BELLEFONTAINE ELEMENTARY 2025-2026

Back to School NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to all of our elementary school families! We're excited to start a new school year filled with learning, growth and fun. As we kick off this season, we're committed to providing a safe, supportive and enriching environment for all students. Your partnership is key to our success, and we look forward to working together to create a positive and nurturing experience for your children. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Breakfast and Lunch

- Breakfast is free for all students.
- Lunch is $2.30
- Extra milk is $.60
- To qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch, a Free/Reduced Meal Application must be completed in Final Forms.

Office Contacts

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When Does School Start???

PRESCHOOL TIMES
AM Session 8:20-11:15
PM Session 12:40-3:35
Preschool 2 Hour Delay
AM Session 10:20-12:35
PM Session 1:30-3:45

KINDERGARTEN, 1ST AND 2ND GRADE TIMES
Doors Open at 8:20
Breakfast 8:20-8:40
Classes Start at 8:45
Students dismissed at 3:45

START DATES
Preschool - (A-K Sept 3; L-Z Sept 4; All on Sept 5)
Kindergarten - (A-K Sept 3; L-Z Sept 4; All on Sept 5)
1st and 2nd - All on September 3

Cell Phone Policy -In order to enhance our instructional practices, we will be implementing a NO CELL PHONE policy in the district. All student personal electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) are required to be powered off and put away in student lockers throughout the entire school day.

Call Ins and Parent Notes - If your child will be absent, please call BES before 9:00am to let us know. When your child returns to school, make sure they have a parent note or doctor excuse for our attendance secretary. Notes must be turned in within 24 hours of the student's absence.

To Do List:

- Make sure everything in your child's Final Forms account is complete. They will not be added to a class until that is done.
- Pay school fees. Fees are $80 and can be paid quarterly either in the office or on the BCS website through the link to PaySchool.
- Start looking for school supplies. School supply lists can be found on the BCS website.

When Will We Know Who Our Child's Teacher Is???

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students will receive an email on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 22 that will give you information on who your child's teacher will be. Preschool teachers will be reaching our soon to schedule 1-on-1 conferences before school begins.

Upcoming Events at BES

- Open House for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade - Thursday, August 28th from 4:30-6:00.
- Preschool 1-on-1 Meetings - Wednesday, August 27th or Thursday, August 28th from 4:00-7:30.
- Picture Day is Wednesday, September 24th.
- Picture Retakes are Wednesday, November 5th.

HOW CAN I STAY CONNECTED???

All information from Bellefontaine Elementary will be shared in the following ways:

- BES PTO Facebook Page (Join Now!)
- Bellefontaine City Schools Facebook Page
- Class Dojo (A link will be coming from your child's teacher)
- Visit our district's new web page - https://www.bcs-k12.org/
  - The new web page is a work in progress so please be patient while we get it set up.