



*Kindergarten
Round-Up
School Year
2024-2025*



**DOCUMENTS TO
BRING**

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security #
- Immunization
Records



**WELCOME
FUTURE
BRAVES**



BELLMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Belmont! Your child has reached an exciting milestone in his or her life! As a father of three children, all of whom, my wife and I are proud to say are Belmont Braves, too, I can relate to this new chapter in both you and your child's life. It can be both exciting and bittersweet at the same time. I recall the day when each of my children were welcomed as new students and that moment when formal education filled a large portion of their day. It was bittersweet being reminded that they were growing up all too quickly but each of my children were greeted at school with a love and enthusiasm for what the future held. My wife and I were excited about the many great opportunities that awaited them in the days and years ahead, too. I assure you; your child will receive the same loving and enthusiastic welcome, and you and your child will experience that same excitement for the opportunities ahead!

As both a proud parent and proud principal at Belmont Elementary, I can share that our staff is committed to helping every child discover and explore the talents they possess. I am confident, with the partnership between our school and your home, we will nurture the promise of your child and allow him or her to learn, hope, appreciate, create, innovate, integrate, explore, excel and contribute as a member of our learning community. I truly believe your child could not receive a better educational opportunity, filled with the same compassion and concern for your child's growth, anywhere else. We are excited to see the direction in which your child's interests will take them, and the path that he or she will explore. I am certain you will experience the same excitement throughout your child's journey!

As we prepare for this exciting time together, I do have two "assignments" for you both at home. First, love one another. As you have already seen, the years have flown by quickly. They will continue to do so. Soak up each moment and enjoy your time together. Your bond now will be especially formative to your special bond later in life, too. Throughout their years, our young people may experience many changes and/or challenges. Your love and support will be the key to helping them navigate their world around them. Second, if you aren't already doing so, read to your child for at least 20 minutes each day. There is absolutely no substitute to reading to your child. It is a wonderful time to fill your child's world with love and attention while modeling the importance of and love for reading. Reading will be an important pillar of growth for our students while they are in school. Modeling and encouraging that same excitement for reading will give them a head start and ensure they will possess strength and confidence right from the start.

We are looking forward to the fall. You have my pledge that our team will always strive to provide you and your child with an exceptional educational experience that allows him or her to be well cared for as he or she grows and learns. I am sure you will agree, our Belmont family is second to none and we are excited to welcome your child to our home of the braves. It is an honor that you have chosen North Adams Community Schools.

On behalf of our staff, please accept my heartfelt welcome to Belmont. At any time, if my staff or I may answer any questions or be of additional assistance, I invite you to contact our school office at 260-724-3137.

Aaron Baker
Principal at Belmont Elementary
School



Our Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Amanda Goodknight

I have been teaching kindergarten for one year. I went to Bethel University and earned my bachelors in Elementary Education, and I then worked in a preschool before I started here at Belmont. I had wanted to be a teacher my entire life, and I love the "ah ha" moments students get when they have been working so hard on a skill.



Ms. Jacquelyn Morris

I have been a teacher for 15 years and have taught preschool, kindergarten and third grade, respectively. I also attended IPFW for Elementary Education, I am excited to spend the school year helping your child love to learn. We are Braves!



Ms. Sedona Purdy

Hello, I am Ms. Purdy and I am a part of our kindergarten team at Belmont Elementary School. I have been a teacher here at Belmont for two years. I decided to become a teacher because I enjoy working with kids and want to help kids grow and meet their goals!



Ms. Kaylin Bledsoe

Hello! I am Ms. Bledsoe and I am a part of the Kindergarten team at Belmont Elementary. This is my first year teaching! I decided to become a teacher because I wanted to be the person to help children learn, grow, and build a strong foundation for the rest of their lives.



Mrs. Barbara Anaya

Hello! I am Barbara Anaya. I am excited to be a Kindergarten teacher at Belmont Elementary. I have been teaching for 14 years and have taught 4th and 5th grade, in addition to Kindergarten. I enjoy science, gardening, and learning about the natural world. I look forward to another great school year!



Ms. Jillian Roth

Hello. I am Ms. Roth, one of the kindergarten teachers at Belmont Elementary School. I love teaching kindergarteners because I believe they have incredible imaginations & the kindest hearts!



Bellmont Elementary Schedule

DAILY KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.
7:30-7:50 AM Arrival & Breakfast	7:30-7:50 AM Arrival & Breakfast	7:30-7:50 AM Arrival & Breakfast	7:30-7:50 AM Arrival & Breakfast	7:30-7:50 AM Arrival & Breakfast
8:00 AM Reading Block	8:00 AM Reading Block	8:00 AM Reading Block	8:00 AM Reading Block	8:00 AM Reading Block
10:50 AM Lunch & Recess	10:50 AM Lunch & Recess	10:50 AM Lunch & Recess	10:50 AM Lunch & Recess	10:50 AM Lunch & Recess
12 PM Math Block	12 PM Math Block	12 PM Math Block	12 PM Math Block	12 PM Math Block
1 PM Snack	1 PM Snack	1 PM Snack	1 PM Snack	1 PM Snack
1:45 PM Specials	1:45 PM Specials	1:25 PM Specials	1:45 PM Specials	1:45 PM Specials
3:00 PM Dismissal	3:00 PM Dismissal	2:30 PM Early Release	3:00 PM Dismissal	3:00 PM Dismissal

*Every Wednesday, students are released early at 2:30 PM for staff to take part in professional development

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2024

KDG ROUND-UP

Your child will have an opportunity to meet our kindergarten teachers, see kindergarten classrooms, learn more about Belmont Elementary School.

SCHEDULE A KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization [shot] record

JUNE 2024

IMMUNIZATIONS

If your child still needs their "kindergarten shots," schedule a visit with your child's physician

JULY 2024

REGISTRATION

Typically around the 2nd week of July, families will be asked to complete their child's registration

JULY/AUG 2024

BACKPACK BASH

students to receive free school supplies, participate in games and activities, meet teachers and more

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Typically in early August, classroom assignments are posted and available for parents to view.

OPEN HOUSE

Attend an Open House to meet your child's teacher, see your child's classroom, drop off your child's school supplies and tour the building.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for the 2024-2025 School Year is August 10th. A copy of the school calendar is enclosed.

TRANSPORTATION

We are proud to offer transportation services to our North Adams students. We offer 21 bus stops across the city of Decatur for students to access. Those bus stop locations include:

Locations

Decatur Swimming Pool
Adams St. (at Krueckeberg Auction)
Northwest School - Merit Center
Eagle Glen Ct. (in Cross Creek)
Canterbury (at Berkley Ct.)
Washington at 11th St.
Zion School (on 10th St)
St. Mark's Church
Monroe St. at 17th St.
Waterbury
Pine Crossing
St. Joseph School
Water Tower on Line St. - Studebaker & Line St.
Homestead between 44 & 45
McBarnes and Everheart
Church of God
Mercer at Parkview Dr. (South)
Mercer at Parkview Dr. (North)
Boys & Girls Club
Bollman & Village Green Blvd.
1st & Rugg St.
High St.
Deer Run Trail on 28th
Grey Goose

TRANSPORTATION STOPS:

It is not likely, however, due to ridership, some bus stop locations may change. If your child will be using bus transportation, we encourage you to visit our district website, prior to the start of the school year, to review bus stop locations, including pick up and drop off times. Questions? Email millers@nadams.k12.in.us

Bellmont Elementary

SPECIAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

North Adams Community Schools proudly receives consultation and support, as well as some special education services such as school psychology/special education evaluation services, from Adams Wells Special Services Cooperative. Our team of special education professionals works closely with Adams and Wells Special Services to ensure all students who may qualify for services receives the appropriate, individualized educational programming that he or she may need. If you believe your child would benefit from special education services, please contact Belmont Elementary School to discuss your child's education.

MCKINNEY VENTO

If you are experiencing a difficult hardship or life circumstance and would like assistance or information regarding educational services available for students who meet homeless housing irregularity eligibility as defined through the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act, please contact our district liaison, Tiffany Heine, or building liaison, Taylor Oliver. Email Tiffany Heine: heinet@nadams.k12.in.us or email Taylor Oliver: olivert@nadams.k12.in.us

TITLE I

North Adams Community Schools offers Title I programs at Belmont Elementary School for students requiring remediation and/or intervention to achieve the basic components of grade-level reading skills. Title I utilizes scientifically research-based curriculum to improve targeted deficits, build skills and bridge reading, phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and/or comprehension. Title I instruction occurs in small-group and one-on-one settings, and is provided in addition to the student's 90-minutes of general education, core classroom reading instruction provided by the grade-level teacher.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

North Adams Community Schools values all learners, and strives to provide opportunities to grow students in ways that fit their individual needs. Students who primarily speak languages other than English are no exception to that. North Adams administers the WIDA Screener and ACCESS assessments to determine language proficiency scores and provides instruction to support English language acquisition at all grade levels.

MILITARY FAMILIES

As a Purple Star recipient at Belmont High School, we welcome and appreciate all service members, veterans, students and military families to our district. We recognize our military families experience unique challenges and complexities navigating in and out of deployment or residential transitions. Our goal is to ensure you have the proper support and guidance to be successful. If you are an active or veteran member of our military, please contact Bryan Lineberry, military families liaison, for assistance, at lineberryb@nadams.k12.in.us

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Good to Know Information



POWERSCHOOL

North Adams Community Schools utilizes PowerSchool for student information. Parents and guardians are encouraged to create an account and use PowerSchool to monitor and review student grades, schedules and attendance. To create an account or for account support, please contact Julie Schueler at the school at 260-724-7121.

CANVAS

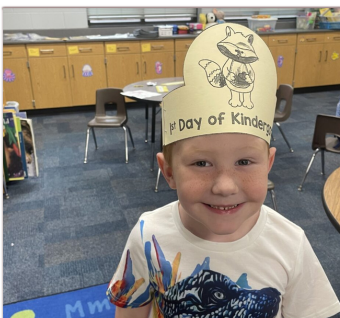
Students in grades K-12 use Canvas as their online learning management system. Students will receive assignments, can communicate with teachers and conduct eLearning via Canvas. Parents may pair an account with their child. It is strongly encouraged that parents utilize Canvas on a regular basis. Our partnership is important for your child's success!

EFUNDS

Our Food and Nutrition Services Department offers an electronic eFunds system for parents and guardians to make quick, online deposits to their child's lunch account, view purchase/balance history and monitor account balances.

Parents and guardians may now also make online payments to their child's device and curricular fees statement and/or pay for preschool fees.

To access the eFunds system, parents must register for an account. To do so, please contact Penny Henkenius, in Food Services, at 260-724-7121 opt. 8 or via email at henkeniusp@nadams.k12.in.us for assistance.



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HEALTH SERVICES

Assuring your child's health is an important part of our district's safety measures. Before your child may begin school, he or she must have all required forms and documentation submitted and on file with the school. Should your child require medication while at school, parents are required to complete a medication form on file with our school nurse. For questions regarding Health Services, please contact our school nurse at 260-724-3137.

FREE & REDUCED MEALS

Breakfast/Lunch Program:

At any time during the school year, if you wish to apply to participate in our Free and Reduced Meals Program (or if your income status changes during the year and you believe you may qualify), you are encouraged to complete a Meal Application. The information you provide will be used to determine your child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Only one application per family is required. Applications will be available during Open Enrollment (in the summer) or can be downloaded/completed on our website at any point during the school year.

Curricular Assistance:

Families may request assistance for their child's device and curricular fees. Please visit our website at: <https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/Page/2979> to apply for Curricular Assistance. Applications must be submitted annually and are made available near the start of each school year. For questions or assistance, please contact the North Adams Community Schools Central Office at 260-724-7146.

Adams County Assistance Programs:

Students who are eligible for the North Adams Community Schools Free & Reduced Meals Program may be eligible for related assistance programs in Adams County. To save you time and effort in applying, the North Adams Food & Nutrition Services Department will gladly share your information with program in which your child may qualify with your permission. In order for your information to be shared, you must complete and sign a Community Assistance Enrollment Form.

Available assistance programs include: Love Inc. (clothing, school supplies, Christmas drive, and other related support services), NEAR (hygiene/household products and supplies), Hero Meals (weekend and/or holiday meals) and the Boys and Girls Club (after school programming).

Free and Reduced Meal Applications must be completed annually.

Summer Meal Program:

Each summer, the North Adams Community Schools Food and Nutrition Services Department provides free meals to children under age 18 across Adams County throughout the summer. A schedule including meal service locations and times is published on the North Adams Community Schools website and can be found on the district's social media. Your child is invited to join us at participating locations this summer.

We are Bellmont!





Frequently Asked Questions

1: HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

If your child turns age 5 on or before August 1, 2024, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall for the 2024-2025 school year.

2: WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP?

Your child will participate in a kindergarten screening which includes pre-reading and pre-math activities designed to give our teachers a beginning understanding of your child's entry level skills.

Your child may also tour a school bus and receive complimentary services provided by members of our community agencies.

3: IS MY CHILD REQUIRED TO HAVE ALL OF HIS/HER IMMUNIZATIONS UP TO DATE?

No, your child does not need to be up to date on his or her immunizations to attend Round Up. During Round Up, you will have the opportunity to meet with the school nurse to review your child's record and discuss what additional immunizations he or she may need before kindergarten.

4: HOW DO I REGISTER IF I CANNOT ATTEND ROUND UP?

If you are unable to attend Round Up and have a child who will be attending kindergarten in the fall, please contact Bellmont Elementary School to schedule a time for you and your child to come in and participate in kindergarten screening and complete the Round Up paperwork.





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Building Secretary: Mrs. Jenni Blackburn

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