



# BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## *Celebrating our Past and Empowering our Future*

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As you are aware, the Belvidere School District began to utilize LinkIt! benchmark assessments this year. The purpose of these benchmarks is to gauge the students' level of skill mastery and to provide the teachers with information that will guide them in preparing meaningful lessons for their students. These assessments in no way negatively impact a student's grades. It is simply another method for helping administrators and teachers make data-informed decisions about our curriculum.

LinkIt! provides the district with a vast number of reports to use in our data analysis. One of the features also provides us with the opportunity to give parents/guardians access to their child's score information. You will be receiving an email with the [LinkIt! Parent Portal link](#) and a registration code. LinkIt! information and a tutorial can also be found on each school's website under the Parents tab.

One important thing to note is that LinkIt! uses three forms (Form A-September, Form B-January, Form C-May). Form A assesses the students on skills that they will learn throughout the year, therefore your child's mastery scores may seem low especially since there are skills that they have not yet been taught at the time of the assessment. Our hope is that parents/guardians and teachers can have conversations about the students' skill levels and how to assist students in raising their mastery levels.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher should you have any questions about your child's scores, or me if you have any questions about the LinkIt! platform. We look forward to working closely with you in our goal of assisting our students in finding success!

Sincerely,

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