

WELCOME
BACK SCHOOL

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Principal's Pen: Welcome back to what will be another year filled with learning and fun! Remember to reach out to your child's teacher at any time for anything. A strong home-school connection with parents who support Berwick Elementary goes a long way in a child's development and success.

Water Bottles: Once again, metal water bottles are not allowed at Berwick Elementary. If your child does not have a **plastic** water bottle, you can send a regular bottle of water. Otherwise, your child will drink from the water fountains.

Morning Drop Off: Remember that in the morning, Fourth Street is a drop-off location. The car line is always long on Texas Street, so if you want to go through quickly, try this alternate spot. There is always a duty teacher there, and you can pull off the street near the gate. However, if you arrive before 7:30, please stop by the pole where the teacher parking ends; this will leave space for the first bus to pull up at the gate. Please do not block teacher parking spots.

Jeans: Most Fridays will be jeans days for students who participate in the jean fundraiser. Since we can no longer accept cash, students who do not participate cannot pay \$1 to wear jeans. However, we have several free jean days built into our school calendar for all students. Also, students may still wear spirit shirts with their regular uniform bottoms on Fridays.

Breakfast: Breakfast closes at **7:50** every day. If your child intends to eat in the cafeteria, you must get him/her here before then. Otherwise, breakfast will not be an option.

Community Coffee Labels: Our PE department is again collecting Community Coffee labels. Please send them to school in a bag labeled with your child's name.

Cafeteria Account: If your child likes to purchase extra servings at lunch, he/she must have money in his/her account. However, our cafeteria can no longer accept cash or checks. Parents must create an account on MySchoolBucks.com. You will be required to pay with a credit card, and until this is done, students will not be allowed to obtain extras.

Readers Are Leaders

How can you help improve your child's reading? Read to your younger child every night, and talk about what was read. If you have an older child, consider reading a chapter book together like a shared reading experience. Family bonding can reach new heights when you share a love of reading. ***Improving a child's reading is the same as improving in soccer, baseball, football, etc. The more the child practices, the better he or she will be at reading.*** ●

Math Matters

Tournament of Champions: Beginning in September, we will be hosting competitions for math facts. We will have class winners who will compete against grade level winners. Each month we will highlight the winners, and we will host a Tournament of Champions in December and May. How can you help prepare your child for the competition? Practice math facts every single day. To win the competition and be successful in math, a child must know his/her facts automatically without using fingers or a calculator. Good luck to all competitors!

Important Dates

August 13 th	All PreK and K students attend school.
August 28 th	Technology Tutorial Day – Details will be sent home soon.
September 4 th	Free jeans and spirit shirt or S & P shirt for all students
September 7 th	Labor Day-No school