

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 back here for the 2022-2023 school year. As we approach the **first day of school, Monday, August 29th, 2022**, we want to remind you all of a few details for the new year.



START & END TIME FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (Kindergarten - 6th)

The school day will run from **7:50 AM - 2:30 PM** for the year. **Students may not enter the building before 7:25 AM daily.** Children will be marked tardy if they have not arrived by 7:50 AM.

Dismissal will start at 2:30 PM. Bussers are dismissed on the first bell, followed by walkers on the second bell and lastly car pick ups on the third bell.

START & END TIME FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (Preschool)

The preschool school day runs from 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM. 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 school staff. Students will also exit that door as well at 11:30.

W.W. Berry Bus Company

A reminder to please contact the bus company directly if you need to arrange transportation to or from school using the bus, or if you have any questions about riding the bus. Their number is **(603)636-6100**.

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 at the end of the day.* 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. 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>

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Kerstetter at nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us

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



BES will continue to update families with important information using our web page, bethlehem.k12.nh.us, as well as on the BES Class Dojo page. Your child's classroom teacher can get you set up with Class Dojo. Please visit both locations often for school updates, important information, breakfast and lunch menus, and upcoming events. Additionally, we recommend you add our BES Parent Calendar on Google; the link can be found on the website under "Calendar of Events." Time sensitive updates will continue to be sent via system-wide phone calls, text messages, and emails to the most updated primary contacts. **Be advised, we have a new alert system—please be patient as we work through this new program. More information to come on what this will look like for parents/guardians in the future.**

Parent/Student Handbook 2022-2023

There is a new Student & Parent Handbook for the 2022-2023 School Year. We ask that parents review this document with your child(ren) when it goes home on the first day and complete the signature page at the back of the handbook. Please return that page to school no later than Thursday, September 8th, 2022.

Student Accident Insurance information can now be found on the BES website at the bottom of the main page.

Parents and guardians: Visitations to the school will remain by appointment only, as they have been for the last two years. 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; this includes the Emergency Contact Form, Free & Reduced Meal Application, SWAN Program Sign Up, Internet & Google Agreements, Photo/Video Permission, as well as the Walking Permission Form. If you have any questions about these forms, please contact the office. Please return those no later than Thursday, September 8th, 2021.

Fall Picture Day is set to be **Wednesday, September 7th, 2022.** If it rains that day, we will set up a make up session with Sandy Hamilton. Any changes will be promptly communicated.

Breakfast & Lunch for 2022-2023

Please be aware that meals are no longer free for all BES students. We will be sending home Free & Reduced Meal Applications to all families for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in applying for that program, please complete the form sent home on the first day of school and return it to BES ASAP. Families who qualified for free or reduced lunches last year **MUST** apply again for this school year.