

# Nelson Elementary

# Navigator Newsletter

*August 2023*

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## Our Nelson Mission

*At Nelson Elementary, our staff ensures that all students learn the essential standards at their grade level or higher.*

## Principal's Message

We are excited to welcome many of you back and to greet others to our school community for the first time. As the principal at Nelson Elementary School, I welcome you to a school committed to excellence! Our staff is eager to meet you and partner with you to best support students. This newsletter includes important information about our school year. Thank you for being part of our Nelson Family! We are Better Together!

Mrs. Tami Nelson – Principal  
tmnelson@bethelsd.org

## Important Dates

- Monday, August 28th Open House 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 30th First Day of School for Grades 1-5
- Friday, September 1st Non Student Day - No School
- Monday, September 4th Non Student Day - Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 6th First Day of Kindergarten
- Monday, September 11th Late Start - Schools starts at 10:30 AM
- Monday, September 18th Late Start - Schools starts at 10:30 AM
- Friday, September 22nd Non Student Day - No School
- Monday, September 25th Late Start - Schools starts at 10:30 AM

## **School Hours**

The regular student day is from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Students are welcomed into the building at 9:20 AM through the entrance at the back of the building. Students eating a school breakfast may enter at 9:15 AM. School will begin at 10:30 AM on Late Start Mondays. No breakfast will be served on Late Start Mondays.

Nelson Office Hours are from 8:45 AM to 4:15 PM. Please have photo identification available when visiting.

## **School Supply List**

Backpack

Reusable water bottle

School Supply Box

Headphones/Earbuds w/microphone if possible (Grades K-5)

3-Ring Binder (5th grade only)

## **Class Teacher Assignment Information**

During the week of August 21-25, students will receive a postcard in the mail with the name of their classroom teacher and room number. Teachers look forward to meeting students and their families at Open House on August 28th.

## **Lunch and Breakfast Information**

The current cost for Breakfast is \$2.15 and the current cost for Lunch is \$3.50, however, Child Nutrition Services has submitted the application and is awaiting approval for Nelson Elementary to participate in the Community Eligibility Program for the 2023-24 school year which would allow for free Breakfast and Lunch to all students. Please check your email for an update before the school year begins.

## **Drop Off / Pick Up Procedures**

When possible, please utilize our drive through loop for drop off and pick up. Students should exit and enter on the right side of your vehicle. Remain in the right lane until ready to exit the loop. Adults should remain in their vehicles throughout the process.

Students can be dropped off no earlier than 9:20 AM. Please confirm that there are school staff present to supervise students before dropping them off.

Our school day ends at 4:00 PM. Students will be dismissed from their classes by grade level starting with our youngest students.

## **The Nelson STARs**

At Nelson Elementary, we follow the STARs by Showing Kindness, Taking Responsibility, Acting Safely and Respecting Everyone and Everything. Each day, students are recognized for following the STARs.

## **Safety Reminders**

Safety of students and staff is our highest priority. Therefore, we implement regulations designed to control visitor access to Nelson. All visitors are required to check in through the front office. Photo identification is required for access to be granted to enter the office. Visits to classrooms should be pre-arranged with your student's classroom teacher. All volunteers need to complete background checks through the Bethel School district website.

## **Student Medication Reminders**

All medication to be given at school needs to be brought to the main office by a parent or guardian and requires a physician's order. This includes all medications, including over-the-counter cold remedies, cough drops, pain relievers, inhalers, lip balms, and lotions. Each new school year, medication orders need to be renewed.

School Nurse phone: (253) 800-6493

Health Clerk Phone: (253) 800-6492

Email: [mmcoy@bethelsd.org](mailto:mmcoy@bethelsd.org)

Email: [lriley@bethelsd.org](mailto:lriley@bethelsd.org)

## Attendance

Regular, on time attendance is vital to your student's success. Please make every effort to have your child attend school daily. Attempt to schedule vacations and appointments outside of school days / hours.

If your student will be absent from school, please notify us in one of the following ways:

Log onto ParentVUE and enter an absence request

Email the Attendance Clerk at [lriley@bethelsd.org](mailto:lriley@bethelsd.org)

Call the main office at (253) 800-6400

If no notification is received for the absence or no reason is given, an automated message system will call and notify the family the child is listed as unexcused.

You must notify the Attendance Office each day your student is absent.

## Transportation Changes

All transportation changes (written or phone call) must be received by the office prior to 3:00 PM. This allows us the necessary time to communicate these changes to the teacher and student.

## Family Handbook Available Online

Coming Soon! The Nelson Family Handbook will be available on our website. Please review it for detailed information about our policies and procedures.

