

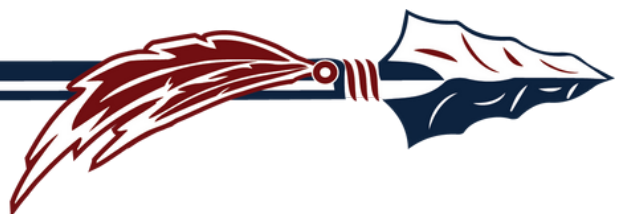


*Kindergarten
Round-Up
School Year
2025-2026*



**DOCUMENTS TO
BRING**

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security #
- Immunization Records



BELLMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Bellmont Elementary School!

We are thrilled to have you and your child join our community at Bellmont Elementary School! Kindergarten is not just a grade; it is a pivotal time in your child's life filled with exciting new experiences and discoveries. As they embark on this educational journey, they will encounter many memorable "firsts" that will lay the foundation for their future learning. We recognize how significant this first year is for both you and your child, and we are committed to ensuring that every student feels valued, important, and loved each and every day.

Our exceptional kindergarten staff is devoted to supporting each child's individual needs, and they are eager to help your little ones shine. Whether your student requires extra assistance, is on track with their peers, or is ready for advanced challenges, our dedicated teachers are prepared and equipped to take the necessary steps to help your child succeed academically and socially.

You may be wondering, "What can I do to help prepare my child for kindergarten?" Here are some straightforward yet effective daily activities that can give your child a significant head start:

1. **Read Aloud Every Day:** Reading is the single most important indicator of how students will perform in school. Make it a routine to read together. This not only fosters a love for books but also enhances their comprehension and imagination.
2. **Engage in Conversations to Build Vocabulary:** Talk with your child about everything you see around you—signs, letters, colors, shapes, and more. Whether you're driving in the car or spending time at home, these conversations help expand their vocabulary and prepare them for reading and math.
3. **Discuss Numbers in Everyday Situations:** Incorporate counting into daily activities. Point to objects while counting out loud, and discuss concepts like "more" and "less" when adding or taking away items. For example, share your thought process with them, saying something like, "I'm going to put one potato away because we only need four for dinner." This not only teaches them numbers but also how to think mathematically.

It's remarkable how much our children absorb from our interactions with them daily! By engaging with them in these simple ways, you're providing them with the tools they need for success in their educational journey.

As we look forward to welcoming our new Braves for the 25/26 school year, we want you to know how honored we are that you have chosen to be part of our school community. Together, we will create a supportive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office at 260-724-3137. Our staff and I are here to help you in any way we can. We can't wait to embark on this exciting adventure with you and your child!

Renee Hutter
Principal at Bellmont Elementary
School



Our Kindergarten Team



Mrs. Amanda Goodknight

I have been teaching kindergarten for two years. I went to Bethel University and earned my bachelors in Elementary Education, and I then worked in a preschool before I started here at Bellmont. I had wanted to be a teacher my entire life, and I love the "ah ha" moments students get when they have been working so hard on a skill.



Ms. Jacquelyn Morris

I have been a teacher for 16 years and have taught preschool, kindergarten and third grade, respectively. I also attended IPFW for Elementary Education, I am excited to spend the school year helping your child love to learn. We are Braves!



Mrs. Taylor Selking

Hi! My name is Taylor Selking, this will be my second-year teaching at BES and my 4th year teaching Kindergarten. I was born and raised in Decatur and attended high school at Bellmont. I really love teaching Kindergarten and I am excited for another amazing year!



Mrs. Kaylin Voors

Hello! I am Mrs. Voors and I am a part of the Kindergarten team at Bellmont Elementary. This is my second year teaching! I decided to become a teacher because I wanted to be the person to help children learn, grow, and build a strong foundation for the rest of their lives.



Mrs. Barbara Anaya

Hello! I am Barbara Anaya. I am excited to be a Kindergarten teacher at Bellmont Elementary. I have been teaching for 15 years and have taught 4th and 5th grade, in addition to Kindergarten. I enjoy science, gardening, and learning about the natural world. I look forward to another great school year!



Mrs. Jillian Simmons

Hello. I am Mrs. Simmons, one of the kindergarten teachers at Bellmont Elementary School. I love teaching kindergarteners because I believe they have incredible imaginations & the kindest hearts!

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2025

KDG ROUND-UP

Your child will have an opportunity to meet our kindergarten teachers, see kindergarten classrooms, learn more about Belmont Elementary School.

please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization [shot] record

JUNE 2025

IMMUNIZATIONS

If your child still needs their "kindergarten shots," schedule a visit with your child's physician

JULY 2025

REGISTRATION

Typically around the 2nd week of July, families will be asked to complete their child's registration

JULY/AUG 2025

BACKPACK BASH

students to receive free school supplies, participate in games and activities, meet teachers and more

CLASS

ASSIGNMENTS

Typically in early August, classroom assignments are posted and available for parents to view.

OPEN HOUSE

Attend an Open House to meet your child's teacher, see your child's classroom, drop off your child's school supplies and tour the building

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for the 2025-2026 School Year is August 7th. We can't wait to see everyone!

TRANSPORTATION

We are proud to offer transportation services to our North Adams students. We offer 21 bus stops across the city of Decatur for students to access. Those bus stop locations include:

Including these popular spots...

Decatur Swimming Pool
Adams St. (at Krueckeberg Auction)
Northwest School - Merit Center
Eagle Glen Ct. (in Cross Creek)
Canterbury (at Berkley Ct.)
Washington at 11th St.
Zion School (on 10th St)
St. Mark's Church
Monroe St. at 17th St.
Waterbury
Pine Crossing
St. Joseph School
Water Tower on Line St. - Studebaker & Line St.
Homestead between 44 & 45
McBarnes and Everheart
Church of God
Mercer at Parkview Dr. (South)
Mercer at Parkview Dr. (North)
Boys & Girls Club
Bollman & Village Green Blvd.
1st & Rugg St.
High St.
Deer Run Trail on 28th
Grey Goose

TRANSPORTATION STOPS:

It is not likely, however, due to ridership, some bus stop locations may change. If your child will be using bus transportation, we encourage you to visit our district website, prior to the start of the school year, to review bus stop locations, including pick up and drop off times. Questions? Email millers@nadams.k12.in.us

Bellmont Elementary

SPECIAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

North Adams Community Schools proudly receives consultation and support, as well as some special education services such as school psychology/special education evaluation services, from Adams Wells Special Services Cooperative. Our team of special education professionals works closely with Adams and Wells Special Services to ensure all students who may qualify for services receives the appropriate, individualized educational programming that he or she may need. If you believe your child would benefit from special education services, please contact Belmont Elementary School to discuss your child's education.

MCKINNEY VENTO

If you are experiencing a difficult hardship or life circumstance and would like assistance or information regarding educational services available for students who meet homeless housing irregularity eligibility as defined through the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act, please contact our district liaison, Tiffany Heine, or building liaison, Taylor Oliver. Email Tiffany Heine: heinet@nadams.k12.in.us or email Taylor Oliver: olivert@nadams.k12.in.us

TITLE I

North Adams Community Schools offers Title I programs at Belmont Elementary School for students requiring remediation and/or intervention to achieve the basic components of grade-level reading skills. Title I utilizes scientifically research-based curriculum to improve targeted deficits, build skills and bridge reading, phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and/or comprehension. Title I instruction occurs in small-group and one-on-one settings, and is provided in addition to the student's 90-minutes of general education, core classroom reading instruction provided by the grade-level teacher.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

North Adams Community Schools values all learners, and strives to provide opportunities to grow students in ways that fit their individual needs. Students who primarily speak languages other than English are no exception to that. North Adams administers the WIDA Screener and ACCESS assessments to determine language proficiency scores and provides instruction to support English language acquisition at all grade levels.

MILITARY FAMILIES

As a Purple Star recipient at Belmont High School, we welcome and appreciate all service members, veterans, students and military families to our district. We recognize our military families experience unique challenges and complexities navigating in and out of deployment or residential transitions. Our goal is to ensure you have the proper support and guidance to be successful. If you are an active or veteran member of our military, please contact Bryan Lineberry, military families liaison, for assistance, at lineberryb@nadams.k12.in.us

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Good to Know Information



POWERSCHOOL

North Adams Community Schools utilizes PowerSchool for student information. Parents and guardians are encouraged to create an account and use PowerSchool to monitor and review student grades, schedules and attendance. To create an account or for account support, please contact Julie Schueler at the school at 260-724-7121.

CANVAS

Students in grades K-12 use Canvas as their online learning management system. Students will receive assignments, can communicate with teachers and conduct eLearning via Canvas. Parents may pair an account with their child. It is strongly encouraged that parents utilize Canvas on a regular basis. Our partnership is important for your child's success!

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Students in grades K-8 will have free breakfast and lunch for the 2025/2026 school year. A monthly calendar will be sent out to show what is on the daily lunch menu each month.



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BRAVES

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BELLMONT BRAVES



Frequently Asked Questions

1: HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

If your child turns age 5 on or before August 1, 2025, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall for the 2025-2026 school year.

2: WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP?

Your child will participate in a kindergarten screening which includes pre-reading and pre-math activities designed to give our teachers a beginning understanding of your child's entry level skills. Your child may also tour a kindergarten classroom and receive complimentary services provided by members of our community agencies.

3: IS MY CHILD REQUIRED TO HAVE ALL OF HIS/HER IMMUNIZATIONS UP TO DATE?

No, your child does not need to be up to date on his or her immunizations to attend Round Up. During Round Up, you will have the opportunity to meet with the school nurse to review your child's record and discuss what additional immunizations he or she may need before kindergarten.

4: HOW DO I REGISTER IF I CANNOT ATTEND ROUND UP?

If you are unable to attend Round Up and have a child who will be attending kindergarten in the fall, please contact Bellmont Elementary School to schedule a time for you and your child to come in and participate in kindergarten screening and complete the Round Up paperwork.



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Building Secretary: Mrs. Amy Bieberich
Mrs. Beverly Lichtensteiger

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