

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Dear Bartlett Elementary School families,

I hope you have been enjoying a wonderful summer. The Bartlett Elementary staff is excited to welcome back all of our students for the first day of school, Monday, August 16th.

I can't tell you how excited we are to return to school and see everyone back for in-person teaching and learning this year. We are looking forward to learning and growing under the same roof and providing the best quality instruction this school year. We are confident that we will all work together to be successful.

Over the summer break, I spent lots of time with my family and had many opportunities to relax and enjoy being outside, watching baseball, reading, and hanging out with friends. Our BES staff members are also rested, recharged, and looking forward to the 2021-22 school year.

Our school will host some beginning-of-the-year events as part of our efforts to help students successfully return to learning (More information about all of these events will be forthcoming in the coming week):

Thursday, 8/12 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Return-to-Learn Celebration for Families and Staff -Families and staff come to the school grounds in back of the school to celebrate together with games, music, ice cream, and a magician!
Friday, 8/13 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	Kindergarten and First Grade Meet and Greet -Kindergarten and first grade students (and parents) come into the school to see their classroom and meet their teacher before the first day of school.
Monday, 8/16 8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.	First Day of School
Thursday, 8/19 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Back-to-School Night -Parents come to school to meet teachers and hear about important information about learning for the school year.

Here are some general housekeeping tips:

- Just a reminder that U-46 will provide all required school supplies for students in PreK through 6th grade for the 2021-22 school year. We'll have those school supplies ready for students on the first day of school.
- We will not be asking students/guardians to self certify this school year as we did last year. We will be practicing social distancing and requiring all students and staff to wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status. Superintendent Tony Sanders will continue to provide updates on requirements around student masking and other safety measures.

- The District's website is also where you'll find the [official calendar](#) for the 2021-22 school year, including important dates like winter break, school holidays, and the last day of school (May 31, 2022, if no emergency days are used).
- If you still need to complete registration for your child, please visit the District's [Registration Department website page](#) to begin the process online. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our school office at 630-213-5545.
- Teacher assignments for the 2021-2022 school year will be able to be viewed in Infinite Campus on the [Parent Portal](#) beginning on Wednesday, August 11th.
- Students entering Preschool/Early Childhood, kindergarten, 6th, 9th and 12th grade are required to submit health records to school on or before the first day of school. For more information, please visit the District's [Health Services Department section](#).
- Arrival-dismissal information will be sent out to families next week.

Finally, we recommend that you make time for a conversation with your children before August 16th about how they feel about the new school year. We recognize that students have faced social, emotional, and academic challenges since the pandemic began. Talking about their hopes and concerns - and your family's own expectations and school-year routines -- can help everyone start off the year with a positive attitude.

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2021-22 school year. I am grateful and honored to work with our staff, all of our families, and most importantly, our students.

Sincerely,

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