



Principal - Dr. Lauren Kefalonitis Assistant Principal - Mrs. Torri Bailey

About us

We are a neighborhood school with a supportive and diverse school community. Our family atmosphere extends beyond the school day. We have a dedicated and positive staff that strive to meet the needs of each student while building character, excellence, and success.

Expectations

Attendance

Students are expected to be in school and arrive on time. Upon return from an absence, please send a note to the teacher explaining the reason for the absence. A student must be present for half of the school's regular instructional day in order to be recorded as present for that day. The midpoint of the school day is 11:15 am.

Below are valid/lawful excuses for temporary nonattendance:

- 1. Illness or injury
- 2. Quarantine
- 3. Death in the immediate family
- 4. Medical or dental appointments
- 5. Court or administrative proceedings
- 6. Religious observances
- 7. Educational opportunity: When the absence is to take advantage of an extraordinary and valid educational opportunity, such as travel or experience that supports career and college ready skills, requests for excused educational opportunities may be submitted in writing, in advance of the opportunity. The request should include the learning objective of the opportunity, and describe how the objective links to coursework or educational development of the student. Such experiences may include cultural exposure or experiences with clear alignment to course content standards for elementary and middle school levels, or college tours. Approval for such an absence must be granted prior to the absence by the principal. <u>General travel and family vacations will not be excused</u>.
- 8. Absences related to deployment activities: A student whose parent/legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting for the purpose of visiting said parent/legal guardian. [NCGS 115C-407.5, current School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual Article V (E).]

Tardiness

Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are tardy and should report to the office before going to class. Any student arriving tardy needs to be signed in by a parent or quardian. Excessive tardiness is unacceptable.

Early Release

If you should need to pick up your child early for any reason, please come to the office. The teacher will not release your child without approval from the office. Proper identification is required. Early release must occur before 1:45p.m.

Behavior

As a school who embraces the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Model, we have shared school wide expectations. Dynamic Dolphins use their FINS, which means we are <u>F</u>riendly, <u>I</u>n Charge of Ourselves, <u>N</u>oble, and <u>S</u>afe. Specific behaviors are taught for each area of the school including the Cafeteria, Classroom, and Hallways. If students need help following the rules, they may receive interventions or consequences from a teacher, support staff member, or administrator.

School Bus

Riding the school bus is a privilege extended to students that can be taken away anytime for disruptive or abusive behavior. All students transported are under the authority of the bus driver. There are four basic rules that all students are expected to consistently follow:

- 1. Sit back in your assigned seat.
- 2. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- 3. Use appropriate language and a quiet voice.
- 4. Avoid eating, drinking, or chewing gum.

Medication

If your child should need medication during the school day, the school nurse must have a completed Physician's Authorization Form. All medication will be kept in the office. District policy prohibits school personnel from dispensing over-the-counter medication to students without a Physician's Authorization Form.

Fire and Emergency Drills

When a signal is sounded, follow the directions given in the classroom. Students should line up quietly and leave the building quickly and quietly and walk in an orderly manner. At the end of the drill, students should quickly return to the classrooms by the same route.

Homework/Classwork

Successful students are well organized. It is the student's responsibility to come prepared for class with the necessary supplies, homework, and appropriate attitude for learning. Each student needs a quiet, organized area for doing homework, supplemental reading, and studying. Please check your child's folder each evening for homework, returned classwork and any papers that need to be signed and returned.

Parent Involvement

The Bradley Creek parents are a vital component of the school partnership in educating our students. Parent volunteers help with school events, tutoring, special programs, as well as serve as WatchDog Dads, Mighty Moms, and School Improvement Representatives. Please join our amazing Parent Teacher Association. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school.

Visitors and Volunteers

Parents are strongly encouraged to visit and volunteer at our school. Visitors and volunteers must check in with the staff in the front office upon arrival, sign in and obtain a visitor's sticker. All visitors are volunteers and must wear a sticker at all times and must check out through the office before leaving the school.

Community Eligibility Provision: Food Service

All students have the opportunity to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of family income. Families will not need to fill out an application for school meals if all of their students are attending a CEP school. To find out more information about CEP please visit http://www.nhcs.net/nutrition/.