

PTO News

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You make the difference!

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Belle Valley Superintendent

Fifteen years of administrative experience has shown me that exceptional schools share specific characteristics; some of which are easily observable, while other are not.

Classrooms and hallways are filled with materials designed to create curiosity and student work is displayed throughout the entire facility. Excitement of instruction fills the halls and teacher lounge with new, cutting-edge strategies; as students explore their world around them via activities designed to take them beyond the written pages... Beyond their desks... Beyond their classroom... And, into a world that extends well beyond the classroom window.

Two main prerequisites are necessary to take a school to this level of exceptionality. The first is the quality of the classroom teacher. A strong, well-founded teacher is able to create an ambient environment not only conducive to the learning process, but also one that promotes excitement of

learning. This individual demonstrates a sincere love for his/her children and during their year in school, bond to become family. The second prerequisite deals with the support of the parents and community. Past observations in more than five school districts show a distinct relationship. Schools which receive support from their parents and community have students who... demonstrate exceptional academic performance... participate in extra-curricular activities... demonstrate curiosity and excitement in learning... and exhibit a high level of morality and responsibility.

As the title indicates, you make the difference! Every school I have worked in has had exceptional teachers; however, very few have parent/community support. I urge you to become involved in the Belle Valley Family. Join the PTO. Talk to your child's teachers. Visit their classrooms and become involved in their educational life.

It was only yesterday that my first child was born. She is now married and gone. Time is not forgiving... Don't miss your opportunity.

Support students through PTO

Jason Warner

PTO President

Thank you for reading the first edition of this year's PTO newsletter. We have a lot of exciting events planned as we try to build off last year's success.

However, we are always looking for new ideas to help support our schools.

As well as sponsoring after school functions, the PTO also helps foster a quality learning environment for our children by providing funding for various activities and supplies.

Please consider getting involved and attending the PTO meetings which are held the second Tuesday of every month at Belle Valley North's gym.

In between meetings, we hope to keep everyone informed with PTO news and events through this newsletter.

I hope everyone has a terrific school year!

Upcoming events

Aug. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. -- Welcome back skating party at Fun Spot – Free (skate rental \$2/\$4)

Sept. 13 – PTO fundraiser kicks-off

Sept. 14, 7 p.m. -- PTO meeting at Belle Valley North gym

Sept. 16 -- Support the PTO by ordering Papa John's!

Sept. 24, 5 to 7 p.m. – Free skating party at Fun Spot (skate rental \$2/\$4)

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