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Michigan Department of Education "Reward School"

John R. Rodger Elementary has been identified by the Michigan Department of Education as a Reward School – recognition earned by only the top 5% of schools in the state for having the greatest academic progress over the past four years.



October MEAP Testing

MEAP tests will be given during the month of October to students in Grades 3 through 9. All students in grades 3 through 8 will be tested in reading and math with additional tests given in science for 5th and 8th grade students, and writing for 4th and 7th grade students. 9th grade students will be tested in social studies. Go to <http://www.michigan.gov/mde> for more detailed information. This site contains the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that are required at each grade level.

Welcome Back!

- Jim Emery,
Superintendent

In mid-July the District received word that both John R. Rodger Elementary and the Bellaire High School/Middle School complex had earned a "B" on the recent Michigan School Report Cards despite the higher cut scores on the state assessments. While this is lower than the grades received last year they are still among the highest in the TBAISD region. In addition, the Michigan Department of Education announced that John R. Rodger Elementary was selected as a "Reward School" - accolades given to only the top 5% of schools across the entire state of Michigan in recognition of having made the greatest academic progress over the previous four years. Congratulations to students, staff and parents!

Each summer, school districts across the state assemble their "Annual Education Report" (AER) which highlights the accomplishments of the previous school year. To assure compliance with federal standards, all districts follow the same format and must post on their respective websites a District AER and reports for each individual school building. The AER for 2011-12 can be found on our school website at www.bellairepublicschools.com. Once you access the link, you will be able to view a letter and statistical report for Bellaire Public Schools – John R. Rodger Elementary, and Bellaire High School/Middle School. If you have questions about the reports, please contact the office.

Truly, the Bellaire school district never sleeps. In early August, many high school students returned to campus for fall athletics. The 25th annual Rubber Ducky Festival, held the third weekend of the month, brought together the middle school and high school band students for an outstanding display of talent in the parade. Middle school sports started practice the last week of the month, just as incoming kindergarten students began attending Kinder Camp.

Last year we began our preschool and Kid's Club after school care program in partnership with Kalkaska Memorial Hospital. We have seen such a positive response from these programs through a significant increase in enrollment. Already, the Kid's Club has a waiting list for the coming year.

At one point last year it looked as though Bellaire Public Schools may eliminate busing and move all middle school sports to club status, but the District is pleased to announce that it is able to keep both services. Bus routes were modified to only 3 runs, but students will still have transportation. Chartwells will provide our school food service this year and we are excited about what they bring to the table – yes, pun intended. In the spring the District was also notified that students in grades K-5 all qualify for free universal breakfast during the 2012-13 school year and we look forward to our elementary students starting each school day with this free and healthy option.

The official 2012-13 school year calendar has not been set yet as it is part of the education association negotiation process, but we do know the major vacation days that are determined by a regional common calendar approved by TBAISD. Once the complete calendar is approved it will be available on our website and will be sent electronically to our school families. School will begin for students on Wednesday, September 5 as a full day of classes.

We are all looking forward to a great new school year!

School Bus Safety



Getting children to and from school safely each day is serious business. Every year, thousands of children are injured in school bus-related accidents. Many of these accidents can be prevented if children know and follow these rules for bus safety:

- **"Rushing"** When children are late for the bus, they concentrate more on getting aboard than on safety. Too often, accidents result. **Set your morning routine so that your child arrives at the bus stop at least ten minutes before the bus is due.**

- **Stay in the "safe zone"** Bus drivers have blind spots because of bus design and many children have been injured because the bus driver simply didn't see them. Tell your children to always stay in the "safe zone"—at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

- **Save the horseplay** Bus stops are not playgrounds. Goofing around while waiting for the bus, especially if the play extends into the street, can be deadly. Make sure your children understand the danger.

- **One at a time** Every child wants to get a "good" seat, but it's important for children to take their turn entering the bus, lining up in single file and not trying to push their way through a swarm.

- **No distractions** Children may think that bus rules—no shouting, no throwing things, no horseplay—are just to keep them in line, but there are serious safety issues involved. They should understand the importance of never distracting the bus driver.

- **Stay put** Children are so eager to leave the bus that they often start for the front before the bus has stopped. Let them know that they should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before leaving their seats.

- **Cut the ties** Clothing with drawstrings can be a real danger because loose strings can get caught on the handrails. To be safe, remove drawstrings from your children's jackets and look for backpacks that don't have drawstrings.

- **Heads up** A dropped book can turn into a serious accident if the bus driver doesn't see it. Tell your children to let the bus driver know immediately if they drop something while getting on or off the bus.

- **The inside story** As tempting as it might be to wave through an open window on a sunny day, children need to understand the importance of keeping their hands, arms, and heads inside the bus.

- **Getting there** Figure out the safest route to and from the bus stop and walk it with your children a few times. Make sure they cross streets only at crosswalks or corners, never darting out between parked cars, and that they always look both ways before crossing.

- **Group Bus Stops** Parents (or an adult designated by the parent) must wait with their K-3 students for safety reasons.

- **Reporting** Remind your children that they need to report any bus problems immediately to the driver so that it can be dealt with right away.

It takes only a few minutes to review these bus safety tips with your children. Please, make the time. (Excerpt From "Report to Parents," a service of the National Association of Elementary School Principals)

From the Elementary Principal...

~ Kristi Poel

Here We Go!

The John R. Rodger Elementary staff is excited to begin the 2012-2013 school year! The teachers are planning many exciting opportunities for our students, our Parent Teacher Organization is extremely active and always looking for more volunteers, the custodians have the building sparkling clean, and the teachers have the classrooms looking awesome! Class lists will be posted on the outside window of the elementary school on August 24. Have your student come and see who his/her teacher is! I welcome all parents to stop in and say hello as the school year begins. If you ever have any concerns or suggestions, please call me at 533-8916 x231. Together we will continue to make Bellaire Public Schools a *great place for kids!*

Bellaire Preschool



Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare provides preschool for children **3-5 years of age** at John R. Rodger Elementary School. The emphasis at Bellaire Preschool will be on early literacy skills through a daily literacy based curriculum and school readiness in the forms of social and emotional advancement. They will also be working on cognitive skills, as the children demonstrate that they are developmentally prepared to pursue them.

The cost is \$3.00 per hour and the schedule is flexible week-to-week. It is not too late to sign up! Contact Tonya Dupuie at TDupuie1@mhc.net or call (231) 533-8916 x285.

Before/After School Care

Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare will provide Kid's Club before/after school care for students ages 4 - 12 at John R. Rodger Elementary School. Childcare is available from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and from 3:02 to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per hour and scheduling is flexible. Contact Tonya Dupuie at TDupuie1@mhc.net or call (231) 533-8916 x285.

Elementary Drop-Off and Pick-Up Guidelines

Morning Drop-Off

If you drive your child to school, or if you need to enter the building in the morning, please use the athletic complex driveway, which is the first driveway **beyond** John R. Rodger Elementary School.



As you enter the athletic complex driveway, please have your student ready to exit the passenger side (backpack ready, hugs and kisses, etc...) by the time your car reaches the drop off location. This helps traffic move smoothly. For safety, there are orange cones in the driveway to remind you that there is only one lane of traffic at the drop-off location.

Parents, or students who are dropped off in the morning must enter at the side door – no exceptions. Starting at 7:50 a.m., there is an adult at the side entrance to assist students who are dropped off.

The circle drive in front of the school is used exclusively for busses. The parking lot is for staff only. This system prevents traffic from backing up on the street in front of the school during morning rush.

Drop-off exception: If arriving after 8:15 a.m., please drop off at the circle drive if no busses are present. Students arriving late must check in with Mrs. Castle in the office to obtain a pass before going to class. *Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

Afternoon Pick-Up

If you pick up students after school, please use the athletic complex driveway **beyond** John R. Rodger Elementary School. Cars should line up at the side entrance and an adult will be present to supervise.



Free or Reduced Cost Meals

A free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. Families may complete an application online by visiting lunchapp.com. You may also obtain applications in the school office.

School Meal Accounts

You can access your child's food service account balance and/or add money to the account electronically at sendmoneytoschool.com. If you already have an account it will be the same this year. To set up a new account, please follow the instructions online.



Sports Volunteers Needed

Successful home athletic events need many volunteers to run scoreboards, take tickets, prepare fields, and more. If you would like to join the athletic department volunteer corps, contact Paula McCully or Brad Fischer in the high school office.



**Homecoming
2012**
Friday, October 12

Sponsor an Athlete

All middle and high school athletes must pay a fee to participate in school sports during the 2012-13 school year. Although the fee is nominal and offsets some athletic program costs, it may be difficult for some families to pay given other financial obligations. If you would like to sponsor athletes that struggle to pay the sports participation fee, send a donation to the athletic office where funds will be kept in an account strictly for those in need. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.



College Night

Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District (TBAISD) and Great Lakes Maritime Academy announce the 2012 Traverse Bay Area College Night. High school students throughout the region are invited to attend and meet with representatives from more than 50 colleges. The event is sanctioned by the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Great Lakes Maritime Academy
Hagerty Conference Center
715 Front Street, Traverse City

For more information please contact Jason Jeffrey, 922-6280; or John Berck, Great Lakes Maritime Academy Admissions Office, 995-1200.



Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2012 - 2013

•	Sept	5	First Day of School - Full Day	•
•	Nov	5	No School for Students -	•
•			Regional Staff Development Day	•
•		22-23	No School - Thanksgiving Recess	•
•		26	School Resumes	•
•	Dec	24-31	No School - Winter Recess	•
•	Jan	1-4	No School - Winter Recess	•
•		7	School Resumes	•
•	Mar	25-29	No School - Spring Recess	•
•	Apr	1	No School - Spring Recess	•
•		2	School Resumes	•
•	May	27	No School - Memorial Day	•
•			Regular School Day Schedule:	•
•			Elem 8:05 a.m. - 3:02 p.m.	•
•			MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.	•
•			½ Day School Schedule:	•
•			Elem 8:05 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	•
•			MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	•

Students in Transition Empowerment Program (STEP)

The McKinney-Vento Act states that school districts must ensure the right to a free, appropriate public education for all children, ages 3-17, who are living in transition due to loss of housing. More and more families and youth not living with a parent/guardian find themselves in this situation. Students who do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate overnight residence need assistance. Students who find themselves living in any of the following situations are encouraged to contact the school office as soon as possible:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, camper or campground.
- Temporarily sharing housing with friends or relatives due to economic hardship.
- Unaccompanied youth who are living on their own without parent or guardian.
- Inadequate accommodations – lack of electricity, heat, plumbing, or overcrowding.
- Abandoned buildings or on the street.

Bellaire Public Schools' STEP Coordinator can be reached at 231-533-8015 x223.



School Pictures

Thursday, September 27

Important Notices:

Bellaire Public Schools is required to make several public notices at the beginning of the school year. Please carefully review the next few pages of the newsletter to ensure you have all the information you need for a successful year.

Immunization Requirements

Michigan law* prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new entrants to school without a record of having received at least one dose of each: measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.

Records for all entering kindergarten students and students enrolled from outside the district will be reviewed to ensure immunizations are up-to-date. Notice will be sent to parents or guardians if there is no immunization record upon school entry or if records are incomplete.

Students not in compliance with state immunization requirements will be excluded from school until documentation of immunization is presented. Parents may sign a waiver if they have a religious or other objection to immunizations, or they may provide a statement of objection for medical reasons which has been signed by a physician. Michigan law requires that all students be immunized against the diseases listed in the chart below. Immunizations can be obtained from your physician or health department.

Attention New Students

Immunization/Vision/Hearing Tests Required

A child enrolling in public, private, parochial or denominational school in this state for the first time shall submit one of the following: 1.) A statement signed by a physician that they have been tested for and immunized or protected against diseases specified by the director of public health. 2.) A statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect that the child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or other objections to immunization. 3.) A request signed by a parent or guardian that the local health department gives the needed protective immunization. In addition, a statement showing that a vision and hearing test has been passed is required unless a parent indicates in writing that the child cannot submit to the test because of religious convictions.



Rules for School Shots

The following shots are now required for sixth grade students, and all those starting a new school district:

- 1 dose Meningitis vaccine
 - 1 dose DTaP
 - 2 doses Chickenpox vaccine
- These are recommended for all students age 11-18. The Health Department of NW MI can answer questions at 1-800-432-4121.

Children who have not received the required immunizations WILL BE EXCLUDED from school UNTIL parents provide proof that ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS have been GIVEN, or have a waiver on file.

*Part 92, Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended
 **All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.

***Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with that antigen.

Information provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

For more information, please refer to www.michigan.gov/immunize.

Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan Child Care/Preschool and School Settings

School Entry Requirements				
Vaccine**	Ages 19 mo - 4 years		Ages 4 - 6 years	Ages 7- 18 years
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	4 Doses DTaP		4 Doses DTP or DTaP one dose must be ≥ 4 years	4 Doses D and T OR 3 does Td if #1 given ≥ 7 years of age. Must have 1 dose Tdap if 5 years since last dose.
Pneumococcal Conjugate (Required after January 1, 2007)	16 mo - 18 mo	19 mo - 4 yrs	NONE	NONE
	4 doses OR age appropriate complete series	1 dose ≥24 mo OR age appropriate complete series		
H. Influenzae Type b	1 dose ≥ 15 mo OR age appropriate complete series		NONE	NONE
Polio	3 Doses		4 Doses; if dose 3 administered > 4 years, only 3 doses required.	3 Doses
Measles*** Mumps*** Rubella***	1 Dose ≥ 12 mo.			2 Doses ≥ 12 mo.
Hepatitis B	3 Doses			3 Doses
Meningococcal	NONE		NONE	1 Dose for children 11-18 years of age.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose ≥ 12 mo. OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease		1 dose if given ≥ 12 months of age and prior to 13th birthday OR 2 doses if initiated ≥ 12 mo. of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	

Low-Cost Insurance Program

Two low-cost and/or free health care programs are available for many children, including those in working families. The program requires a monthly premium of \$10 per family with no co-pays or deductibles. To qualify, children must:

- Be citizens of the United States
- Live in Michigan
- Be under 19 years old
- Have no health insurance
- Meet income requirements

Even if families do not meet all of the above criteria, children may still qualify for MICHild health insurance based on other family circumstances. Call 1-888-988-6300 for an application or more information.

Pest Management Advisory

As a part of the Bellaire Public School District's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, and are not already on file, please send a letter of request to the superintendent at 204 W. Forest Home Ave., Bellaire MI 49615, (231) 533-8141.

New Student Registration

Welcome to Bellaire Public Schools! To register a new student with BPS, please contact the appropriate school secretary listed below for information and to verify registration times and procedures.

Elementary School (Grades K-5)
(231) 533-8916 x230

Middle/High School (Grades 6-12)
(231) 533-8015 x224

New registrations will be accepted starting the third week in August. Please call ahead to ensure a secretary will be available. You will be required to provide copy of your child's immunization record, an official copy of your child's birth certificate, and your child's social security card.

Bullying Policy

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student - whether by other students, staff, or third parties (parents, contractors, volunteers, etc.) is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated in the Bellaire schools. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse which causes bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation. Bullying or other aggressive behavior is prohibited during all "at school" activities, including activities on school property, in school vehicles, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function (field trips, athletic events, etc.) The complete Board policy governing this type of behavior, "Bullying - 8260" can be found online in the policy manual on the school's website.

Any student who believes he/she has been or is the victim of bullying or other aggressive behavior must immediately report the situation to the nearest adult (principal, teacher, counselor, volunteer, etc.). Consequences for violation of this policy are listed in the student handbook.

Degree of consequences may vary based upon the severity of the violation. Any acts of bullying that involve fighting will be subject to those consequences as well.

Non-Retaliation/False Reports

Retaliation or false allegations against any person who reports an incident, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, participates in an investigation or inquiry into allegations of bullying or aggressive behavior, is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Suspected retaliation must be reported to the nearest adult as well. Making intentionally false reports about bullying/aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentional false reports may result in discipline action as well.

Complaint Procedure

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs or services may file a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, with the District's Civil Rights Coordinator, Superintendent, Bellaire Public Schools, 204 W. Forest Home Ave., Bellaire, MI 49615. The individual may also, at any time, contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 600 Superior Avenue, Room 750, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2611.



Title I - Right to Know

Your child currently attends a school that receives funds from the Title I, Part A program, a federal supplemental program designed to help children reach high academic standards. In receiving funds from this program the district has a requirement to inform you, as parents of children attending a Title I school, of information available regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). Information will be provided to you upon request and in a timely manner of the following:

- Whether your child's teacher has met Michigan qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Michigan qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of your child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You may request additional information on the level of achievement of your child in each of Michigan's assessments. Michigan uses the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to determine levels of achievement.

You will also receive timely notice if your child is, for whatever reason, assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher is defined as a teacher that meets Michigan's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level of subject area in which the teacher is providing instruction.

Directory Information Release



The law permits that student information known as "directory information" be provided upon request unless parents or an 18 year old student specifically requests that their directory information be withheld from release. This information is used for athletic programs, newsletters, articles for local newspapers, communications with colleges and universities, along with other purposes. This is separate from the request for release of directory information to the military. Directory information shall be defined as:

1. Name, address, and telephone number
2. Date and place of birth
3. Major field of study
4. Participation in school activities
5. Dates of school attendance
6. Honors and awards
7. Photo and video use

Michigan's Attorney General recently included "photos and videos" as directory information as long as parents were informed that the school considered them as such.

Any requests for the non-release of student information must be sent in writing to the address below. Such requests must be renewed annually.

Office of the Superintendent
204 W. Forest Home Ave.
Bellaire, MI 49615

September/October 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 27	28	29 MS/HS Orientation	30	31	September 1
3 No School Labor Day	4 V/JV VB @ Inland Lakes	5 First Day of School MS VB v Mancelona	6 V/JV VB v Mancelona	7	8 V Soccer @ TC Christian V FB @ Ewen-Trout Creek
10 Board of Education Meeting MS VB @ Joburg V Soccer v TC Christian	11 V Soccer @ Forest Area MS FB v Forest Area V/JV VB v Forest Area	12	13 V/JV VB @ Northport	14	15 V FB v Akron-Fairgrove
17 MS VB @ Forest Area	18 V Soccer @ Roscommon MS FB @ Mancelona V/JV VB v Pellston	19 MS VB @ Central Lake	20 V Soccer @ Cheboygan V/JV VB v GTA	21 V FB v Posen	22 MS VB @ Central Lake Invite V VB @ Grayling Invite
24 MS VB @ Mancelona	25 MS FB v Central Lake V Soccer @ McBain NMC V/JV VB @ Gaylord SM	26 MS VB v Joburg	27 School Pictures	28 V Soccer @ Charlevoix V FB @ Brimley	29
October 1	2 MS FB @ Pellston V Soccer v Forest Area	3 MS VB v Forest Area	4 V Soccer v Burt Lake V/JV VB v Manton	5 V/JV FB v Engadine V Soccer @ TC Christian	6 JV VB Bellaire Invite
8 Board of Education Meeting MS FB @ Gaylord SM MS VB v Central Lake	9 V Soccer Confr Crossover V/JV VB @ Onaway College Night	10	11 V Soccer Confr Crossover	12 V/JV FB v Cedarville HOMECOMING	13 Homecoming Dance
15	16 V/JV VB @ Joburg	17	18 V VB @ Central Lake (Dig Pink Game)	19 V/JV FB @ Rapid River	20 V VB @ Bellaire Invite
22	23	24	25 V/JV VB v Ellsworth	26	27
29	30	31			

Dates & Times Subject to Change

Regular School Day Schedule:
Elem 8:05 - 3:02
MS/HS 8:00 - 2:50

½ Day School Schedule:
Elem 8:05 - 12:00
MS/HS 8:00 - 11:45

NEW!

**Free
Breakfast!**

All students in Grades K-5 will have the opportunity to eat breakfast for free each weekday morning. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Kick-start your day in a healthy way!

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Grades K-5 Free

All other grades \$1.35

Elementary Lunch \$2.15

Secondary Lunch \$2.40

Adult \$3.35

No person because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and nutrition programs. Any persons who believes he/she has been discriminated against should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

School Meal Program

Free and reduced cost of the school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. If your family status changes at any time throughout the school year, you are eligible to apply. If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. You can complete an application online by visiting the following website: www.lunchapp.com. You may also find applications at the school office.

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Email Newsletter Delivery

The Bellaire Public Schools newsletter is distributed electronically every two months. Printed copies are available at both school offices, the public library, the Senior Center, and at the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, contact Bellaire Public Schools at 533-8141 and your email address will be added to the database.

Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2012-2013

Meeting Location: Bellaire Middle/High School
 Performing Arts Center
 204 W.Forest Home Ave.
 Bellaire, MI 49615

Time: All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Mon., September 10, 2012.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., October 8, 2012.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., November 12, 2012.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., December 10, 2012.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., January 14, 2013.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., February 11, 2013Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., March 11, 2013.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., April 8, 2013.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., May 13, 2013.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., June 10, 2013.....Regular Business Meeting
 Mon., July 8, 2013Regular Business Meeting*

*This meeting will include Board of Education organizational agenda items for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dining Services

BRAKE FOR BREAKFAST!



Bellaire Public Schools offers Universal FREE BREAKFAST for all enrolled students at John R. Rodger Elementary. Universal breakfast shows that the link between breakfast and learning is a good reason for schools to expand school breakfast programs to reach more students. We know that breakfast improves the results of standardized test scores, attendance, behavior and emotional intelligence. School breakfast provides at least one-fourth of the nutrients needed by a growing child, and students who arrive at school without breakfast miss these important nutrients compromising their academic potential. So please join us for breakfast!

If you need further information or serving times, please contact Eric Matusik, Director of Dining Services, at 231-533-8141 ext. 244

Welcome Back Students!



Bellaire United Way Day of Caring 2012

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