



Bernd Elementary, Where Rigor Is Routine!



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WELCOME BACK

The beginning of the year is such a busy time, but even with so much going on, we still wanted to take the time to welcome each one of our families to the 2023-2024 school year. We have exciting things planned for the year, and we can't wait to share more information with each of you as time permits.

We are continuing to ensure our vision for each student is met: Students are empowered to learn, lead, innovate, and serve as productive and caring citizens within their chosen paths of success. Our mission helps us get there: Learning and Leading Together: For EACH, For ALL.

At Bernd Elementary we are committed to Leadership. Scholarship. Citizenship. Stay tuned for more, but know our theme is **Leadership Is Magical!**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council is an important decision-making body of the school. We have sent out an electronic form to gather nominations before voting on our Council members for the year. If you don't have access to the electronic form, we have provided a paper nomination form. Be on the look-out for either the electronic nomination form (sent through Remind) or the paper nomination form.

The Council meets 4 times each year, and those meetings have already been scheduled. The meetings will be held via TEAMS. We have a clear focus each meeting, and meetings are held to 30 minutes. Discussions are for the advancement of our students and school environment.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Transportation numbers have been assigned to each student, regardless of whether they are picked up or ride a bus. We will begin using numbers Monday, August 07, 2023. When picking up students through carpool, please have the student's transportation number available, displayed in the front window.

To keep our students safe, all parents are to remain in the car and come through the line. This decreases confusion for students. The line is longer this year; we ask that you please be patient.

Students will not be called for dismissal if parents walk up to the door to retrieve the child until those who remain in the vehicles have been called. You may consider bus transportation or coming later in the dismissal process to reduce wait time.

ATTENDANCE & THE LEADER IN ME

As a point of reminder, the following is our school schedule:

Doors Open: 7:45 (no student should be dropped off before 7:45; they will be unattended)

Breakfast: 7:45-8:15

Tardy Bell: 8:20 (Instruction begins at this time)

Dismissal: 3:20

It is important that you ensure students are on time and ready to begin their day, each day. As a leader, we ask that you be proactive and arrive to school on time. Students cannot learn if they are not here. We encourage ALL students to STRIVE for FIVE this year – ensure students are at school whenever possible, missing no more than 5 days of school! Don't be late; you'll miss something great!

Please be reminded the TARDY BELL rings @ 8:20 a.m. Students arriving at 8:20 a.m. are tardy and begin their day behind. Also, students leaving at any point during the day are considered tardy.

#eastsideoutloud

#wearebernd

#raiderpride

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 01-August 25: School-wide PBIS Point Window

August 04: PBIS Kick-Off Event

August 05: (9:00-12:00) Raiderfest 2023

August 21: (5:00-6:30) Clarity in Communication

August 25 (2:15-3:05) Raider Readiness

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Bernd's 21st Century Afterschool Program is slated to begin soon. Ensure you have signed up for this opportunity if you are interested. It will be open to K-5 students; we will have approximately 80 slots. Get your application and need identified quickly. If you need information regarding the program or registration, please contact the school.