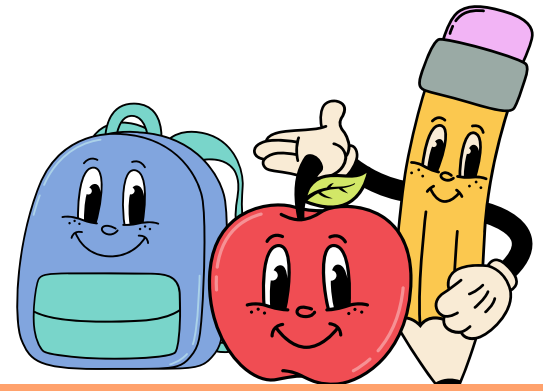


Welcome Back to School



Hello BDB Families!

Welcome to an exciting new school year at Billingshurst! Whether you're returning to campus or joining us for the first time, we're thrilled to have you here. A new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, make friends, and discover your strengths. As your school counselors, we are here to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. Our goal is to help every student feel connected, confident, and successful throughout the year.

Meet Your Counselors

Ms. Carina Gomez - 6th grade counselor

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Ms. Gia Torcaso - 7th grade counselor

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Ms. Sandi Kihm - 8th grade counselor

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We help students with:

- ✓ Friendship skills and conflict resolution
- ✓ Goal setting and academic success
- ✓ Organization and study habits
- ✓ Managing stress and emotions
- ✓ Problem-solving and decision-making
- ✓ Planning for the future

Back-to-School Tips

- Establish a consistent homework routine
- Check school communications regularly
- Encourage effort and growth, not perfection
- Ask your child about their day with open ended questions

Be Kind. Be Courageous. Be Yourself. This is going to be an amazing year, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful things our students accomplish!

8th Graders Spotlight: Career Academy Recruitment

For Students Interested in AACT or Debbie Smith for the 2027-2028 school year should begin exploring opportunities this fall.

Key Dates

Applications Open: Monday, August 24, 2026

Applications Close: Friday, October 16, 2026

Open House Events

Debbie Smith - September 23, 2026

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

For families of 8th-10th grade students

2880 Sutro Street, Reno

AACT - September 30, 2026

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

For 8th-grade families only

380 Edison Way, Reno

Billingshurst Parent Back to School Night

August 27th, 2026

6 PM - 8 PM

For families of Billingshurst students

6685 Chesterfield, Reno

School of Choice Window

For students seeking a CTE program outside their home school zone: October 19-30, 2026

Important Note About ACE High School

ACE High School (Academy for Career Education) follows its own application process and timeline. ACE is separate from the AACT and DSCTEA recruitment process. For more information 775-324-3900 acehighschool.org

TUTORING STARTS

AUGUST 17th M,Tu, Thur

In the Lib 2:10-3:10 PM