

August 16, 2024

Dear Bryn Mawr Community School Family:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We look forward to partnering with you this year to ensure your child's/children's success.

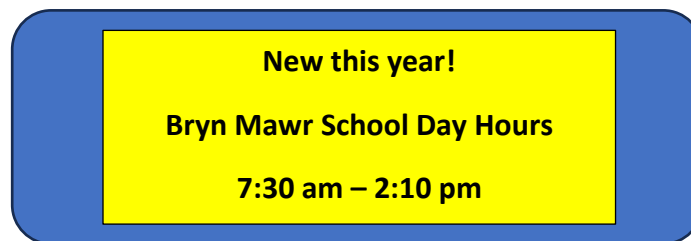
I am excited to return to Bryn Mawr to work with our amazing students, staff, and community. I am eager to meet each of you this year at our family events or as you visit the school. If you are new to Bryn Mawr, please be sure to introduce yourself or stop by my office if you have the chance.

Our team is looking forward to meeting both our new and returning students and families as we begin this new year of learning. In addition to some staffing changes and grade level realignments I want to remind everyone that **our school day is now 10 minutes longer**. Please be ready to receive information about how we can partner together to support student learning throughout the year.



The first day of school:

- 1st – 5th graders will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd
- Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and ECSE will begin on Thursday, September 5th



Open House:

The Bryn Mawr Open House will be held on Thursday, August 29th from 4:00-6:30 pm. There will be food trucks in the parking lot if you wish to purchase items.

Classroom teachers, specialists, and case managers will be in their rooms ready to welcome students and their families. Come meet our PTA (Parent Teacher Association), staff, get important information, and get some treats.



Teacher Assignment:

Classroom assignments will be posted in the main hallway on August 29th. If you have any questions, please call or email the main office.

School Breakfast and Lunch Program:

- All families are asked to fill out the [Educational Benefits Form](#).
- School breakfast is free for **all students** - students are welcome to eat breakfast at school every day.
- Lunch is provided at **no charge** for all students again this year.
- **For questions about student lunch, please call 612-668-2500**



All families need to complete the [Education Benefits Form](#) online before or during Open House. Regardless of your qualification for free/reduced lunch we ask all families to fill out the Educational Benefits Form each year. Families who fill out this form determine much of our funding. This funding is used to purchase books, instructional materials and provide additional academic support for our students. Thank you for taking the time to support our school!



If you would like to fill the form out before open house, please visit:

BrynMawr.mpschools.org/about/aeb.

Transportation:

- Children riding the school bus to school will receive a call, text, and email from our district Transportation Department with their student's bus information.
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- For further information, please call the Transportation Department at 612-668-2300.
- Please note the scheduled time and place that your child will be picked up.
- Review the bus rules with your child before the first day of school.
- Children walking or being dropped off at school should **not** arrive before 7:15 am as we are not able to provide supervision for students.
- Students being dropped off by caregivers each morning will now stop and drop their students off in the loop in front of Anwatin Middle School. Bryn Mawr staff will be there to greet students and guide them safely into the building.
- Caregiver pickup in the afternoons will continue to be conducted at the back of the building near the playground outside door 15. When you arrive, we ask you to remain in your car and we will call students to come out individually.



*Every student is required to have either written permission or verbal permission given to our office staff if there are any changes to their transportation schedule or you wish for them to go home with another student. **If you need to make a change in your child's pick-up routine, please notify the main office before 1:00 pm.***

A few items to consider as we return to school:

- **PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD’S NAME ON ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS** (shoes, book bags, pencil boxes, jackets, etc.). Every year our *Lost and Found* is overflowing and there are no names written on clothing articles. **Please help us out by putting names on items.**
- [A school supply list is on our web site](#). Families can choose to bring those items in during either our Open House or on the first day of school.
- During the coming year, we urge your involvement in the education of your child so together we can help your child learn. All of us at Bryn Mawr Community School invite your input and participation through conferences, PTA meetings, school activities, volunteering, or assisting your child with their homework.

For Everyone’s Safety:

Visitors must first check in at the main office before entering your child’s classroom. If you are dropping a student off after 7:30, you will need to sign them in at our kiosk in the main office. Please remember we like to have students in classrooms on time or as soon as possible so we can get started with the learning activities right away.

Conferences/Important Information to Review:

We hope to have our School Handbook/Calendar for you at Open House. Fall conferences will take place on the evening of October 15th and during the day on October 16th. Caregivers can sign up for conferences during Open House. Conference information is also in the school calendar. There will be many important documents and information which will require your attention the first week of school. Please fill these out and send the required forms back to school.

We hope all of you continue with fun summer-time activities which turn into lifelong memories. We look forward to seeing you at Open House.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to us using any the following contacts:

Kevin Oldenburg – Principal: kevin.oldenburg@mpls.k12.mn.us (612) 668-2500

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Let’s have a great year,

Kevin Oldenburg
Principal