive technology practitioner) by RESNA (Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America). The ATP certification recognizes demonstrated competence in analyzing the needs of consumers with disabilities, assisting in the selection of appropriate assistive technology for the consumer's needs, and providing training in the use of the selected device(s). The certification promotes a standard for recognizing qualifications and validating broad-based knowledge required as the foundation for safe and effective service in the field of assistive technol-

ogy. These standards aim to enhance service provision to people with disabilities who are seeking technology applications to maximize their ability to function in their environment. Joanne has been certified as an ATP for almost 10 years. Recertification requires relevant field work and regular continuing education. Joanne is joined by Danielle in the physical therapy department in maintaining this certification as well. As a team they manage our seating and equipment clinics as well as the numerous other assistive technology needs throughout the building. For more information check out [www.resna.org](http://www.resna.org).

In addition to becoming recertified, Ms. Joanne has developed a screen for power

mobility. It is an assessment tool that was created for use with children who have severe motor, cognitive, and communication deficits and who are often dismissed as candidates for power mobility. The tool is now being researched by a team at Grand Valley State University physical therapy program in Michigan. Joanne will be part of a special panel assisting in establishing the content validity of the screen further. This project is working in conjunction with their biomedical engineering program that is developing a power wheelchair trainer. For more information visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/engineer-graduate/biomedical-engineering-4.htm>

## Spotlight on Ms. Kim

Ms. Kim was one of the guest speakers at the NJ Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's Adapted PE Conference held at the Special Olympics complex in Lawrenceville, NJ. She

spoke to fellow health and physical educators and college students about great ways to implement health into physical education games and activities as well as different techniques for adapting games for all stu-

dents. Pictures of our students playing those games or special activities were used to demonstrate these ideas. Educators had the opportunity to get up and play the games themselves in the gym.

## Zoo Trip

Mrs. Maria, Mrs. Debbie, and Mrs. Linda's classes had the pleasure of going to the Turtleback Zoo with their Life Skills therapists, teachers, and aides. We all had so much fun riding the train, having a picnic lunch, and looking at a

variety of animals such as: prairie dogs, snakes, seals, sting rays, hawks, penguins, monkeys, and many more. The students expressed that they had so much fun visiting the animals they hear about in their classrooms. Real life ex-

periences truly make academia come to life.



## Giants defeat Jets 46-47

The Intramural Flag Football championship title came down to the last seconds of the game when the winning kick was made by Berkens to put the Giants ahead of the Jets 46-44. Scoring for Jets: Ismail 2pt field goal; Amadiou 24 pts of 3 touchdowns & 6 pts in FGs; Brandon 18 pts of 3 TDs . Scoring for the Giants: Zaire 2pts FG; Armaun 1pt

FG; Jylil 2 pts FG; Sebas 2 pts FG; Rasheed 18 pts of 3 TDs; Berkens 21 pts of 3 TDs & 3 pts FGs. Berkens also had 2 interceptions, and a recovered fumble which led to points scored. Quayon had an awesome QB throw to Amadiou scoring TD. Amadiou also did a QB sneak to score TD and a defensive recovery of a Giants' fumble to score TD. Rasheed

was all over the field running in a TD as quarterback, grabbing flags on defense, and running handoffs from Jylil and Alvin. Zaire's perfect throw scored his FG. Richie's handoffs to teammates added yardage. Sebas and Alex added yardage with great catches and Armaun and Ismail's great QB skills.



## Boy Scouts Send Cheer to Classmates

Two of our grammar school students are home recuperating from recent surgery. The Scouts packed up educational puzzles, books and foam projects to be mailed to their houses bringing get well wishes.

Rasheed and Joey represented the Troop at the Belleville Flea Market where they sold Trails-end Popcorn. The Troop made poster boards with pictures displaying all the scouting activities we do. Rasheed was busy handing out Honor Our Heroes Breakfast invites to all veterans who visited our booth. Joey also sold

popcorn at the Lake Hopatcong Elks Car Show the following weekend. More scouts will be joining us on Nov 3rd at the next Belleville Flea Market.

Just a reminder that Popcorn order forms are due by October 31st and we are still collecting torn or used USA flags to be disposed properly.

All Veterans and Active Military members are invited to our Honor Our Heroes Breakfast on November 18th at 9:30 am. Please RSVP to Ms. Kim Catalfamo at ext. 239 stating name, military branch and phone number.



## Lunch Time Concerts

Music is a great outlet for people especially special needs children. Mr. Evan is a one-on-one aide at the 1<sup>st</sup> CP of NJ School. Mr. Evan performs a weekly Friday concert for us at lunch time. He plays guitar as well as sings. Most of the songs he sings are cover songs, but one he sings

for us is an original song called Sugar in the Tea. That is my favorite song because it comes from his soul. Mr. Evan has been playing guitar for 26 years. Mr. Evan now plays his guitar for a singer named Rara Renee. ~ Submitted by Jesse one of our high school students.



## Transition Trips



The Transition crew from Mr. Greg's and Ms. Jean's classes went on walking trips to Stop and Shop to practice their shop-

ping skills. The students needed to find the items, scan them at the self service area, pay for them and bag them. Some students found the manager and approached him for a gift certificate donation for the Boy Scouts. It was a suc-

cess. They scored \$25. Then they went to McDonald's to practice ordering food, as well as their money skills. They had a fun time while learning and practicing functional skills.



## Internet Security

October was Cyber-Security Awareness Month. We are all aware that we should not open unusual or suspicious email. Sometimes that email appears to come from a reputable organization, frequently a bank. It will have the same font and logo that the bank uses and look official. The same rule applies – DO

NOT OPEN IT. The banks ask you to take one extra step and that is to forward the email to them. The banks pursue these fraudulent requests. All banks have information on their website usually under the Privacy/Security Setting as to where to forward these. Some of the sites are: Bank of Amer-

[abuse@bankofamerica.com](mailto:abuse@bankofamerica.com), Citibank at [spoof@citicorp.com](mailto:spoof@citicorp.com), Chase at [abuse@chase.com](mailto:abuse@chase.com), Wells Fargo at [report-phish@wellsfargo.com](mailto:report-phish@wellsfargo.com), and T D Bank at 1-800-893-8554. Always exercise extreme caution when releasing personal data and help the banks protect all of us.



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