




Benfield Elementary School

"The strength of the team is each individual member; the strength of each individual member is the team."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Family Newsletter



Greetings Benfield Families,

On the eve of the 2019-2020 school year, our staff is excited to welcome all our children tomorrow. Our classrooms are prepared for the school year and the building is sparkling! Everyone at Benfield Elementary is so enthusiastic about the school year and having the opportunity to teach your children.

We are looking forward to having a great school year!

First Day Updates:

To ensure your child understands how to get home from school, please have them arrive to school the same way they will go home.

During the morning and afternoon, some parents like to park and walk up and pick up their children. Please be sure to use the crosswalk and not walk through the cars in the line. The staff on duty will be placing cones to ensure the safety of all. Please be patient as we want to ensure the safety for all at arrival and dismissal time.

School Meals

The monthly lunch menus and link to pay online for school meals can be found [here](#). This is a very convenient way to manage the lunch account and ensure your child always has the funds to purchase lunch at school.

Sue Myers, Principal

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Looking Ahead

September

- 3rd First Day of School for students in First – Fifth Grades
- 3rd-4th Kindergarten Conferences
- 5th-9th Staggered Entrance for Kindergarten
- 3rd-5th ECI Conferences
- 6th First day for ECI Students
- 9th PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10th First day for all Kindergarten Students
Breakfast - Kindergarten Families
- 17th Volunteer Orientation, 9:45 a.m.
- 19th Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 26th Picture Day, Individual
- 30th Rosh Hashanah, No School



We Are Going to ROCK It this Year!



Federal Impact Aid Survey Form

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and:

Elementary Schools – **return it to your child’s school, Benfield Elementary.**

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children’s names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian’s Employer if they work on Federal Property**, the **complete address of the Federal Property on which they work**, and **each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019.

We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.

Benfield Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

Bus Transportation



Students must ride the bus that serves his or her community. The only approved purpose for changing buses is for daycare

within the Benfield boundaries and a five-day notice must be given in order to obtain final approval from transportation.

An Exceptional Transportation Request form is required for all daycare situations and must be obtained from the school office.

We cannot approve after school visits with classmates as a reason to change buses. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

School Security



During the summer our scanning technology and software were updated.

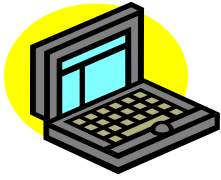
Due to this update, all visitors will have to be scanned in upon arrival to the building. Please be prepared to show your identification as the new system did not upload the old data. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fire Lane Parking

Please do not park in the fire lane while visiting or picking up and dropping off students at the school. Instead, park in a designated parking space on the parking lot. Please help us stay in compliance with fire safety regulations.



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Communicating with Your School Nurse



Parents/Guardians - Keep Your School Nurse Up to date:



1. Be sure to inform your school nurse about your child's health conditions or other special health needs in order to plan for safe management at school. Chronic health conditions include, but are not limited to, asthma, seizures, diabetes or life-threatening food/insect allergies.
2. Remember to provide your school nurse with current emergency contact information.
3. Tell your school nurse if your child's health condition interferes with school attendance.
4. Make sure to tell your school nurse about any medications and medical treatments your child requires during the school day. The Parents to Request to Administer medication at school form to download is <https://www.aahealth.org/parents-request-to-administer-medication-at-school-form/>
5. The Parents to Request to Administer Medication form needs to be completed, with the medication in a pharmacy labeled container. Any over the counter medication (i.e.: Tylenol/Motrin/eye drops...) needs to be in an unopened container and accompany the Parents to Request to Administer Medication form.
6. Students can **NOT** carry any medication to school in backpacks or lunch boxes. Adults need to hand carry ALL medications to the Health room with appropriate forms.
7. **FIRST STOP** should be the Health room if your child had suffered any injury/concussion outside of school. The proper PE/Recess restriction forms need to be obtained by the doctor and returned to school.
8. Tell your school nurse about any changes in your child's health. This includes communicable diseases (FLU/Strep/Mono/Pink Eye....), injuries sustained outside school or nuisance conditions for example: lice.
9. Speak to the school nurse if you need to obtain information about health insurance for your child.



Any questions or health related concerns?

Please contact your school nurse: **Patty Bellotte at 410-222-6557.**

Working Together for a Safe
and Healthy School Year!

Anne Arundel County Department of Health
School Health Services

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