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Dear Baltz Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Baltz Elementary! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we are so excited to have you in our school community! This year's theme, **Ready, Set, Thrive– In our Hive, Every Bear Thrives**, reflects our belief that students, families, and staff thrive when we learn, grow, and support each other academically, socially, and emotionally. We can't wait to begin this journey together!

**Update Your Emergency Contact Information in Infinite Campus**

Baltz Elementary and the Red Clay School District have transitioned to Infinite Campus as our new learning management and student information system. It is essential that all families update their emergency contact information. Once submitted, we will ensure to update the system with your submitted information.

**Car Tags & Identification**

We have ordered two new car tags for every family for the 2025-2026 school year. Please only release your extra car tag and number to an authorized pick-up person. All pick-up persons — including family members — should be prepared to show photo identification when picking up a student. This is especially important at the start of the school year, as we may have new duty staff members who do not yet know every parent/guardian by face. Thank you for your patience as we work to ensure the safety of all students.

**School Day & Transportation Overview**

**School Day:** 8:45 AM – 3:50 PM

**Start of Instruction:** 9:05 AM

**Free Breakfast/Lunch for All Baltz Students**

All students are eligible for a free breakfast and lunch daily. No paperwork required. A la carte items and second meals/doubles are not included, and fees still apply. See the newsletter for flyers with additional details.

**Before & After Care (YMCA)**

The YMCA provides before and after school care on-site at Baltz. Morning care begins at 7:00 AM, and afternoon care ends at 6:00 pm. Space is limited, so please register early. For additional details, please visit our newsletter.

**School-Based Health Center Services On-Site (Christiana Care)**

Baltz Elementary is proud to partner with Christiana Care to provide school-based health center services. The center provides medical care, mental health support, and preventive services to students during the school day. Enrollment is free. For details, pick up a flyer in the main office, or visit our newsletter.

**Stay Connected**

As the school year begins, please **check your email regularly**. Our weekly family update, the **Baltz Bulletin – Family Edition**, goes out every Sunday with important news, events, and celebrations.

**Thank You**

Thank you for taking the time to review these important details and for partnering with us to make the start of the school year a success! We can't wait to see you at Meet & Greet and throughout the year! Ready, Set, Thrive!

With gratitude,

Ms. Jacqueline Gallagher – Principal

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