

**BETHESDA**



**2024-2025**

# **Bethesda Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook**

## School Wide Expectations

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**Eager to Learn**

**Show Respect**

## *Bethesda Elementary*

*A learning environment that is safe, positive, and challenging; where students show respect, develop responsibility, and achieve excellence.*

### **Bethesda Elementary School**

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**BETHESDA ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT**

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**BETHESDA ELEMENTARY VISION STATEMENT**

Bethesda Elementary School will collaboratively and strategically use research-based, innovative instructional strategies to promote high student achievement and accountability as evident in all students meeting or exceeding standards.

**BETHESDA ELEMENTARY EXPECTATIONS**

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**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**Principal**

Katrina Larmond.....(770)921-2000

**Assistant Principals**

Sandra Holt

Jennifer K. Martin

Michael Mathew

Adrienne Webb

**School Counselors**

Charles Hale

Ana Hoyos

Amanda Owen



## GWINNETT COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

August 5.....	First Day of School
September 2.....	Labor Day Holiday
September 20.....	Digital Learning Day #1
October 10-14.....	Fall Break
October 23 & 24.....	Early Release -Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 5.....	Digital Learning Day #2
November 25-29.....	Thanksgiving Break
December 20.....	End of First Semester
December 23-January 3 .....	Winter Break
January 4.....	Students Return/Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
January 20.....	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 7.....	Digital Learning Day #3
February 13-17.....	Student/Teacher Holidays
March 5 & 6.....	Early Release -Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 14.....	Digital Learning Day #4
April 7-11.....	Spring Break
May 21.....	Last Day of School

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Bethesda Elementary School, home of the Patriots. This parent-student handbook contains basic school information. Parents will receive additional information about Gwinnett County School System Policies and Procedures in the Student/Parent Discipline and Intervention Handbook which will be given out via MyPaymentsPlus at the beginning of the school year and when new students register for school. If you have any questions and/or concerns about anything not covered in this handbook, please contact the school office at (770) 921-2000.

During the 2024-2025 school year, we look forward to a cooperative and committed home-school partnership. Parent involvement is encouraged and welcomed. There are countless opportunities to be involved in our school including serving on PTA-related committees and events, attending school-sponsored events and supporting your child’s learning daily. We welcome you and your children to our school.

### BETHESDA ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

PTA is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education.

Bethesda Elementary PTA is a group of parents, teachers, school staff, and students all working together to maximize the potential of all students. We do this by raising funds for special projects, hosting events that bring the community together, and working to foster a sense of community. We encourage anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth to join the Bethesda PTA!



## GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

### ABSENCES

Attendance at school is an important part of student success and achievement. A pattern of absences may put a student at risk of not achieving the Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) for their grade. Certain absences are considered to be excused according to state guidelines. Excused absences include:

- Personal illness or attendance in school endangering a student's health or the health of others.
- A serious illness or death in a student's **immediate** family requiring absence from school.
- A court order or an order from a governmental agency mandating absence from school.
- Observing religious holidays, necessitating absence from school.
- Conditions making attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety.

If your child is absent from school, you need to send an excuse note to the school upon your child's return stating the reason for his/her absence. Should the reason be one noted above, your child's absence will be marked excused. It is important for parents to be aware of attendance requirements. Please read the GCPS Student/Parent Handbook for more information about attendance guidelines. Our Bethesda staff monitors student attendance very carefully. Teachers will contact parents when tardies and/or early check-out and/or absences become a concern for student achievement. When a student reaches 10 unexcused absences, he/she will be referred to the counselor and/or social worker for a Student Attendance Referral Committee (SARC) meeting. The purpose of such meeting will be to develop a plan of action to assist in improving the student's attendance. If a student's attendance does not improve after this meeting, a referral may be made to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and/or Juvenile Court.

Bethesda Elementary School awards Certificates of Attendance to students in grades 1-5 who are present every school day. To be counted as present, students must attend at least one-half day of instruction (3 1/2 hours). Students who have three or more early check-out and/or tardies will not be eligible for local school attendance awards. On early release days students must be present 1 hour and 45 minutes to be counted present.

### BUS INFORMATION

All students in Gwinnett County are provided free bus transportation, contingent upon proper conduct. Students will be assigned a bus for the purpose of riding to and from school. Approval for students to ride another bus (not to exceed 10 consecutive school days) will be given only if the parent makes written request. If the student needs to ride an alternate bus permanently, the parent must fill out a Transportation Parent Authorization Form. The form is faxed to GCPS Transportation, and it is their discretion whether the request is approved or not. This process takes 24 hours. Children are to get off **ONLY** at their designated stop unless the parents have requested approval first. Students must keep a current transportation tag on their backpack, which includes, bus tags, car rider tags and/or daycare tags.



Children who go home with friends should do so only with written approval of their parents. Approval of any change of bus stop or transportation changes need to be in the form of a note signed by the parent, including date, bus numbers involved, address, and children involved. If not, all information is included, transportation changes will be denied.

Buses occasionally get behind schedule because of breakdowns or weather. Every effort to keep buses on schedule will be made. Plan to have your child ready to catch the bus ten minutes before and after the usual arrival time. It is the child's responsibility to catch the bus daily. When students miss the bus from school to home, parents are contacted so they can make arrangements for transportation to the home. **Only those listed as an emergency contact will be able to pick up students.** It is very important that the school has current phone numbers in the event of an emergency. **Please notify your child's teacher immediately if there is any change in your contact information during the school year. Everyone picking up a student from school must have a photo ID.**

#### **BUS DISCIPLINE**

The bus driver has the major responsibility for maintaining discipline. Bus drivers will attempt to settle any behavior problems first. If a student is a persistent behavior problem, a bus referral will be filed by the driver and turned into the school.

Every effort will be made to correct misbehavior with mutual cooperation between the parents and the school. Students can be suspended from riding the bus depending on the severity of the problem and/or the number of referrals. See the GCPS Student/Parent Discipline Handbook for more details about Bus Discipline via MyPaymentsPlus.

#### **CELLULAR DEVICES**

Students may bring cellular phones to school at their own risk. The school is not liable for stolen, lost, or broken phones. Cell phones must not be visible and silent at all times unless approved by teacher for academic activity. **Students are not allowed to take phones to lunch, to recess, or to the restrooms.** If a cell phone interrupts the learning process, or is visible, it will be taken up by the teacher and given to an administrator. Parents must then pick up the phone from the school. Parents are asked to silence cell phones when entering the building.

#### **CAFETERIA INFORMATION**

Bethesda Elementary offers a daily school breakfast and lunch program for all students. Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. There will be no charge for breakfast for SY24/25. Lunch will be \$2.25 daily. Lunch is served from 10:40 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Additional entrees \$2.00, sides and/or milk are \$0.40. An adult lunch is \$4.00. Additional entrees for adults \$3.25, sides and/or milk are \$0.40.



**Free/Reduced Lunches:** It is required by the USDA to submit a new application each school year. One form per family is needed. These forms can be filled out electronically at the GCPS website. **The online application form is available 24/7 and is a secure environment.** You will receive the results within 24 hours after completion. When you submit your online form, you will need your student's ID number. Paper applications are available at registration or during the first week of school. The paper application does take up to 10 days to process and **parents are responsible for all charges incurred until approved.** Please contact the office if your financial status changes at any time of the year. If you have any questions, please contact the Free and Reduced Help line at 678-301-6307.

#### **Parent/Visitor Expectations**

- Parents/Visitors may not use any student restrooms.
- Parents/Visitors will only use adult restrooms or restrooms identified as adults/visitor only.
- Parents/Visitors may only take pictures/videos of his/her individual child.
- Parents/Visitors may not take pictures/videos of other children.
- Parents/Visitors may not take their child or any child to the restroom.
- Parents/Visitors may not interact with another child in a confrontational or threatening manner.

**Credit for School Lunches:** Students are expected to pay daily the amount owed for lunch using cash, check, or on-line payment at <http://www.mypaymentsplus.com/>. The following credit procedures apply: Elementary school students will be allowed to charge up to \$11.25. Charges are not allowed for supplemental or ala carte items. Once the charge limit has been met, the student may receive a designated alternate meal at no charge as defined by the School Nutrition Program. A charge notice will be completed for each occurrence and notification will be sent home to the parent/guardian through the student. Additionally, once the charge limit has been met the parent/guardian will be notified by the local school via phone call, letter, or email. A charge list will be provided to the Principal at the end of every month and upon request. Charging for meals will not be allowed after April 30th. The charge policy will be communicated to parents/students via student handbooks, SNP & local school websites, and letter.

**Refunds:** Refunds may be processed at the local school level up to \$50. Any refund over \$50 shall be processed through the SNP Central Office by submitting a Refund Request Form available on the SNP website or contacting the Cafeteria Manager at 770-381-4208. If you have any questions about your child's meal charges, please contact the cafeteria manager at your child's school. If you have any questions about a refund, please contact the SNP Central Office at (678) 301-6246.

**Snacks:** A daily snack break is at the discretion of each classroom teacher. Students need to bring nutritional snacks for themselves. Try to avoid sending snacks that contain nuts due to students' food allergies.

**\*\*Special/ Note: For safety reasons, students may not bring glass containers to school. Students and parents are prohibited from consuming canned soda drinks and fast-food lunches at school.**

**Ice Cream:** Ice cream is available at the school on Fridays for \$1.00 to be enjoyed after lunch.



## **CAR RIDERS**

Car riders are to be dropped off/picked up in the car line in front of the gym. Assigned **car rider decal** must be displayed for permanent car riders. If you do not have your car rider **decal**, you will be required to show ID. Parents may not drop off children at other locations such as the front drive, by the crosswalk, or in the bus lane. Children are to only exit/enter cars by the assigned school employee stations. Staff members will not open or close doors of vehicles for students. Students must be able to independently unbuckle their seatbelts and open/close vehicle doors. Children in the car line are only to exit/enter on the curbside of the car. Parents be aware when exiting the car rider parking lot, you **must** turn right.

You may drop your child off between **7:45 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.** (No supervision is provided for students prior to 7:45 a.m.). If you wish to have your child eat breakfast at school, they should be dropped off no later than 7:55 a.m. This will allow car riders ample time to eat breakfast, and be in class by 8:15 a.m. You must sign your child in at the front desk when they arrive after 8:15 a.m. Students are to be seated and ready to begin class by 8:15 a.m.

Car riders will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. In order to change a student's mode of transportation, a written note from the parent must be sent to the front office in the morning and include date, child involved, new mode of transportation, address, and parent contact information.

Students who are walkers will have an assigned tag that differs from a car rider tag. Only students with an assigned walker tag will be released as a walker.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parents are responsible for notifying the school office in writing of any change of address or phone number. Proof of residency is required for all address changes. The school cannot be held responsible for failure to communicate if it is not informed of such changes.

It is very important that the school has current phone numbers in the event of an emergency. Please notify your child's teacher immediately if there is any change in your contact information during the school year.

## **CLINIC INFORMATION**

A school clinic is a service provided for children by a highly qualified clinic worker. First aid is provided to children who suffer injuries at school. The clinic keeps no medication on hand to give to students. Cuts and scrapes will be cleaned, and bandages applied as needed. Anything requiring further care will be referred to the parent. This includes removal of splinters and teeth.

Parents will be called, and students sent home if they are too sick to remain at school. A child having a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will need to be picked up from school and cannot ride the bus home. Should an emergency situation arise in which your child needs immediate medical attention, and we are unable to contact anyone, we will call "911", and your child will be taken to the emergency room.

Medications can only be given with a completed medication form on file. This includes over-the-counter medication or a doctor's prescription. Medication forms are available in the clinic. Parents must transport all medication to school. Students are not permitted to carry medication of any kind to or from school. Medicine is not to be kept by a student. All medicine will be administered in the clinic. The teacher will not be held responsible for medication.



## DISCIPLINE

Bethesda teachers implement classroom management plans that align with the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program (PBIS). Every child will be taught school rules and expectations of PBIS. In order to guarantee all Bethesda students, the excellent educational climate they deserve, no student will be allowed to prevent a teacher from teaching or a student from learning. Additional information about GCPS Discipline Policies and Procedures is included in the GCPS Parent/Student Handbook via MyPaymentsPlus.

## DRESS

A student's clothing should be comfortable, suitable to the weather, and allow for maximum learning. Clothing which is not socially appropriate will make it more difficult for the students to adjust to school and enjoy the classroom learning environment. Students should wear shoes that allow for safe play at outside time and PE class. Shoes with cleats or wheels damage the floors and are not allowed at school. Hats, bandannas, sweatbands, and hoodies on the head may not be worn in the building. Parents are asked to use good judgment in dressing students for school. Students in grades K-5 are allowed to wear shorts, which are appropriate in length.

The wearing of tank tops, tube tops, halters, short shorts, ripped jeans exposing too much skin etc. is not appropriate for school. All shirts need to completely cover the midriff. No style of clothing or the manner in which it is worn may expose undergarments. Additional information about Student Dress is included in the GCPS Parent/Student Handbook.

## EARLY PICK UP OF STUDENTS

If it becomes necessary for parents to pick up students before the end of the school day, parents should report to the security desk for checkout. The child will be paged while the parent signs the child out on the computer. A government issued picture identification must be shown to check your child out of school. Children can only be released to adults listed in our Student Information System. **No students will be dismissed after 2:15p.m., as this would interfere with bus dismissal.** According to state law, vehicles are not allowed in the bus lanes during this time. **NOTE:** individual (s) 18 or older with valid picture ID must pick up students. Students may not be released directly from classrooms or cafeteria and must be called to the office for check-out. Please help us protect your child by following these procedures.

## GRADING-REPORTING TO PARENTS

The Bethesda staff continually monitors each student's progress so that instructional strategies can be implemented in order to maximize student learning.

Progress is reported to parents every nine weeks. Grades are finalized at the end of each semester. Parents may also check student's progress via the parent portal. If you are interested in obtaining information about the Parent Portal, please pick up a form at the front office.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled twice each year during Early Release days. The 2024-2025 parent-teacher conferences are scheduled October 23 & 24 and March 5 & 6 with early dismissal at 12:00 p.m. Information will be sent to parents to schedule conference time with the classroom teacher. If there are any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please request an additional conference.





### **HOMEWORK**

Meaningful homework can be a way for children to practice what they learned in school, and in doing so, communicate the curriculum to parents. Although homework is primarily the responsibility of the students, there needs to be a homework partnership with parents providing guidance and encouragement. Homework assignments may be made to an entire class, to small groups, or to individual students. The amount and type of assignments may vary with the student's placement and teacher. These assignments are made to make sure the child understands the Academic Knowledge and Skill and is better prepared for the next day's class. Please follow up to see that your child completes his/her homework.

### **LATE ARRIVAL/TARDIES**

Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be marked tardy. An adult must come to the Security Desk with the child and sign in. Security personnel will give the student a note to enter class. Please be aware of the time bringing students to school. Car rider lane closes at 8:10 a.m. Once the car rider lane is closed, please drive your student to the front of the school.

### **EVENING ACTIVITIES**

Please be sure to accompany your child to all evening events. They should not be dropped off.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please label outer clothing and lunch boxes with your child's first and last name. All unlabeled items in the school will be placed in the Lost and Found. Please ask the front lobby about the Lost and Found location. At the end of each quarter, we will advertise a final opportunity to collect your child's items from the Lost and Found. All unclaimed items will be donated.

### **MAKE-UP WORK**

It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements to make up work missed when absent. Students will not be provided with make-up work prior to absences. If your child is absent two or more days, you may call the school office and request that assignments be prepared for pick up the next day in the office. If your child will only miss one day, work can be made up the next day.

### **PARENT CENTER**

Bethesda Elementary is very proud of our Parent Center. The Parent Center is staffed by the Parent Instructional Coordinator- Tiffany Thomas and the Parent Outreach Liaison- Laura Todd. The Center has instructional games, flash cards, books, and manipulatives that are available for parents to check out free of charge. The Center is also the base of operations for Bethesda Volunteers who help teachers prepare resources to use in the classroom. Ms. Todd has classes several times a week to teach English to our parents who need assistance with the English language. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Todd are available to assist all parents with questions and concerns about Bethesda. Stop by the Parent Center!



## **PARENT VISITS**

All visitors to Bethesda Elementary School must go directly to the security desk upon entering the building, show a government issued picture identification, and officially register as a guest.

Parents will receive and wear a visitor's sticker during this visit. Parents are expected to respect the teacher's duty to provide instruction from 7:45a.m.-2:45 p.m. **All classroom visits are to be pre-arranged with an administrator.**

Parents need to be aware of educational expectations and the progress of their children, and teachers need to know their students' parents.

A conference is an ideal way for parents and teachers to get to know one another so that the best interest of the child is realized. Teachers will be available for conferences before or after hours of student attendance. Conferences must be scheduled via telephone call or a note to the teacher. Parents must adhere to local school dress code while on school campus. Cell phones disrupt the learning environment and should be silenced upon entering the building.

## **SCHOOL CLOSINGS & INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of severe weather or mechanical failure, the starting time of school may be delayed, or school may be closed. School closings are determined by the GCPS Administrative Offices. Announcements of closing will be broadcast via local news media (Channel 2 WSB, AM 750) and the GCPS website. If no report is broadcast, school will be in session. Please do not call the school to see if school is in session. We will be focused on keeping your child safe and telephone lines need to be kept open for emergencies.

## **LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The Local School Council (LSC) serves as a liaison between the school and the community. This committee involves parents and citizens in discussion of issues confronting local schools. Its members advise the school on important community issues. The Local School Council is elected annually and consists of parent representatives, business members from the community, teachers, and the principal. All interested individuals are invited to attend Local School Council meetings. Look for specific dates on the Bethesda Student Calendar.

## **ADVERTISING IN FRIDAY FOLDER**

Only official school items or items approved by the county office (Executive Director) will be included in the Friday Folders.

## **TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's qualification, please contact the grade level administrator at (770) 921-2000.

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Student recognition is a vital part of our climate at Bethesda. Awards Assemblies are held in the school gym at the end of each semester with parents invited to attend. Students are recognized throughout the year in a variety of areas, such as attendance, conduct, and academic achievement. Specific awards include Citizenship, Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Most Improved. These awards and the criteria are listed below.



- **Principal's Honor Roll** (grades 1-5) — All A's (2nd-5th) and E's (1st) in core academics.
- **Honor Roll** (grades 1-5) — All A's and B's (2nd-5th), E's and S's (1st), in core academics.
- **Most Improved**— students who show the most improvement in reading, math, and writing.
- **Citizenship** — outstanding citizenship/character.
- **Perfect Attendance** — perfect attendance for each semester (students must not have 3 or more early check-out and/or tardies, ISS, and OSS to earn perfect attendance).

### **CLASS PARTIES**

Classes are allowed two parties per year. Due to limited space and the safety and security of all students, only students will be permitted to attend this event.

Birthday-Parents may bring in cupcakes, donuts, or cookies for the entire class if they want the class to celebrate their child's birthday. Only individual items for all classroom celebrations with attention to allergy restrictions (must not contain peanut ingredients) will be allowed. All food brought to school to share with children must be store bought and packaged with the ingredients clearly labeled on the package. These treats will be eaten during the student's lunch time. You can also purchase the class Ice Cream (only available on Fridays) from the cafeteria. No balloons or party favors are allowed.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Textbooks are supplied by the state of Georgia and are issued to students. These books are on loan to the students during the school year and should be treated as borrowed property. In case of loss or damage to textbooks, a student must pay for the book in accordance with a scale determined by the State Department of Education and/or the local Board of Education.

### **SCHOOL DEVICE CHECKOUT**

All devices checked out to students must be checked back into the local school at the end of the school year so that tech teams can begin preparing the devices for summer learning activities and the coming school year. If your student has a school-owned Chromebook, laptop, hot spot, or other device, please plan to return the device on the designated date and time listed below.

When returning your device, please bring all components, including chargers and mice; have the device fully charged and powered on in order to expedite the return process.

### **SCHOOL DEVICE DAMAGE**

If a student damages a school device, fines may be assigned based on the damage in order to cover the cost of replacement parts and repairs. Fines can be paid by credit or debit card, cash, or check at the time of the return. If a device is returned in good condition, no fine will be assigned. Device services will be turned off and fines for replacing the device will be assigned if a device is not returned.

### **Media, Yearbook Agreement, Health/Physical Education & MyPaymentsPlus**

Please read the full media agreement on the GCPs Student/Parent Handbook via MyPaymentsPlus. Please sign the Health and Physical Education Permission Form on the BES Parent/Student Handbook via MyPaymentsPlus. Parents are required to create a MyPaymentsPlus account to access Title One documents and important school information.

## **VESTIBULE CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT SYSTEM**

This system is designed to meet the county's expectations with the addition of our new vestibule, ensuring a more efficient and secure environment for our students.

### **Check In**

- Students will enter their student ID on the keypad.
- Please make sure your child knows their student ID number.
- Students will receive a tardy slip and be buzzed in by the front office clerk.
- Parents/Guardians will not escort students through the second set of doors.

### **Check Out**

- Parents/Guardians will place their driver's license/ID in the Raptor machine.
- For passports, place under camera
- Parents/Guardians will wait in the vestibule area.
- Students will be called for check out and exit the building through the vestibule.

\*The officers, employees and officials identified in this handbook are charged with using their personal judgment and deliberation in executing the functions and tasks set forth herein and nothing in the handbook should be construed or interpreted to create any ministerial duties on behalf of any officer, employee or official.

**BETHESDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2024– 2025**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

HOMEROOM TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**BETHESDA ELEMENTARY PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK REVIEW**

I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ will review the information presented in the Bethesda Elementary School's Handbook located on the school website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature/ Date

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**GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK CONTENTS**

I will review the contents of the Gwinnett County Student/Parent handbook with my child so that we will follow the rules and regulations set forth by Gwinnett County School System. The classroom teacher has explained the discipline system for the grade level and individual classroom.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_

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**ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL**

I understand the Compulsory Education Law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1) states that every parent, guardian, or other person who has control of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 must enroll and send their child to school. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine, community service, or a combination of the penalties.

I also understand that Gwinnett County Public Schools has an attendance protocol in place and that schools will inform parents and students of attendance expectations and the consequences for excessive unexcused absences, including notice to parents of their student's excessive absences. A pattern of absences could put a student at risk of not achieving grade level/course AKS. Under state law, a student with more than 10 unexcused absences is considered truant.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_

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**ELECTRONIC MEDIA POLICY AGREEMENT**

I will review the GCPS Electronic Media Policy located on the school website with my child so that he/she will follow all the guidelines contained therein.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_

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**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Physical Education is an integral part of a balanced education. Our classes contribute to the physical, mental and social well-being of each child. Girls should wear appropriate clothing (pants or walking shorts) for mixed classes. Tennis shoes are required in order for your child to participate in Physical Education. If tennis shoes are not available, please let the school know.

If your child cannot participate in the regular program, please mark "Restricted" program below. We will send you a form to be completed by your physician and returned to school.

If "Regular" program is marked, your child will be expected to participate.

Regular \_\_\_\_ Restricted \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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| Be a part of **TEAM BETHESDA!** Join the PTA!  
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Membership in the Bethesda PTA costs only \$5.00 per person for the 2024-2025 school year.  
We invite all of our parents, teachers, school staff, and students to join the Bethesda Elementary School PTA.

Working together, we can make a difference!

With your involvement, we can change our children's lives and make our school a place everyone will enjoy.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY**

**Parent/Guardian:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

May we include your contact information in a Bethesda PTA Family Directory? Please circle: YES NO

Please list the names of all individuals joining PTA (please print clearly):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Membership cost = # of people joining PTA x \$5 each  
+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Donation (Optional, \$10 suggested). Your donation is part of Bethesda PTA's operating budget that will fund programs throughout the year. You do not have to be a PTA member to donate.  
= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Amount Paid



**For PTA Use Only:**

Card number(s) issued:

Volunteer initials:

