

BKE Kiefer Chronicle

2020/2021 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

WELCOME TO BETTY KIEFER!

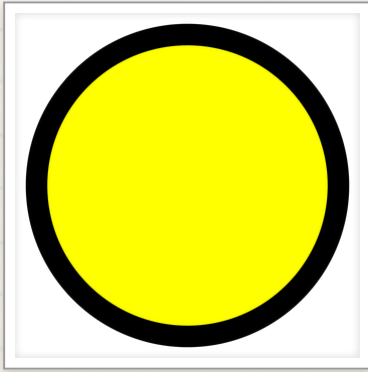
Welcome to Betty Kiefer! To those returning, we are happy to have you back. To our new families, you are going to love the family feel and overall climate when you walk through BKE's doors. BKE is a great place for students to learn and grow academically, learn effective leadership skills, and grow into students with high moral character. Our school is unique because it is a family, dedicated to our ultimate goal of fostering staff and students that can think critically and ethically in any given situation with empathy for others. While this year may pose challenges, we want you to know that your child's safety is our #1 priority. We have made alterations to classrooms, schedules, and several other protocols to adhere to guidelines given to us by health professionals. Please be sure to read through all of the information below to ensure we are all starting the year off on the same page. Here's to a fantastic start to a new school year!



[BKE REOPEN PLAN--PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be posted on Friday, September 4th after 4:00 p.m.



YELLOW PHASE

We will be starting the year in the YELLOW PHASE. Our School Board will continue to monitor the status of our community through collaboration with Panhandle Health. At this time, face coverings (masks/shields) will be recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained.

LAKELAND ONLINE ACADEMY CHROMEBOOK CHECK-OUT

We will be holding a check-out for **LOA students ONLY** at this time.

When: Thursday, 9/3, 9am-4pm & Friday, 9/4, 9am-4pm

Where: @ BKE

Please come to BKE if you are in need of a Chromebook for LOA. Insurance forms will be available.

BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Since we are unable to meet in person for our Back to School Meet and Greet, we wanted to make sure your student(s) still had a chance to see the teachers! Please click on the links below that pertain to your child(ren):

[1st Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

[3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

[5th Grade](#)

[Counselor](#)

[Title 1](#)

[SWD](#)

(Kindergarten will be having a separate orientation. If you have not had a chance to schedule your time, please contact our front office. Thank you!)



ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

We have revamped our arrival and dismissal for the 2020/2021 school year. Please refer to the map shown. Also, please watch [this video](#) for more information and a demonstration of what this year will look like.

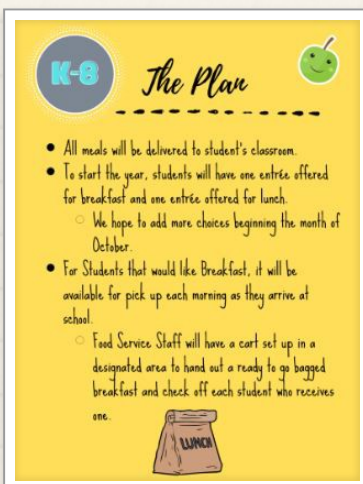
Some things to remember:

- Students can be dropped off on both the North and South lanes
- Students will have designated pick up areas (K-2 North, 3-5 South)
- Bus lane is now along Nagel
- Please do not park in the lanes--use the parking lot
- Follow signs posted

Thank you so much in advance for your assistance in ensuring this is a smooth transition! We appreciate your support!

NO LATE START MONDAY

Please remember that we will NOT have late start Monday. Students will attend school Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Students will be eating breakfast and lunch in their classrooms this year. If your child will be eating breakfast the following day, their teacher will make note of this so they can pick up their breakfast the next morning. As of now, there will be one hot lunch choice. Please note that microwaves are not available for student use.

School Begins
Mon-Fri: First Bell 9:00 am Tasty Bell 9:05

Morning Recess

Grade Levels	Recess Time
K/1st	10:00-10:15
1st/2nd	10:15-10:30
2nd/3rd	10:30-10:45

Lunch Schedule

Grade	Lunch	Recess	Return to class
K	11:35	11:35	11:45
1	11:30	11:50	12:00
2	11:45	12:05	12:15
3	12:00	12:20	12:30
4	12:15	12:35	12:45
5	12:30	12:50	1:00

Afternoon Recess Optional per teacher

Grade Levels	Recess Time
5th	1:55-2:05
2nd	2:05-2:15

Dismissal

Grade Levels	Release Time
K/1st	2:25
1st/2nd	2:28
2nd/3rd	2:30

2020/2021 BELL SCHEDULE (YELLOW PHASE)

A MESSAGE FROM NURSE JUDY

Lakeland Joint School District school health services are looking forward to students returning to school. This year in addition to the general illness guidelines, we will be addressing COVID-19. This virus shows no boundaries. It will take all of us working together to get our schools back to "normal" for you, your children, and the school district staff.

What you can do to help:

- Please do a simple health screening of your child daily before school: [How-To](#) At this time the Center for Disease Control does not currently recommend that schools conduct universal symptom screening (screening all students as they arrive at school).
- Please keep your child home from school if you answer yes to any symptoms in Section 1.
- Please do not send your child to school and notify us if your child has a positive COVID-19 test, symptoms of COVID-19, or they were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

What the school district will do to help:

- If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 at school, your child will be isolated and you will be notified to pick your child up from school. (per CDC guidelines). **It is very important that the school has up to date contact information for all parent/guardians. In addition, the school needs at least one other contact person to call in the event that you are not available (this will be the emergency contact in Skyward when you register).**
- We will advise sick staff or students not to return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- When the District learns of a student or staff who has tested positive for COVID-19, has had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or is showing symptoms of COVID-19, the school district health services team will:
 1. Respond and determine an appropriate course of action
 2. Isolate and send ill students or staff home
 3. Communicate with all affected individuals and initiate contact tracing
 4. Contact Panhandle Health District and coordinate necessary steps to protect the school population

OUR "WHY"

BKE's philosophy, mission, vision and beliefs were aligned to address all elements of "thoroughness" including a safe learning environment, maintenance of classroom discipline, basic values, communication skills, basic curriculum, workforce skills, current technology, and responsible citizenship. These guiding principles were developed to ensure that students acquired the skills necessary to be responsible and productive citizens, effective communicators, creative problem solvers, and lifelong learners!

SAFETY

We are focused on ensuring students, parents, and staff are safe at BKE. We will continue practicing drills regularly, holding monthly safety meetings to maintain our safety protocols, and continue to seek input from stakeholders regarding best practices.



HERE'S TO A GREAT YEAR!

The staff at Betty Kiefer strongly believes that the best way to ensure the success of each and every student is through a strong partnership between you, the parents, and us. We welcome your active participation through frequent conversations, informal notes, and emails. I am thrilled to be starting the year and look forward to what is ahead of us. It's going to be a wonderful journey!! Thank you for all you do to make Betty Kiefer the best elementary school in Idaho! We are so grateful for the wonderful parents and community that partner with us daily to provide the best educational experiences to all of our students.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Lynn Paslay
BKE Principal



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