

Balmville Elementary School Parent Monthly Newsletter - October 2020

October 5-First day of Phase II (in person learning) school for Pre-K-- 2nd grade.

Blue cohort: (Monday & Tuesday) Gold cohort: (Thursday & Friday)

October 12th:- No School Columbus Day: Indigenous Peoples' Day

THE BALMVILLE FACULTY & STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PTA FOR THEIR SUPPORT AS WE GO INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR.

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We can be found on Facebook as well.

We are still taking new memberships!



Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a great summer. We deeply miss our students since March and can't wait to see them again in October. We are devastated that we also missed the month of September with our children. At Balmville, we love our scholars. We hope that you are staying safe and healthy! As we transition to in person learning, please remember the following:

- Your child must wear a mask every day to school.
- Your child should be learning virtually when they are not physically in school.
- Please send excused notes when your child is ill as they are mandatory as per NYS Policy.
- **Blue cohort: (Monday & Tuesday)**
- **Gold cohort: (Thursday & Friday)**
- **Student Start: Virtual: 9:15am**
- **Student End: Virtual: 3:15pm**
- **Remind your child to wash his/her hands frequently.**
- **The Office of Transportation will post information about bus routes on the NECSD Website. Please remember to log on to see the information.**
- **School bus information will be mailed out by the district on Tuesday, September 29th and will be available electronically on the portal and website early next week.**
- Your child's teacher should have informed each scholar as to whether he/she is in the blue or gold cohort. If you are unclear, please call or email us at the Main Office.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL EVERYDAY PLEASE MAKE SURE THEIR TEACHER IS AWARE!

Health Office Reminders for Families:

All students are mandated to be up to date on their vaccines and physical exams. The most commonly needed vaccines, in addition to those required for PreK, are:

For K- The second varicella and MMR

For 6th grade- Tdap

Always check with your healthcare provider for what is needed individually for your child. We follow the NYS guidelines.

Physical Exams are required for Pre-K or K, and grades 1, 3, 5.

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You can find a full list of all requirements on the NECSD website under Health Services. **Please remember that your child will not be allowed in school without proper vaccinations.**

Safety Concerns:

As we transition in the building physically, please note that we have taken several measures to ensure that your child is kept safe during the COVID Pandemic. The measures are as follows:

- For student re-entry, our floors are labeled to mark six feet social distancing.
- All hallways have been labeled with signs to mark six feet social distancing.
- Hand sanitizers have been installed throughout the building and our custodial staff maintains a clean up schedule.
- Breakfast and lunch will occur in the classroom.
- A temperature scanner has been installed at every entrance and exit. Every student's temperature will be checked upon entering the building.
- All students, employees and visitors must wear a mask when on school grounds.
- In terms of transportation, students must sit every other row and must wear their masks while on the bus.
- There will be a schedule for the bathroom. However, if there's an emergency where a student must use the bathroom, then he/she will be permitted to do so.
- There will be a schedule for recess. Before and after recess, all playground equipment will be sanitized and disinfected.

Below are some resources that you can read for your reference about our re-opening.

Resources:

[Phase in schedule](#)

[Cohort calendar](#)

[Mask guidance](#)

[Re-open Family Guidebook](#)

WE WILL SEE SOME OF YOU ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.