



What's New at BEW

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Welcome to 2019-20 School Year!!



Welcome to a new school year! We hope everyone is ready to start a new year of learning. There are a few new faces (and a few returning faces) at BEW this year. We welcome back Mr. Guilda to 4th grade! We would also like to welcome Miss Maxwell (K) and Ms. Light (1st) from BEE. Congratulations to Miss Snider, a Title One tutor for the past several years, who will now teach 1st grade! BEW has the addition of new Title One tutor, Mrs. O'Hara and new PBIS tutor, Miss Syroid. We also want to note a few changes in some teaching positions this year. Mrs. Littlejohn will now be teaching technology. Mrs. Flaker will be joining our 4th grade team. Currently, we are looking to hire a new Spanish teacher as Mrs. Monaco returned to her previous position.

We wish everyone well as they start of a new school year!

To start your student's year off on the right note, here are a few important reminders...

- Check your student's purple folder every night. Important information is sent home through these folders.
- **Reading is an essential part of a child's education! Students should be reading every night for at least 20 minutes. Read with them!**
- Be sure your student knows their lunch number—practice it with them!
- **Students should know basic math facts. Be sure to practice their facts**

at home every night!

- Please put your student's name on their book bag, lunch box, coats and other personal belongings.
- **Ask your student about their day. Attend school activities, including conferences and PTA meetings and events.**

At BEW all students are expected to:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

& Be Kind

Talk about these expectations with your students. Model what these expectations should look like. This will help all to have a great year!



Monthly Newsletter

August

Date to Remember

- Class List posted—Friday, Aug. 16 at 4pm
- Open House—Aug. 20 from 4:30pm-6:00pm
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Informational Meeting for 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee—Aug. 20 at 4:00pm in the cafeteria
- First Day of School for students in grades 1-4—Aug. 21
- Staggered Start for Kindergarten Students—Aug. 21 (A-H), Aug. 22 (I-P), Aug. 23 (Q-Z); Drop off at 9:00am with meeting 9:15am
- First Day of School for ALL kindergarten students—Aug. 26
- PTA's Boo-Hoo Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents—Aug. 26 at 8:45am
- No School—Labor Day Sept. 2

Happy Birthday!!



We appreciate parents wanting to celebrate their student's birthday while at school. However, we are asking not to have flowers, balloons and other gifts delivered to school. Please save these items for home. They tend to be a distraction at school and often a safety hazard at dismissal time. We encourage students to celebrate by bringing a treat to share with their classmates. *According to the Student Handbook, treats should be individually pre-wrapped treats and of nutritional value.* A list of recommended treats are in the handbook.

Thank you for your understanding.

BUS RULES!!!

Keep in mind these few rules if your student rides the school bus....

- 1) Stay seated until you get off the bus
- 2) Use a Level 1 voice (quiet voice) on the bus
- 3) Keep your hands and feet to self at all times!
- 4) Always use kind words!
- 5) No food, candy or drinks on the bus

****If a student does not follow these rules, they can be written up and lose bus privileges.***



End of the Day...Here's the Scoop...



BEW will continue our dismissal pattern in the back parking lots after school. We have included a traffic plan for you to familiarize yourself with the pattern. ***Kindergarten students and their siblings will be picked up in the FRONT parking lot off of Shannon Ave. Third and fourth graders will also be picked up in this lot. First and second graders will be picked up in the BACK lot off of Shannon Ave. Siblings should go with the youngest student's homeroom for dismissal.*** Dismissal time for car riders is 3:25 p.m. except for kindergarten ONLY students who will be released at 3:15 p.m. It is recommended that no one lineup for dismissal until 3:00 p.m. ***Please stay in your car and in your lane of traffic to help speed up our dismissal process.***

Walkers will be released at 3:20 p.m. out of the side door facing Shannon Ave. We are asking parents to wait for their walkers ***on the sidewalk on Shannon Ave. Teachers will walk them up to the sidewalk to meet you. DO NOT PARK in the parking lot while waiting for your student. Please park across the street. Due to our traffic pattern, it will not be possible for cars to get out of the lot. Traffic in our lot is ONE WAY.***

A student's instructional day does not end until **3:25 p.m.** Valuable instruction is missed when students leave school early. Please make every attempt to keep students in the classroom the entire school day. Calls to the classroom interrupts students' learning. *According to our Student Handbook, "phone calls regarding student's dismissal procedures are unacceptable unless it is an emergency situation. Any change in your student's established dismissal routine (such as going to another relative or friend's house, not riding the bus, change in bus stop, latch-key plans, etc.) MUST be in writing from the parent and given to the classroom teacher before the 8:55 a.m. bell."* We are asking that you please **DO NOT** call the school during the day with this type of information unless it is an emergency. A doctor's note or other documentation may be required. Please understand, this is district policy.



We hope that with everyone's cooperation and patience, dismissal will go smoothly again this year. It is our main priority to keep our students safe. We have over 650 students at Barberton Elementary West and want to see a timely but SAFE dismissal for all students. If we have to make adjustments along the way, we will be sure to let you know!

New Student Attendance Laws



Daily attendance is important to student learning. While we understand that students get sick and family emergencies happen, we also know that learning is missed when a student is absent. Although some homework can be made up, there is hands-on learning that takes place in the classroom daily. Please try to have your student be a **HERO** (Here, Every-day, Ready-to-learn and On-time!)

New state attendance laws will be now measured in hours. Barberton City Schools continues to review their attendance policies. Students will have ‘**excessive absences**’ when:

- Absent **38 or more hours in one month** with or without a legitimate excuse
- Absent **65 or more hours in one year** with or without a legitimate excuse

Students will be considered ‘**habitually truant**’ when they are:

- absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse
- Absent 42 or more hours in a month without a legitimate excuse
- Absent 72 or more hours in a school year without a legitimate excuse

Attendance will be docu-

mented on the report cards. By hours. Attendance Intervention Meetings may be held when attendance becomes a concern. A plan may be put in place.

Legitimate excuses for attendance purposes are defined as follows:

- Illness of student
- Illness of family requiring presence of student
- Quarantine of home
- Death of relative
- Medical or dental appointment
- Observance of religious holiday
- Emergency or other circumstance in which school deems sufficient cause to miss



INFO-SNAP—Online Emergency Forms

Be sure to complete/update all online emergency forms for your

student!

This information is very important for the office staff and teachers in case of emergency. Students are not permitted to attend field trips or use chromebooks until their forms are completed!

A computer is available in the office for you to use if needed.

CLASS LISTS

Class Lists will be posted for grades 1-4 on Friday, August 16 at 4pm.

Kindergarten class lists will be posted on Friday, August 23 at 5pm.



MAGIC Time

What you need to know



Once again, Barberton schools will be participating Magic Time. This is a ONE HOUR delayed start in the morning once a month. The extra hour will allow our teachers time to collaborate with other teams and teachers from other schools that they might not normally have time to see.

PLAN AHEAD NOW!

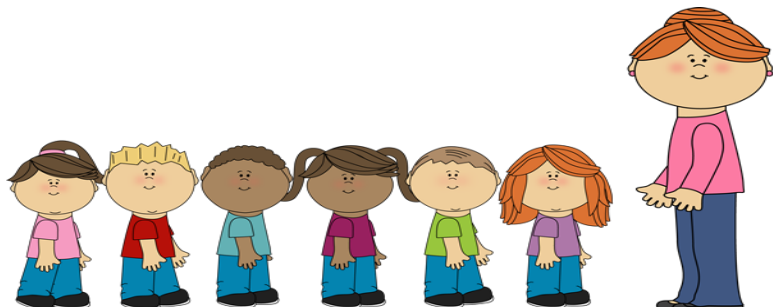
While busses will continue to run at their normal time and breakfast will be served at normal time, we are encouraging parents to drop their student off at our delayed start time of **9:45am**. The tardy bell will ring at **9:55am**. This will allow our teachers and staff to take full advantage of their additional professional time.

The MAGIC Time dates for the year are

September 11	October 9
November 13	December 11
January 15	February 12
March 11	May 13

The BEW Way!!!

- 1. Be Responsible**
- 2. Be Respectful**
- 3. Be Ready to Learn**



Friendly Reminders!

Doors do not open for breakfast until 8:20am.

Students not going to breakfast should not be dropped off until 8:40am—*there is no adult on duty until that time!!*

Students should be in class by 8:55am or they will be considered late.

Your student will get a purple folder. Be sure to check it every night. Important information and homework is sent home through their folders.

Read with your student every night for at least 20 minutes. Your student will be a better reader.

Practice letters, sounds, sight words, numbers and math facts at night!

