

# The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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### NO School/Early Dismissal Dates and More...

- **March 12 - Bellevue Athletic Booster Supper**
- March 30 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Learning
- April 14-19 - Spring Break
- May 27 - Last Day of School for the school year.
- May 28 - Bellevue High School Graduation
- August 1 & 2 - Registration for students for the 2022-2023 school year
- August 23 - 1st Day of School for the 2022-2023 School Year (state approved date to begin school).



### Weekly COVID Update

Week	Elem	MS/HS
Mar. 11.	○	○
Mar. 4.	○	○
District Total for the School Year (21-22) = 93		

### 2022-2023 School Year

On Monday evening the Bellevue Board of Education had various discussion items, but two of these included the following:

1. The Board approved a **school calendar** for the 2022-2023 school year. A few points of emphasis:

- The **1st day of school** will be on Tuesday, August 23, which is the first day that school can begin in Iowa based on legislative actions in the past.
- The district will have **8 early dismissals** for Teacher Professional Learning this school year. This is an increase from 5 days this year for the same purpose, but not as many as many neighboring schools who have an early dismissal nearly every Wednesday during the school year. The district is working to develop time in our regular schedule for teacher professional learning.
- Winter Break** will run from December 22 through January 4, with school resuming on January 5 based on staff and parent survey input.

2. The Board chose to add a **3rd section of 4th grade** for the 2022-2023 school year based on enrollment numbers. This means that, with current plans, the district will have three sections of Kindergarten through 4th grade in the upcoming school year. The Board believed this was the right decision to assist students and their learning, and will be making adjustments within the current elementary building to “find space” for the classrooms and the various other programs within the school for students.

### Student Learning and Creativity

First-grade students are working on a unit about the “arctic”, and specifically about polar bears. The creativity and “thinking out of the box” are critical for our students. The work of our teachers in collaboration with Mrs. Kellogg in the Makerspace/STEM room is vital for students and their learning in a “hands-on” format.

**Polar Bear Den**

**CHALLENGE:** Design and create a den for polar bears following the Engineering Design Process.

**MATERIALS** (for each group of 3-4 students)  
 Styrofoam plates and packing peanuts  
 Coffee filter, Cotton swabs  
 Blue Tape

**Constraints:** Use only materials provided  
 Each member's polar bear must fit in shelter.  
 10 minutes build time



Bellevue High School Presents

**Super HEROES**

A Comic Book Collaboration  
 March 18 & 19, 2022  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Adults: \$5  
 Students: \$3

