



# BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear BES Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday, August 29! This is just a brief informational letter to ensure you have all of the important information for the first day. The students will bring home a lot of additional information on Monday!

## **START of the School Day**

All students will enter through the main door beginning at 7:25. If your child wishes to have breakfast (which is no longer free), they will go directly to the cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:25-7:40. After 7:40 a breakfast bag will be made available for the students to have at snack time. The day officially begins at 7:50, and it is important that all students are in the building by that time. Any student who arrives after 7:50 is considered tardy.

## **DISMISSAL**

Dismissal will happen the same way it did last year. The bussers and students going to the Boys and Girls Club will be dismissed at 2:30 when the buses arrive. Walkers will be dismissed as soon as the buses leave the parking lot. Car pick up will begin once the cones are moved. Older kids (grades 3-6) will be on the road side. Younger students (K-2) will be on the building side. If you have a younger and an older child, they will be on the building side together. This may change as the year gets going. Please do not block the entrance to the parking lot and get in line to wait your turn for pick up. We appreciate your support to make this process run smoothly.

## **COVID POLICIES**

Recommendations regarding Covid are continually changing. You will receive the most updated SAU 35 protocols on Monday. In the meantime, please do not send your child to school if they have any Covid symptoms. If your child has Covid, they must isolate for five days following a positive test, and we will be recommending mask wearing upon their return to school for an additional five days. A much more detailed explanation will be released on Monday.

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL LUNCH SIGN UPS**

If you would like to sign your child up for lunch for the first day of school, please visit the link here to sign them up:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSc2ySg\\_p84pWeuV2pzgy4SKnj1o0WkXgGARGnjCGCum\\_wsk1Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSc2ySg_p84pWeuV2pzgy4SKnj1o0WkXgGARGnjCGCum_wsk1Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

***PLEASE BE AWARE, SCHOOL MEALS ARE NO LONGER FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS.***  
*The cost for breakfast is \$1.75, the cost of lunch is \$2.75. Ordering just milk (for breakfast or lunch) or juice (breakfast only) is \$.60.*

As we continue through the year, students are to order lunches a day ahead. For instance, on the first day of school, students will be asked if they would like a lunch from school for Tuesday, August 30th. This will continue for the rest of the year. Emergency lunches can be made if a student forgets to sign up for lunch, however, please be aware that it might not be what is on the menu for that day.

We ask that all student lunch accounts remain in the positive as much as possible. Monthly account statements will be sent home with children as we continue back into the "normal" lunch procedures. You can send money in for your child's account at any time, check is best but cash in a SEALED & LABELED envelope or bag is also ok. You can also access your child's MealTime account online at [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) . However, those account numbers will not be available to you until the first day of school paperwork goes home with your student. After you have that account number, you can access your kiddo's account using that website to check balances and add money to your child's account. Please be aware, if you use the online method for paying for your child's lunches, there is a minimum deposit amount of \$20.00 per transaction.

Enjoy the last weekend of summer! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me!

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