

August 07, 2023
Clyde Hill Family Cougar Connect

Dear Families,

We hope you and your family have been enjoying the summer and have been taking the time to soak up some quality time with loved ones. We are extremely excited to embark on the school year and partner with each of our families.

Our Bellevue School District community experienced great loss last year, with the closing of two elementary school communities. We understand that many are still healing from this unfortunate situation. We are hopeful that together, through this shared experience, we can emerge strong, empathetic, and united as we co-create a new community. We will be leaning on our students, staff, and families to help bring new and creative ideas that center us in community and inclusiveness.

There are many new things happening at Clyde Hill this year, one of them includes the districts first co-principalship leadership structure. We are excited to pioneer this new leadership structure at Clyde Hill! In this model, we are confident that families will have greater access in communication, resources, and accessibility. Ultimately, we hope this model enhances partnership and creates deeper relationships with families and students.

As we take on this new school year, we want to center student, staff, and family well-being through creating spaces and experiences of joy, celebration, inclusion, and growth. Through caring, learning, and collaborating with one another we can create the foundation for supporting a thriving community.

It is a true privilege to serve as the leaders of this diverse community and get the opportunity to create and grow as one. We appreciate you being part of our journey and we look forward to co-creating a loving, caring, and joyful experience for all our children.

Con Amor,
Chhoun and Brooke

Class Placement You will be notified of your student's teacher/class placement via email on August 31st. If you do not receive this email, feel free to call the Clyde Hill office beginning on August 31st at 425.456.5000.

With the blending of communities, we value being responsive to the needs of students and ensuring we have the most balanced and equitable classrooms. Teams of Wilburton and Clyde Hill teachers took considerable amounts of time to create balanced classrooms in the spring, but we also know that the needs of student in different groupings can be unknown. We want to be responsive to student needs based on when students are in classrooms all together. Due to this and prioritizing balanced classroom and student's needs, we will be making the first two weeks of school flexible in shifting students to different classrooms. Shifting student's class placements will be solely a school staff decision and we will be in contact with families if there is a need to shift a student's class placement.

Kindergarten Camp

Your child will explore a kindergarten classroom, tour the school, meet each of the kindergarten teachers, and make new friends before the first day of school! This is an opportunity for teachers to get to know your child in informal classroom settings and will allow them to create balanced kindergarten classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. Kindergarten camp will be held in three sessions on Tuesday, August 29th.

Please sign-up for ONE of the three kindergarten camp sessions. **Kindergarten Camp will be in lieu of the Clyde Hill Meet and Greet.**

Sign up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4CAEAE28A20-kindergarten1>

Interested in **volunteering** to help support the flow of Kinder Camp? Please sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0b44aaaa23abfd0-kindercamp>

Kindergarten welcome conferences will be held on September 5th, 6th and 7th. Your student's kindergarten teacher will email you a sign-up genius link to sign-up for a conference time following kindergarten camp on August 29th. **For your planning, please make sure you will be available for some time on those days to conference with your student's new teacher.**

Transportation

Incoming families, keep updated with bus routes by using the link below. Updates to transportation will be available August 21st on the district website.

BSD Transportation: <https://bsd405.org/departments/transportation/>

Suggested School Supplies

The school year is just around the corner! Here is a look at the suggested school supply list from our grade levels. As a school, we provide students with the necessary instructional materials to support their academic excellence (e.g. paper, pencils, crayons, markers, etc.).

<https://bsd405.org/clydehill/2023/06/23-24-school-supply-list/suggested-school-supplies-2023-24-clyde-hill-elementary/>

Teacher/Family Meet and Greet G1-G5

Mark your calendars to stop by Clyde Hill Elementary on the afternoon of August 31st to meet your students teacher and drop off school supplies. The meet in greet time will be determined soon.

Kindergarten will have their own Kinder Orientation to meet our Kindergarten Teachers on August, 29th.

Upcoming Events

August 22 – Paletas with the Principals 3:30-4:30

August 25 -- 5:30pm - playdate at Clyde Hill

August 29 -- Kinder Camp Sessions Starting at 8:30

August 31 -- Meet the Teacher (Afternoon) Time to be shared soon

September 4 -- No School- Labor Day

September 5 -- First Day of School for G1-G5

September 8 -- First Day of Kindergarten and Preschool