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Greetings MPE Families!

I hope you had a great summer and that you are all ready for another exciting year of learning at MPE! This letter contains important information about the upcoming school year, so please review this information carefully. You can also find information about MPE's policies, procedures, and resources to support our families at the [MPE Parent Hub](https://mpe.brandywineschools.org/) (<https://tinyurl.com/MPEParentHUB>), which can be found on MPE's website (<https://mpe.brandywineschools.org/>) or by using the QR code at the end of this letter. We believe that a strong partnership with our families and our community are necessary for our students' success. We look forward to this journey with all of you and are excited to experience all of the great accomplishments that lie ahead.

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the *BSD Calendar*, *Dress Code Policy*, *Visitor vs. Volunteer* flyer, *Arrival/Dismissal Map*, and a flyer for our *Back to School Night* on Wednesday, August 21st, where you will get to meet your child's teacher!

I want to take a moment to highlight a few items as we welcome you all back to school. Please see below:

Attendance Matters!

Simply put, we cannot achieve our goals, both individually and collectively, if students are habitually late and/or absent. To that end, we ask that you send your children to school each and every day, barring a significant illness or other emergency. If your child must be absent, please complete the [Absence Request Form](#), which can also be found on our website under the "Families" tab and at the top of your teacher's Class Dojo page. You may also send a hand-written note, email, or Class Dojo message if you are unable to complete the form. You can find more information about what qualifies as an excused/unexcused absence as well as other District Policies in the [BSD's Student Code of Conduct](#). A hard copy of this will be reviewed with your children and sent home for your signature at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for your help with attendance!

Take A Peek Night – See attached flyer

Our first family engagement event will take place on *Wednesday, August 21st* with *Kindergarten* families attending from *5:00 – 6:30 pm* and *First – Fifth Grade* families attending from *5:30 – 7:00 pm*.

- *Class lists* will be posted in our first floor hallway and Cafeteria during this event. If you are unable to attend, you may call the school to find out who your child's teacher is after August 22nd.
- Families are encouraged to take an "empty building tour" and locate your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will have a message waiting for you and you will be able to take a peek into the classroom; however, all doors will be locked as teachers are still setting up their rooms.
- After your tour, please join us outside where teachers and staff will be waiting to greet you.
- We will also have tables set up outside for our *car line* and *PTA*. Check out our PTA's website at <https://mpeptade.memberhub.com/> and please consider joining today!



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Additional Information

- Students with a BSD Chromebook are asked to **bring their Chromebook and charger on the first day of school**. If your child does not have a BSD Chromebook, we will be in touch about obtaining one.
- We are also asking students to bring their **Summer Bridge Books** back to school during the first week of school. We will be recognizing students who completed the majority of the book in the fall.
- **Supply Lists** are posted on our [website](#) and in the **MPE Parent Hub**. You may stagger bringing in materials so your child doesn't have such a heavy load to carry on the first day of school. If you need assistance with supplies, please reach out to your child's teacher and we will help.
- Be sure to check out the [BSD Elementary Dress Code](#). A paper copy is included with this letter.
- Our **doors open at 8:40 am daily**. Students will be marked **Tardy beginning at 8:55 am**. Dismissal begins at 3:20 pm. **OUR CAR LINE IS LOCATED AT THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL. THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IS ONLY FOR BUS RIDERS AND WALKERS. STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER BE DROPPED OFF ON DUNCAN RD.** See attached aerial map. Thank you for your cooperation.
- You should receive a postcard from BSD Transportation with your child's **bus route** next week.
- **Breakfast** and **lunch** will be served for **free** for all MPE students. Go to the BSD's Nutrition website [here](#) for current menus and to set up your child's account for snacks at lunch, which are not free.
- Mark your calendars! MPE's **Open House** will take place on **Wednesday, September 11th at 5:30 pm**.
- Communication is key to our success! **All MPE families are asked to join Class Dojo**, which will be our primary means of communication between parents and teachers. You can always email your child's teacher or give us a call! Information about Class Dojo will be shared at our Take a Peek Night on August 21st.
- We allow our Kindergarten parents only to walk their child to their classroom for the first week of school. Effective September 2nd, parents will not be permitted to walk their child to their classroom.

In order to accomplish our goals and for our students to get the most out of their education, we have adopted the **Three to Be at MPE – Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Safe.** These are our *core values* and they will be reviewed at the beginning of the year and periodically throughout the school year. You can help by talking with your children about our *three to be* and what it means to be an MPE dragon!

I am excited to see all of you and our students on August 21st! Please reach out to our main office or email me if there is anything we can do to make your child's experience even better.

In Partnership,

[MPE Parent HUB](#)

Mr. Matthew Auerbach

Principal

