

August 17, 2020

Bristol Grade School Families,

Only three days left until the 2020-2021 school year officially begins on August 20!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our Yorkville Foxes back to school. Whether your child(ren) are participating in school on-site, through e-learning, or in a hybrid schedule, the BGS employees remain united in our goal to provide all our students with the knowledge, structure, and support they need to succeed this school year.

While many aspects of the school environment will be different this year, the following guidelines apply to all our families:

- The school day at BGS starts at 8:25 and ends at 3:25.
- My primary communication to families will be through a Friday email/e-newsletter. Please make sure your contact information is kept up-to-date with the school so that you receive these important messages. These communications will also be posted to our school website ([www.y115.org/bgs](http://www.y115.org/bgs)) for your reference.
- Students are expected to participate in their classes everyday school is in session, and teachers will report class attendance. Please call the student absence line 630-553-4383 by 9:00 A.M., if your child will not be attending school classes that day.
- The spring 2020 parent survey results overwhelmingly requested consistent and streamlined modes of communication from school to home. Therefore, one learning platform was selected for each grade-level span. I will be sending out specific information regarding the learning platforms and how to access them next week. It is recommended that students practice logging into their platform so they are prepared for the school year.
  - SeeSaw: Kindergarten-Grade 2 (LOGIN PROVIDED BY TEACHER)
  - Google Classroom: Grades 3-6 (LOGIN PROVIDED BY TEACHER)
- Students will be able to purchase lunch options daily and the use of water bottles or refillable water bottles is encouraged.
- Anyone who wishes to enter the school building must complete a health questionnaire (results showing he/she is symptom free) and wear a face covering.
  - **HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE**
    - A daily email will go out to parent to certify COVID-19 free symptoms and a temperature of less than 100.4
    - Questionnaire may be submitted via an app, website link or QR code
  - **MASK INFORMATION**
    - All students and employees who are in school buildings will be required to wear face coverings. The face covering must cover the mouth and nose completely. Students will receive training by school staff on proper mask wearing and care.
    - Students will have 1-2 recess per day to give students opportunity to remove masks if physical distancing can be maintained.
    - Student will be provided a bag where they can carefully store their mask when eating or outside.
  - **HAND WASHING/SANITIZING**
    - Hand sanitizing stations will be located at all entrances and throughout the building.
    - Each classroom will have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes
    - Proper hand washing will be reviewed and students will receive training by school staff on proper hand washing
    - Desks will be cleaned before and after lunch
  - **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**
    - [BGS arrival and dismissal map](#)
    - Parent drop off and pick up will be located at the west entrance (Door 10)
    - Prior to entering the building, families will need to show staff their green check mark signifying the completion of the health questionnaire.
      - If the questionnaire is not complete, students will be administered the questionnaire and their temperature will be taken by a staff member
    - **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE BUS STOP**
    - Bus riders will arrive and be picked up at Door 1
    - If a student does not have a completed health questionnaire, a staff member will administer the questionnaire along with taking the student temperature
    - Late student drop off

- Individuals dropping off a student to school after the final bell has rung should pull up to the main entrance, remain in the vehicle, and call the school's main office number. An employee will walk out to the vehicle to greet the student and escort him/her into the building.
- **SUPPLY DROP OFF/MEET AND GREET**
  - This year, there will be **NO** supply drop off or meet and greet for students and teachers.
  - If your student has chosen in person or hybrid model, please send your student with academic supplies and their device on the first day attending BGS. Students can then bring in supplies incrementally throughout the week. We do not want to burden students to bring large bags of supplies all at once.

You can view my welcome video explaining and showing the different additions and changes that have been made at BGS to help ensure the safety of the students and the staff. Please visit [bit.do/bgs-2020-2021-welcome](https://bit.do/bgs-2020-2021-welcome)

School buses will be back on the roads traveling throughout the community. Please remember to obey bus stop arm laws. Drivers must stop at least 20 feet from any school bus that is stopped and is flashing its red warning lights. Violators can face a \$300 fine and a 3-month license suspension for the first offense, and \$1,000 fine and a 1-year license suspension for a second offense.

### **E-Learning Update:**

Weekly Special Class:

Thank you for selecting your child's e-learning special for this quarter. This special will occur once a week for 30 minutes. These lessons will include either live Zoom or pre-recorded videos that include a follow up activity. This instruction will begin on **September 1st**. This start date will ensure your child has time to smoothly transition into this model and become familiar with the academic schedule and routines (i.e. new learning platform, submitting assignments, logging into math/reading Zooms). The district special teacher will share more information soon.

PE: Your child will use a choice board to track and log 25 minutes of physical activity at home 5 days a week. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.

### **Hybrid Update:**

PE: Recess in the half day model will count as part of your child's daily PE physical activity requirement. Your child will use a choice board to track and log ONE additional 25 minute physical activity at home. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.

As this learning environment is new for us all, I encourage our students and parents to communicate with me regarding any concerns or suggestions you have to improve our school community. I also encourage you to become an active member of the BGSfamily—follow us on social media (@115bgs), participate in PTO activities, and recognize our dedicated employees and incredible students with positive thoughts and messages.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday, August 20.

Sincerely,  
Brett Kueker  
BGS Principal