

# HELLO BES FAMILIES!



The BES staff hopes that you have all had an amazing summer! We are excited to see all of your wonderful kiddos! As we approach the **first day of school, Monday, August 28th**, we want to remind you all of a few details for the new year. **Important changes will be in red ink.**

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***K-6 School Day*** runs from 7:50 AM - 2:30 PM.

**We ask that students DO NOT get dropped off before 7:25 AM.** Students will come in the main entrance and either be directed to the cafeteria if getting breakfast from school or outside for morning recess. Morning recess ends at 7:45 and students will be sent to their classrooms for a 7:50 start time. Children are marked tardy after 7:50.

**Dismissal will start at 2:30.** Bussers are dismissed on the first bell, followed by walkers on the second bell, and lastly car pick ups on the third bell. Students in grades K-3 will be on the side closest to the school while 4-6 will be on the side closest to the road.

Please remember NOT to pass other cars in the lines in the mornings and the afternoons for a safe arrival and dismissal environment.

***Preschool School Day*** runs from 8:00 AM - 11:30 PM.

Preschool parents are asked to park out front (pull as far forward in the circle as you can) and walk their child down to the side door (handicap entrance) to meet PreK staff. Students will also exit that door as well at 11:30.

Preschool students who show up after 8:05 are marked tardy and will need to be dropped off at the main office to check in and be walked to class by a staff member.

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## ***Notchview Transportation***

Our new bus company is Notchview Transportation. Please contact them via email at [kim@notchviewtransport.com](mailto:kim@notchviewtransport.com) to sign your child up if you have not already done so or via phone (603-823-3377) during the school year for time-sensitive information or needs.

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## **Breakfast \$1.85 & Lunch \$2.85**

We will be sending home Free & Reduced Meal Applications to all families for the upcoming school year. We strongly encourage all families to apply and try for assistance through this program. **Families who qualified for free or reduced lunches last year MUST apply again for this school year.** We process those applications as we get them in and will let families know as soon as we can if they qualified or not for the program.



## School Dismissal Manager (SDM)

**NEW BES FAMILIES:** BES uses a dismissal program called School Dismissal Manager. This allows parents to set default dismissal options for the school year, as well as make changes for individual days. *We use this daily to ensure that students are dismissed correctly.* Please be on the lookout for an invitation to join SDM for BES. Once you are in, please update your child's default dismissal. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Kerstetter at

[nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us](mailto:nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us). You can use a web browser to access the website or you can download the app from the app stores; <https://www.schooldismissalmanager.com/default.asp>.

**RETURNING BES FAMILIES:** Returning BES families, please go into your SDM account and update your child's dismissal plan for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Kerstetter at [nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us](mailto:nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us).

**ALL FAMILIES:** Parent cut off time to change your child's dismissal for the day is 1:30PM on full days and 11:00AM on early release days. After that time, you will need to CALL the school to change your child's dismissal. We understand that things come up for families but ask, if at all possible, that changes to your child's dismissal are made before 2:00PM as the end of the day dismissal is very very busy here in the office.

BES will continue to update families with important information using our Class Dojo and TeacherEase platforms. Your child's classroom teacher can get you set up with Class Dojo. The website is also a great place to locate information throughout the year as well as locate calendars, upcoming important dates and events, as well as updated breakfast and lunch menus. **Additionally, we are reinstating a Parent Google Calendar this year. This will have all upcoming events on it as well as after-school activities and times once that starts back up as well. This will be relatively global for school-wide events and any class events that the office is made aware of.**



### **Parent/Student Handbook 2023-2024**

The Student & Parent Handbook for the 2023-2024 School Year will be going home on the first day. We ask that parents review this document with your child(ren). **Complete and return the signature page at the back of the handbook by Thursday, August 31st.**

**Student Accident Insurance** information can be found on the BES website at the bottom of the main page. However, we are waiting at this time for the updated information from the company so please stay tuned.

**Parents and guardians:** Visitations to the school will remain by appointment only. If you need to talk with teachers or administration please contact us to set up an appointment.

**Beginning of the year packets** will be sent home with your child on the first day of school, which include:

- Emergency Contact Form
- Free & Reduced Meal Application
  - SWAN Program Sign Up
- Internet & Google Agreements
  - Photo/Video Permission
  - Walking Permission Form
- **Proof of Residency Request**

Those forms are due **Thursday, August 31st.**

**Fall Picture Day is set to be Wednesday, September 6th.**

**Rain date is Wednesday, September 13th.**