

WELCOME TO THE BULLDOG FAMILY!



Brendel Elementary

2024-2025
Orientation:
Y5's/Kindergarten
&
New Students



Welcome and Introductions

Kindergarten: Carol Arends

Kindergarten: Jana Forgach

Kindergarten: Tiffany Nardizzi

Young Fives: Emilee Pinkston

K-2 ASD: Margaret Pawlosky

1st Grade: Tricia Felts

1st Grade: Jennifer Mead

1st Grade: Shalae Smith

2nd Grade: Melissa Kilgore

2nd Grade: Naomi Tolbert

2nd Grade: Marlene Williams

3rd Grade: Renee Johnson

3rd Grade: Jennifer Purman

3rd Grade: Jill Winterfield

4th Grade: Elizabeth Croft

4th Grade: Christopher Gutwald

5th Grade: Kerry Applegate

5th Grade: Erin Miller

5th Grade: Ericka Murdock

Principal: Duane Engleman

Secretaries: Nicole Brown & Randi Woods

Student Liaison: Kristin Leppen

Media Specialist: Tara Young

Head Custodian: Jason Aitkens

Kitchen Manager: Audra Novak

Staff Members:

Music: Christine Morse

Gym: Christopher Nicholas

TechEx: Andrew Raether, Jennifer Kish

Art: Wendy Wise

Special Ed: Lisa Russell, Ashley Zervan, Angelica Smeets

Interventionist & Paraprofessionals: Alisa Andree, Cortney Brendel, Lorna

Webb, Patty Dearlove, Carolyn Holbrook, Lulu Yu, Lilianna

Haralambrus, Sarah Hayes, Karie Ann Dockery, Tammy Porter

Demetria Royster (Health aid)

Speech: Tanya Babiasz, Laura Suarez

Social Work: Taylor McLaurin

Communication

Main Office Line: 810-591-6137

Attendance Line: 810-591-6349

Fax Line: 810-591-6149

Website: [Brendel Elementary](#) - Includes Calendar of Events

-Classroom Teachers Email

-Classroom Teachers Phone

Mobile app: search grand blanc schools

Facebook PTO Page: [@BrendelElementaryPTO](#)

Facebook School Page: [@BrendelElementary](#)

Jupiter/Juno Grades and Attendance

Blackboard: Uses phone numbers and email addresses on file.

-Text messages

Please stop by the office sometime tonight just to check and make sure all our information is up to date.

NEW - Dental Screening

Attendance Reminders from the Office

Secretaries: Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Woods

School Hours: 8:40 am-3:50 pm, Tardy after 8:50 am but must be signed in by a parent after 8:45 am.

Students are tardy if signed out before 3:20 pm as well.

Main Office Line: 810-591-6137

-General Questions

Attendance Hotline: 810-591-6349

-If child will be absent call before or by 9:00 am

-Consistent attendance is the number one factor in a child's success at school. You must have medical documentation for extended absences due to illness.

Update Emergency Contact Info: Now done online via [ParentVue](#)

-If child is sick or injured only people that you listed on the emergency pick up (ID required) on ParentVue can pick them up. Changes must be made on ParentVue

Signing Students In/Out:

-Done on clipboard in the office

-Plan ahead when figuring out your child's transportation, it is difficult to notify your child of a change in their dismissal plan after 3:00 pm

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival:

- Drop Off - Cars will line up outside of our main entrance loop (2 lines). Staff members will be outside to help assist students out of their cars. They will enter the doors by the library/cafeteria (door 2).
 - Starts at 8:20 am
 - Breakfast students come in
 - Students not eating breakfast will wait outside until 8:35 am
 - All students enter the building at 8:35 am
- Bus - Our buses park down by the playground entrance and student walk up the playground fence and into the doors by the K-2 wing.
 - Breakfast kids release first
 - Remaining students stay until 8:35 am

Dismissal:

- Pick Up - Similar to drop off. Cars will line up in our main entrance loop. Staff will be outside to identify cars and walkie in to our gym where students will be released.
 - Pick up starts at 3:50 pm
 - Please use the pick up line! (It is faster than it looks)
- Bus - Our buses line up in the same spot outside of our playground and when the bell rings they walk to the buses.
 - Buses roll at 3:55 pm

Arrival and Dismissal Map



Parent Involvement

Volunteering with PTO:

-Please connect with your Brendel PTO! Andrea Yuschak, Jennifer Mead, Kari Watkins, Magann Wilkinson, Alysia Carrasco, Erica Avery, Jasmine White, Kristin Leppen, Nathan Wilkinson, Amelia Sanders, Teresa Kletzka, Duane Engleman, Kerry Applegate

- First meeting: September 20th 6:00 pm!

-Events Calendar: [Brendel PTO Calendar](#)

-Facebook: [@BrendelElementaryPTO](#)

-Blackboard: Please have an email on file with the office and your teacher

Volunteering in the Classroom/Building:

-Sign-In on the chromebook located in the office, please wear a visitor sticker

-Ensure you have a volunteer form on file with the school/district (Note: it typically takes a week to process the form at the district before you will be allowed in the building during school hours or able to chaperone/attend field trips.

-Please check with individual teachers regarding their preference/protocol for volunteering in class.

Birthday Treats:

-All birthday treats brought in to share must be healthy and nut/allergy safe (see list in lobby)

Food Service

Kitchen Manager: Audra Novak

Assistant: Jennifer Zelenock

Kitchen Phone: 810-591-6140

Breakfast and Lunch is Free

Lunch Menus: Can be found on the district website under [Food Service](#)

CEP Free Meal Form needs to be filled out in your registration. Check in with the office if you are unsure

PaySchools: <http://bit.ly/2ccwas1>

- Put money in your student's account by using PaySchools (24 hour turnaround on balance)
- Can also send cash or check in with your student and teacher will have helper take down to kitchen
- Or stop by the kitchen in the morning and pay Mrs. Novak

Late Lunch 10 am

Young Fives

- Grand Blanc offers a program specific to students coming into school who are developmentally younger than their peers (Summer or Fall birthdays)
 - Students day is the same as a kindergartener
 - Full day
 - Gym/Music
 - Tech Ex
 - Lunch/Recess
 - Graded on a different report card
 - Gives students a blended year of socialization and academics without the pressure of meeting marking period expectations
 - Implementing Montessori materials
 - Lets them grow and thrive so they can soar the following year in kindergarten!
 - Many GB employees have had their child in this program
 - Helps them be the big fish in the pond
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- If you are interested or would like more information I would be happy to chat with you more!

Questions?

Ask any staff member anytime... we're glad to help :)

Thank You!

Welcome to the Bulldog Family!



Tour Time!

	6:00-6:20	6:20-6:40	6:40-7:00
Teddy Bear Bus Ride	A-H	I-P	Q-Z
Signing Day Picture (Library)	Q-Z	A-H	I-P
Popsicles on the playground	I-P	Q-Z	A-H