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# Beaver Dam Elementary

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Dear Families,

There are so many things to celebrate after the first week of school. At Beaver Dam Elementary, we have supportive families, dedicated staff, and fantastic students! I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of our community. Please watch for our newsletter the first day of each week. It is one way that we will share all the great things that are happening at school.

Best,  
Mrs. Young

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## Three Screens Assembly – August 24

Our K-6 students will be attending an assembly on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the high school. We will all ride the buses up the hill for the assembly. We will also ride the buses back to the elementary school after the assembly. Students who usually walk or get picked up will be dropped off at the elementary school as the buses go by.

## Back to School Night – August 24

You are all invited to Back to School Night on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30. As you enter through the main entrance, you can pick up materials that we have prepared for you. Also, don't forget to complete our family survey. We greatly value your input as we identify our goals and priorities for the school year. Then, proceed to your children's classrooms to visit with teachers, see the projects our students have been working on, and share a treat.

## Thank You!

Thank you again for your generous contributions of school supplies!

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## Upcoming Events

August 21  
Preschool Begins  
7:50-2:50

August 24  
Fire Drill

August 24  
Three Screens Assembly  
1:40-2:35

August 24  
Back-to-School Night  
6:00-7:30

August 31  
Picture Day  
8:00-12:00

September 1  
No School

September 4  
Labor Day – No School

September 22  
Extracurricular Friday-No School

## Specials

Our specials this year are computers, library, and PE. This week, each class will get to go to PE one time. However, starting next week, each class will go to PE twice a week. We ask that our kids remember to wear appropriate shoes on PE day. Also, if girls choose to wear dresses on PE day, please have them wear shorts underneath their dresses.

## Milk & Juice

Our cafeteria can now sell juice and milk for both breakfast and lunch. This will make it possible for kids who bring home lunch to purchase a cold beverage. Juice costs 25¢ and milk costs 50¢.

## Electronics & Toys

Cell phones- Students may bring cell phones to school with your approval, if there is a legitimate family communication need for them (ex. to call you from the bus stop). They must keep them turned off and stored in a safe place during the school day- including before school, after school, recesses and lunch time. Students who need to use their phones during the school day for legitimate family reasons will need to ask their teacher for permission before they turn their phones on. If students use their phones without teacher permission and supervision, the phones will be taken from them and stored in a safe place until you can come to school to pick them up. If you need to reach your child during the school day, the best way to do so is to call the office. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen phones.

Toys & Spinners- Toys and spinners are not allowed at school at this time. They can distract from learning or can cause hurt feelings if they are lost or broken. Thank you for your support with this.

## Attendance

Please be sure your child attends school. If your child must be absent, a phone call or note must be received at the school from the parent excusing the child. Students missing excessive days of school will be issued a citation which will mandate that the student and parent appear in front of the North Canyon Consolidated Court in Colorado City, AZ. The student could be in risk of retention in their current grade level. Thank you for your support with this.



## Our School Goals

We are in the process of gathering beginning of the year assessment data. We will use this information to set goals, to plan our instruction, and to monitor student growth. Here is what we know so far:

### Reading

% of students who are ready for grade level reading instruction per the STAR Reading assessment:

K: N/A	4: 27%
1: 9%	5: 28%
2: 26%	6: 39%
3: 29%	

### Math

% of students who are ready for grade level math instruction per the DIBELS Math assessment:

K: 58%	4: 35%
1: 67%	5: 64%
2: 35%	6: 44%
3: 54%	ALL: 50%

### Effort

Attendance so far this year:

K: 97%	4: 97%
1: 100%	5: 91%
2: 89%	6: 96%
3: 95%	ALL: 94%