

BISSONET BULLETIN

August 2026: Back to School Edition

Welcome Back!

A Message from our Principal & Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a brand new school year at Bissonet Plaza! I hope you and your family had a restful and joyful summer. We are so excited to welcome our students back to school—and to welcome our families to our school community.



We are honored to be part of your child's journey. At Bissonet, we focus on creating a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where every child can grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for the year ahead—setting up classrooms, planning fun and meaningful lessons, and making sure everything is ready for a smooth and happy start.

This year, we will continue to build strong foundational skills in reading, writing, and math, while also encouraging creativity, curiosity, and kindness. You will hear a lot about our focus on positive behavior, character building, and helping every student feel confident and cared for.

Communication between school and home is very important to us. You can expect regular updates from your child's teacher, as well as school-wide newsletters and reminders. If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Please join us for Open House, Wednesday, August 26th from 6:00-7:30 pm, where you will get to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and learn more about what is ahead this year. We will begin Open House as a group in the cafeteria. This event is for parents only. Please make arrangements for childcare prior to that night.

Thank you for your trust, support, and partnership. We are truly looking forward to a fantastic school year filled with laughter, learning, and lots of growth!

Warmly,
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Queridos padres y tutores:

¡Bienvenidos a un nuevo año escolar en Bissonet Plaza! Espero que usted y su familia hayan tenido un verano relajante y alegre. Estamos muy emocionados de dar la bienvenida de nuevo a nuestros estudiantes, así como de recibir a las nuevas familias que se unen a nuestra comunidad escolar.

Nos sentimos honrados de ser parte del camino educativo de su hijo(a). En Bissonet, nos enfocamos en crear un ambiente seguro, acogedor y estimulante, donde cada niño pueda crecer en lo social, emocional y académico.

Nuestros maestros y el personal han estado trabajando arduamente para prepararse para el nuevo año escolar: organizando las aulas, planificando lecciones divertidas y significativas, y asegurándose de que todo esté listo para un comienzo fluido y feliz.

Este año continuaremos fortaleciendo las habilidades fundamentales en lectura, escritura y matemáticas, al mismo tiempo que fomentamos la creatividad, la curiosidad y la amabilidad. Escuchará mucho sobre nuestro enfoque en el comportamiento positivo, la formación del carácter y nuestro compromiso de ayudar a que cada estudiante se sienta seguro, valorado y apoyado.

La comunicación entre la escuela y el hogar es muy importante para nosotros. Puede esperar recibir actualizaciones regulares del maestro(a) de su hijo(a), así como boletines y recordatorios a nivel escolar. Si en algún momento tiene preguntas o inquietudes, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros. Estamos aquí para apoyarle a usted y a su hijo(a) en cada paso del camino.

Le invitamos cordialmente a nuestra **Casa Abierta (Open House)**, el **miércoles 26 de agosto de 6:00 a 7:30 p. m.**, donde podrá conocer al maestro(a) de su hijo(a), visitar el aula y aprender más sobre lo que nos espera este año. Comenzaremos el evento juntos en la cafetería. Este evento es **solo para padres**, por lo que le pedimos que haga los arreglos necesarios para el cuidado de los niños con anticipación.

Gracias por su confianza, apoyo y colaboración. ¡Estamos verdaderamente emocionados por un año escolar fantástico, lleno de risas, aprendizaje y mucho crecimiento!

Atentamente,
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Fire Drill

Parents/Guardians,

We had our first fire drill of the 2026–27 school year on Friday, August 14. Our students did a great job getting out of the building safely and efficiently!

Please take a moment to discuss the importance of fire drills with your children at home. Remind them that the goal is to **get out of the building safely and efficiently**:

- **Walk quickly—never run.** Running creates an unsafe situation and can lead to injuries.
- **No talking.** Students need to be able to hear important directions and updates from school leadership and fire personnel.
- **Listen carefully and follow directions** from teachers and emergency personnel.

As a reminder, please also have a **designated safe place to evacuate to at home** in the event of an emergency. Make sure everyone in your family knows where this location is.

Thank you for helping us reinforce the importance of safety at school and at home!

Turn In Important Documents

Please make sure your child's **signed Technology Agreement** has been turned in. This agreement must be on file for your child to use instructional technology programs at school.

Please also make sure we have a **current Emergency Card** on file. Check that:

- Your contact information is up to date.
- Your current address is listed for mailings and report cards.
- Everyone who has permission to check your child out of school is listed on the form.

Keeping this information current is especially important in the event of an emergency.

Supply Fee

Please visit **SchoolCashOnline** to pay your child's supply fee. This fee helps cover the cost of items provided throughout the school year, including:

- Red communication folders
- Student agendas
- Colored paper for notices
- Other classroom and school materials

PAY NOW

Spirit Shirts

Spirit shirts may be worn on **Fridays with uniform bottoms**.

If your child does not have a spirit shirt yet, please purchase one through **SchoolCashOnline**. Show your school spirit every Friday!

PURCHASE SPIRIT SHIRT NOW

Important Arrival & Dismissal Information

Morning Arrival

- Students must be **on campus and in their classrooms by 7:50 AM**.
- Students arriving in their classroom after 7:50 AM will be marked tardy.
- Please plan to have your child **out of the car and on campus by 7:45 AM**.
- Students entering campus after the bell must be walked into the school office by an adult.

Early Check-Out

- We do **not allow student check-outs after 2:05 PM**.
- Please schedule appointments accordingly. We understand that emergencies happen, but routine appointments should be planned around this cutoff time.

Dismissal Safety Reminders

We need everyone's help to keep dismissal safe and moving efficiently.

Walking Pick-Up

If you are **walking up to pick up your child**, you must:

- Wait **OUTSIDE the main gate**.
- Stand with your **shoulder next to the gate**- leaving plenty of room for students to pass on the sidewalk.
- Hold up your **red walker sign** so the staff member on the microphone can see it.
- Wait for your child to be called and sent out to you.

Please do NOT stand in front of the gate. This creates a safety issue for students who are walking home. Remember, there are cars moving through the car circle, and students should not have to walk around adults waiting in front of the gate.

Students are dismissed in this order:

1. Walkers without siblings
2. Walkers with siblings
3. Car riders at approximately **2:35 PM**

Car Riders

If your child is a car rider, parents should remain **in their vehicle and in the car line**.

Please remember:

- The car line begins at **Power Boulevard** and travels down **Kawanee Avenue**.
- **Absolutely no U-turns on Kawanee Avenue.**
- Do not park in front of the school.
- Do not park on the side of the school.
- Do not park in front of the fire station.
- Do not park in the St. Philip parking lot.
- Please have your **car rider sign clearly displayed**. This helps our staff identify students and keeps the line moving efficiently.

Please Follow the Dismissal Map

Please review the dismissal map included with this newsletter so everyone understands where to wait and how the car line should flow.

Thank you for following these procedures. They are in place to keep ALL of our students safe.

26-27 SCHOOL YEAR TIPS

BISSONET PLAZA



Designates the ONLY school crossing zone allowed.



No Parking



Parking & Traffic Reminders during drop off and dismissal:

No Parking: In front of the school, on Kawanee Ave., in front of the fire station, at St. Philip School, or in any Bissonet side parking lots

Carpool Traffic:

Follow the black arrows when entering and exiting the carpool line, **No U-turns** on Kawanee Ave. This applies to leaving the carpool line as well.

Please help keep our students, families, and neighbors safe by following all traffic directions.

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26-27 SCHOOL YEAR TIPS

BISSONET PLAZA



SCHOOL DAY

7:45 AM – 2:35 PM

***NO CHECK OUTS AFTER 2:05**

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL BEGINS: 2:35 PM

CAR LINE ENDS: 3:05 PM

WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO REGISTER FOR AFTER-CARE IF THEY THINK THEY WILL ARRIVE LATER THAN 3:05.

WALKERS

ONLY STUDENTS WHO LIVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE AND CHOOSE TO WALK HOME WITHOUT A PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE CONSIDERED WALKERS AND SHOULD NOT BE WAITING AT THE GATE FOR A PARENT/GUARDIAN. IF YOU CHOOSE TO MEET YOUR CHILD AND WALK WITH HIM/HER- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE WAITING OUTSIDE OF THE GATE BY 2:25.

WALKERS SHOULD NOT WALK TOWARD ROUSES AFTER SCHOOL.

CAR LINE

PARENTS PICKING UP STUDENTS MUST USE THE CAR LINE.

ENTER FROM POWER BLVD., TRAVEL DOWN KAWANEE AVE. TO THE FRONT HORSESHOE OF CAMPUS.

EXIT TOWARD ELMWOOD, OLYMPIC DR., OR APOLLO.

DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS TOWARD ROUSES. THIS IS A SAFETY CONCERN DURING DISMISSAL.

PARKING REMINDERS

NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL FROM 2:00-3:10 PM.

DO NOT PARK ON KAWANEE AVE.

DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF SCHOOL OR IN ANY SCHOOL LOTS

DO NOT PARK AT THE FIRE STATION.

DO NOT PARK AT ST. PHILIP SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES SAFE DURING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL!

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School Supplies

At this point, all school supplies should have been sent to your child's classroom. If you have not had an opportunity to send supplies or know that your child is missing an item, **this weekend is a great time to pick up those last-minute supplies** so they can be sent to school on Monday.

Headphones Required

All Kindergarten–8th grade students are required to have their own headphones at school.

Students use several instructional programs throughout the school day that require headphones. For sanitary reasons, students must use their **own personal headphones**. Please make sure your child has a pair so they don't miss valuable instructional time.

Uniform Reminder

Please continue to follow the school's **uniform policy and dress code** each day.

Remember:

- No hoods may be worn.
- Students should follow all uniform and dress procedures.
- Please make sure your child arrives at school dressed appropriately and ready to learn.



Thank you, families, for helping us keep Bissonet safe, organized, and ready for learning!



Uniforms - Bissonet Plaza Elementary School

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WE OFFER AFTERCARE

Before and After School Care is available to provide students with a safe, supervised environment before and after the school day. **Before Care** begins at **6:45 a.m.**, and **After Care** is available until **6:00 p.m.**

To participate in the program, **students must be registered for childcare**. We strongly encourage families of **car riders** to register for After Care if there is any possibility they may be delayed at dismissal. **Carpool pickup ends promptly at 3:05 p.m.**, and all car riders must be picked up by that

time. Registering your child for After Care ensures they have a safe, supervised place to remain if an unexpected delay occurs.

OPEN THE AFTERCARE REGISTRATION

Keep Learning at Home with Clever

Did you know your child can access **Lexia and Zearn from home**?

Students can log in through the **Clever app** using their school account and continue working on these important instructional programs outside of school.

Encourage your child to spend a little time practicing on **Lexia and Zearn at home**. This is a great way to reinforce skills learned at school and keep learning going beyond the classroom!

Stay Connected

Please stay actively involved in your child's learning throughout the school year. Teachers can be contacted by email. Visit our school website at bissonet.jpschools.org to find teacher contact information and other important school resources.

If your child's afternoon transportation needs to change, please contact your child's teacher and/or the office **as early as possible**. Please do not wait until 1:00 PM to make a dismissal change.

FIND YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

August Dates



Bissonet Plaza

AUGUST SCHOOL DATES

5

Meet & Greet

1:30-3:00

7

First Day for Students

1st - 8th Grade Students

13

First Day for PK/K

BOYS only

14

First Day for PK/K

GIRLS Only

26

Open House

6:00 - 7:00 PM

27

Picture Day

Full uniform: ID/Yearbook Pictures



[VIEW THE STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

School Picture Day is Coming!

 **PICTURE DAY IS:**

August 27, 2026



SCHOOL:

Bissonet Plaza Elementary School

Order Before Picture Day & SAVE \$6!

Place your order online before picture day OR return your order form on the day of to receive **FREE shipping to the school**. Orders will be sent home with your student.

TWO EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

SCAN TO ORDER
IN SECONDS



Skip the steps and go
directly to online ordering!



Option 1 — Order ONLINE

- Visit barberitophotographers.com
- Click **Order Now**, then **School Pictures**
- Enter your school code

School Code: **BPESD26**



Option 2 — use the ORDER FORM

Your school will distribute **an order form** prior to picture day. To order with the Order Form:

- Select your package(s) on the Order Form
- Place payment inside the Order Form envelope
- Return envelope to school on or before picture day

Questions? Call our office at 504.455.6818 — please do not call the school.

 **EL DÍA DE FOTOS ES:**

27 de agosto de 2026



ESCUELA:

Bissonet Plaza Elementary School

¡Haga su pedido antes del Día de Fotos y AHORRE \$6! Realice su pedido en línea antes del Día de Fotos O entregue su formulario de pedido el día del evento para recibir envío **GRATIS** a la escuela.

ESCANEE PARA
ORDENAR EN SEGUNDOS



Omita los pasos y vaya
directamente al pedido en línea



Opción 1 — Ordene EN LÍNEA

- Visite barberitophotographers.com
- Haga clic en "Order Now" y luego en "School Pictures"
- Ingrese el código escolar para iniciar session

Código Escolar: **BPESD26**



Opción 2 — Use el FORMULARIO DE PEDIDO

Su escuela distribuirá un formulario antes del Día de Fotos. Para ordenar con el formulario:

- Seleccione su(s) paquete(s) en el formulario
- Coloque el pago dentro del sobre del formulario
- Devuelva el sobre a la escuela el día de la foto o antes

¿Preguntas? Llámenos al 5044556818. Por favor, no llame a la escuela.

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