

# Welcome to Marionneaux

#### **2025-2026 School Year:**

Welcome to a new school year! In order to keep our campus running smoothly, here is some important information from the front office.

## **Attendance:**

Please call 623-866-6007 & leave a message or email <a href="mattend@besd33.org">mattend@besd33.org</a> to report the absence. You must report each day the student is absent. Your child is responsible to gather work that has been missed during his/her absence. Absences cannot be changed after the quarter has ended. All absences not reported by 9:15am will result in a system dialer automated phone call that the student was not present. Students who have 10 unexcused absences will be withdrawn.

# **Bicycles:**

Students may ride their bicycles, skateboards, and scooters to and from school. Bicycle, skateboard, and scooter racks are available at the West side of the school. Chains/locks are highly recommended and must be brought by students. Office will not hold any of these items at any time. As with other personal items brought to school, the school cannot accept responsibility for the safety of bicycles, skateboards, and/or scooters throughout the school day.

## **Bus Transportation:**

We are primarily a walking distance school and provide bus transportation to our in-boundary students who are east of Watson Rd. All students participate in bus drills. Students are given instruction on bus safety and taught correct evacuation procedures. If you have any questions please contact the transportation department at 623-925-3440.

#### Cafeteria:

Please visit besd33.org/lunch to fill out the free & reduced lunch application, print menus, and/or Pay for lunch online. You may also put money in your child's account with <u>cash or a check</u> at the front office.

# Cell phone: (Wireless Communication Devices) Use By Students:

\*Wireless communication devices include but are not limited to, cell phones and/or auxiliary/ancillary devices such as watches, smart glasses, and earbuds.



House Bill 2482 requires school districts to have policies that limit the use of wireless communication devices (including personal and school-provided devices) by students during the school day. Students may not use wireless communication devices during the school day. Wireless communication devices must be turned off and in a classroom cell phone/wireless communication locker for 5th-8th grade all day or in a backpack and turned off for K-4th grade students. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day. If a student needs to use a phone, they may use the phone in the main office or may use a classroom phone with a teacher's permission.

If a wireless communication device is audible, causes a disruption to the learning environment, or is used in manner deemed as inappropriate by a staff member, consequences may include but are not limited to one or more of the following:

- Detention.
- The item will be confiscated and returned to the student and/or parent/guardian at the end of the day.
- The student will be required to check the item in at the front office at the start of the day and may pick up the item at the end of the school day.
- The student will be prohibited from bringing the item to school.

Depending upon the nature and severity of the violation, additional consequences may be imposed consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

Student cell phones/watches (electronic devices) may be held as evidence by police in the investigation of a criminal matter.

Parents/guardians and students are required to sign the District's Wireless Communication Device Agreement if a student will be bringing a wireless communication device to school.

# **Chromebooks:**

Parents/guardians must review and fill out the chromebook technology agreement before any student receives their chromebook. Students will not be permitted to bring school chromebooks home. Chromebooks will remain on campus and in a classroom charging station daily. Personal devices are not able to be connected to school wifi.



## **Communication:**

We strive to maintain open communication with all parents and guardians. Occasionally parents have a question, concern, or suggestion to make. The <u>First step</u> is to call or email your child's teacher. If you do not feel that your question was answered to your complete satisfaction, please call the school front office to help resolve your concern. If you are still not satisfied, an appointment with the Principal, Mr. Forgette or Assistant Principal, Ms. Connell may be scheduled through Mrs. Camacho-Medina, administrative assistant. Following this chain of command will guarantee that your issues will be resolved in a timely manner.

#### Class Dojo

Buckeye Elementary School District uses Class Dojo to foster strong communication between home and the classroom teacher, celebrate your child's learning, and create a positive classroom community. This platform is free for families and can be accessed on any computer or mobile device (via the ClassDojo app).

# What is ClassDojo?

ClassDojo is a safe and secure online platform that allows us to:

- Share Instant Updates: Get real-time updates directly from our classroom! This might
  include photos and videos of your child participating in activities, important
  reminders, or quick notes about what we're learning.
- Communicate Privately and Securely: You can send private messages directly to your child's teacher, and we can respond in a timely manner. This is a great way to ask questions, share information, or schedule a quick chat.
- Celebrate Positive Behaviors and Skills: ClassDojo helps us reinforce positive behaviors and social-emotional skills in the classroom. Your child's teacher may award "Dojo Points" for things like teamwork, perseverance, helping others, participation, or staying on task. You'll be able to see these points, giving you a wonderful opportunity to discuss and celebrate your child's efforts at home.
- Share Class Story and School Story: We'll use "Class Story" to share general updates, photos, and videos that highlight our daily classroom activities and learning. The



school administration may also use "School Story" to share important announcements or school-wide events.

• Keep You Informed: ClassDojo is a central hub for all our classroom communication. You'll receive invitations to school events, updates on assignments, and general classroom news directly through the platform.

# Why BESD uses ClassDojo?

BESD believe ClassDojo will enhance your child's learning experience by:

- Strengthening the Home-Teacher Connection: By giving you a window into your child's classroom, you can feel more connected to your child's daily learning and progress.
- Promoting Positive Behavior: The instant feedback and recognition system helps motivate students and encourages positive classroom behaviors.
- Making Communication Easy: It provides a convenient and efficient way for teachers to communicate with you and for you to reach teachers.
- Creating a Positive Classroom Culture: When parents are engaged, it reinforces the importance of learning and positive behavior for students.

# **Deliveries to the Classroom:**

We are unable to disturb classrooms as this takes the students off task and interrupts instruction. If you must drop personal belongings off, please have their belongings <u>labeled</u> with name, grade, and teacher's name to ensure delivery. Homework and other assignments will be placed in the teacher's mailbox.

## Food in the Classroom:

Celebrations (birthdays, holiday parties, etc.) will happen at the end of the day. This practice is to comply with the Buckeye Elementary School District Competitive Food Guidance. Balloons will remain in the office until the end of the day as they are not permitted into the classroom.



#### **Arrival Procedures**

- 6th-8th grade students with no younger siblings will be dropped off at the West gate.
- Kinder-5th grade students will be dropped off in front of the school and use the main gate.
- All walkers will enter through the main gate.
- Students with a bike, skateboard, scooter etc will enter through the West gate.
- Gates will close at 8:25. Students will then need to enter through the office.

#### **Dismissal Procedures**

#### **Walkers**

- K-5 walkers who meet older siblings will wait with the teacher by the East fire lane designated grade level area.
- 6-8 walkers will exit through the East gate or will pick up younger siblings at the designated area and exit the East gate.
- Any students with bikes, skateboards, scooters etc. must use the firelane to walk off of campus.
- Students should give their teacher a signal when leaving. (Students with older siblings-Teacher can define this given signal).

#### Pick-up

- Kindergarten with no siblings only pick-up is in the East parking lot. Please have your pink sheet showing in your windshield. Other vehicles are not permitted.
- K-5 students with older siblings are to be picked up in front of the awning. Please have your pick-up sheet with names visible on your dashboard.
- 6th-8th with no siblings will be picked up at the West gate.
- Students are not to wait in front of the library or office doors.
- Parents who park, please use the crosswalk and pick up your child under the awning.
   (Students are not to enter the parking lot without a parent present.)
- Students should give their teacher a signal when leaving. (The teacher can define this given signal).

# Bus

- Collect all grade level bussers and have them line up before dismissing.
- Exit from your grade-level dismissal designated area with the pick-up students.
- Students will be walked to the designated bus area in front of the flagpole.



#### **Afternoon Dismissal Times:**

 Kinder
 3:00 pm/12:15 pm

 1st - Eighth
 3:15 pm/12:30 pm

Any students remaining will be brought to the front office to call home. If needing additional after school care, contact the City of Buckeye BASE program. 623-349-6350

# Field trips:

Money and permission slip must be turned in together by the deadline. Anything turned in past the deadline will not be accepted unless the student has just enrolled. School/Office may only accept cash or check and <u>does not give change</u>.

#### Health office:

We do not have a school nurse. All medications and first aid will be provided by front office staff. Over the counter medication will only be given from 11:00am to 2:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday with your permission on the health information form.

NO OTC medications will be given on Wednesdays.

\*Any prescribed medication to be held in the health office or self carried must be brought to the front office by an adult in the original container with the pharmacist label and must complete the paperwork.

#### When Should a Child Stau Home?

A child must be fever free for at least 24 hours <u>without</u> the use of medication (ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc.) before he/she can return to school. A child who has vomited or has had diarrhea must remain home until he/she is episode free for 24 hours.

#### Lost and Found:

Items left on campus will be placed in our lost and found station located outside of the cafeteria. We will put these items out for display in the courtyard in front of the main gate a few times a year. Items will be donated at the end of every quarter to a local charity. Smaller items such as keys, jewelry etc. will be put in the front office lost and found and thrown out at the end of the year.

#### PTA:

We are so proud and thankful for our Tiger PTA. If you have any questions at any time or would like to get connected please contact <a href="mailto:mestigerspta@amail.com">mestigerspta@amail.com</a>.



## Student Check-Out Procedure:

Students may not be signed out after 3:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday and 12:15 pm on Wednesdays- as students are receiving end of the day instructions, notes, rewards, homework and other important information. Only a parent, guardian, or emergency contact (18+) who is listed on file and presents photo identification, may sign out the student. Due to student safety and loss of instruction time, the office will not call students out of class to wait in the office before being signed out.

#### **Sports Physicals:**

In order to try out, practice, and/or play sports, student athletes must have a current sports physical on file and must be renewed yearly. Sports Physical forms are available online @ besd33.org and in the Office.

#### Tardies:

Any student who is not inside the classroom by 8:30am will be considered tardy and must sign in at the office. Tardies that do not have a signature or written/verbal notification from parent/guardian will be considered unexcused tardy. Please make sure students are on time as excessive tardiness hinders student learning.

#### Volunteers:

All volunteers must have a valid Arizona fingerprint clearance card. Please visit our website besd33.org to view and sign up for our quarterly fingerprinting dates. If you have a valid AZ fingerprint clearance card, please visit the front office with a Photo ID and valid AZ fingerprint clearance card.

# **Visitors on Campus:**

Please contact the office to schedule an appointment with a teacher or administrator. All visitors must sign in with the front office first. Visitors are not permitted to tour or observe classrooms during designated blackout dates (e.g., during state assessment testing)

Please continue to stay connected with us through Instagram, Email and our Website. Thank you for supporting Marionneaux Elementary where: "Empowering leaders and inspiring life-long learners."

Mr. Nick Forgette, Principal Ms. Sue Connell, Assistant Principal Mrs. Eusevia Camacho-Medina, Administrative Assistant Mrs. Gabriela Coronado. Office Clerk