

BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

R. A. Lutz Elementary School

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Welcome Back to School!

Dear R. A. Lutz Elementary Families,

As we prepare for another exciting school year, I am thrilled to welcome each of you to the R. A. Lutz Elementary School (LES) community for the 2024-2025 school year! It is an honor to serve as your principal, and I am fortunate to be joined by two outstanding assistant principals: Mr. Noah Wolf and Mrs. Adrienne Vallus. Together, we are dedicated to ensuring that every student at LES experiences a year of growth, exploration, and success.

As a district, we will continue to embrace the theme of "A Learning CommUnity," which perfectly captures our collective commitment to fostering a supportive, inclusive, and dynamic learning environment where every student can thrive. This year we are excited to roll out some enhancements with our science curriculum, dedicated time around character and mindset development, and the implementation of an individualized skills-based approach to encore classes through badging (coming mid-year). More detailed information will be shared in the coming weeks about these along with general back to school information (curriculum, school protocols, food and health services, district policies, etc).

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3, 2024. You will receive your child's schedule and homeroom information on August 23. We know how important it is to you and your child to have this information in hand, and we appreciate your patience. Additionally, student bus information will be released shortly after that date to ensure everyone has what they need to start the school year smoothly. In case you missed it, <u>click here</u> to view a virtual tour of our beautiful new building.

Below this letter you will find a brief message from our Assistant Principals and information regarding arrival and dismissal. We are looking forward to partnering with you to make this year a fantastic one. Your involvement and support are crucial to our success, and we encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year.

Here's to a great school year ahead, filled with new learning, new friends, and new adventures.



Warm regards,

Laurel Rader
Principal
R. A. Lutz Elementary School
lrader@bwschools.net

Messages from LES Assistant Principals

Welcome back! I am so excited for another exciting year of learning and discovery as your assistant principal at Lutz Elementary. Please know that I am here to support both you and your children, so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely, Mr. Wolf Assistant PrincipalPrincipal R. A. Lutz Elementary School nwolf@bwschools.net

Welcome back to school! As your newest assistant principal, I am so excited to see everyone and get started on a great year together! I look forward to being a support to help all students have a successful year ahead. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Vallus
Assistant Principal
R. A. Lutz Elementary School
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(From left: Mrs. Vallus, Mrs. Rader, and Mr. Wolf)



Pikmykid information, which is used for car riders and walkers, will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you plan for your child to be a frequent car rider and/or walker, please complete this form.

Car Rider Arrival: 8:55-9:15

Student drop-off for car riders begins at 8:55 AM.

All traffic will enter through the gate at the end of Norine Drive, which opens at 8:25 AM. During arrival, all traffic will form a single file line and school staff will assist students in unloading and entering the school.



Car Rider Dismissal: 3:40-4:05

Student dismissal begins at 3:40 PM. All traffic will enter through the gate at the end of Norine Drive, which opens at 3:00 PM. During dismissal, **all traffic will form two lines**. School staff will assist in directing traffic and assist students in getting to their vehicles.



Student Walkers: Arrival 8:55-9:15

Student arrival begins at 8:55 AM, at which time the doors to the school will open. When students walk to school, please use the sidewalks on Pleasantvue Drive and follow the sidewalks to the main entrance of the school.



Student Walkers: Dismissal 3:45- 4:00

For the safety of all, students that walk home will be dismissed between 3:45- 4:00 PM. Students will be checked out by staff at the main entrance, and then students will follow the sidewalks in front of the school and onto Pleasantvue Drive