2026–2027 Student School Year Calendar

☐ = Non-School days (168 instructional days)

September 2026

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	(8)	9	(10)	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October 2026

M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November 2026

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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December 2026

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January 2027

M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2027

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March 2027

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April 2027

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

May 2027

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

June 2027

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	(11)
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
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For a comprehensive calendar of MPS events and observances

mpschools.org/calendars

First Day of School

September 8 (Grades 1-12)
Grades 10-12 check with school for late start time to allow for freshman orientation.

September 10 (pre-K-K)

Last Day of School

June 11

Family-Teacher Conference

October 14

MEA Break

October 15-16

Winter Break

December 21-January 1

Family-Teacher Conference

February 12

Spring Break

April 5-9

Other Non-School Days

- Sept. 21 - Yom Kippur
- Nov. 3 - Professional development/Election Day
- Nov. 13 - Record keeping
- Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving
- Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 29 - Record keeping
- Feb. 15 - Presidents' Day
- March 10 - Eid al-Fitr
- April 2 - Record keeping
- May 31 - Memorial Day

Summer School (June 28 - July 22)
mpschools.org/summer_programs

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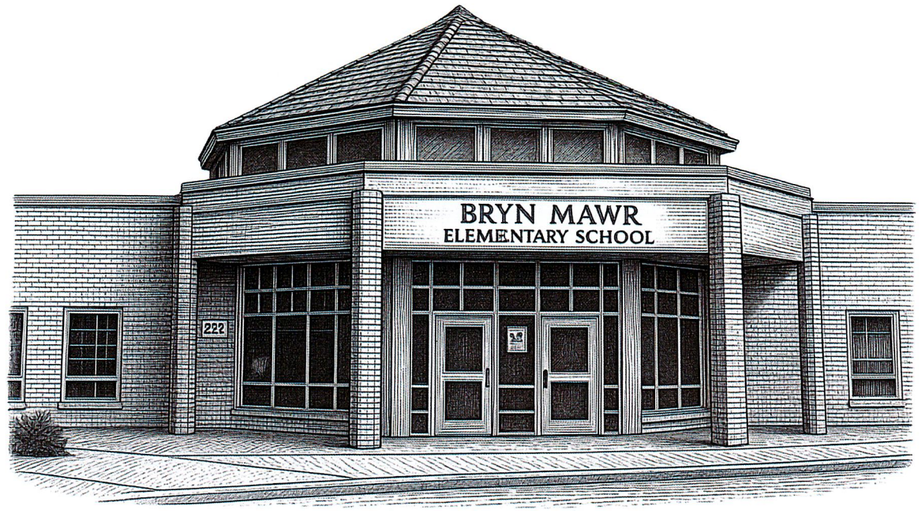

STUDENT/CAREGIVER HANDBOOK & CALENDAR 2026-27

BRYN MAWR school

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Kevin Oldenburg, Principal

Minneapolis Public Schools exists to provide a high quality, anti-racist, culturally responsive education for every Minneapolis student. Our vision: that all students - regardless of their background, ZIP code or individual needs - will receive an anti-racist, holistic education that builds essential knowledge to prepare students for future success.

The mission of Bryn Mawr School is to teach students academic and social skills that will lead them to succeed in their lives as children and adults.

BRYN MAWR SCHOOL MOTTO:

I am respectful • I am responsible • I am safe

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades High-5 through 5: 7:30AM - 2:10PM

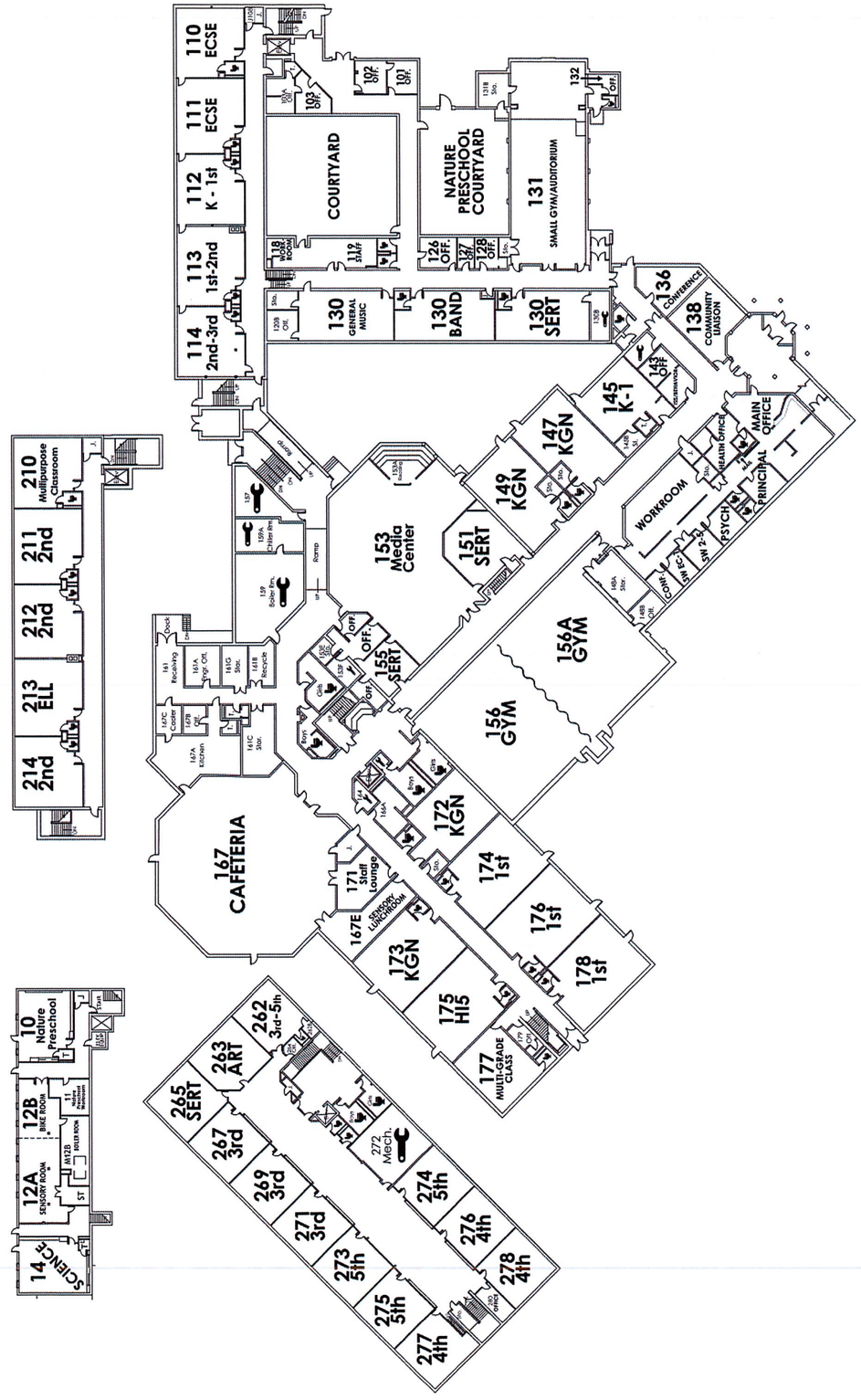
ECSE AM: 7:30 -10:00AM; **ECSE PM:** 11:30AM - 2:00PM; **ECSE All-day** 7:30AM - 2:10PM

Please Note: *Students are invited into the building at 7:15AM*

Teachers are not available to supervise prior to this time.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	(612) 668-2500
FAX Number	(612) 668-2510
Health Office	(612) 668-2516
Health Office FAX	(612) 668-2525
District Office General Information	(612) 668-0000
Student Placement Center	(612) 668-1840
District Transportation	(612) 668-2300



Safety / Security

Bryn Mawr School is a "locked" building with access only through the main office during building hours. **All visitors will need to enter the main office to check in before visiting any other school area**.

Visitors, parents, guardians, families and students who come to the building for access, will have to:

- Come into the main office.
- Sign in at the office is required for safety and security.
- Office staff will allow visitors into the building as needed.

MPS ANNUAL NOTICES and POLICIES

To read a particular policy and for more information about MPS Policies & Regulations, please go to this site: https://mps.municipalcodeonline.com

Policy 5000: Students

Attendance Policy (5100)
Attendance Rules and Procedures (5100A)
Attendance Expectations and Interventions (5100B)
Discipline and Student Behavior (5200-5259)
Behavior Standards and Code of Conduct (5200)
Bullying and Hazing Prohibition (5201)
Student Personal Electronic Device Policy (5210)
Searches of Students, Lockers, Desks, etc. Policy (5680)
Tobacco Use (5220-5220B)
Welfare of Students (5600-5699)
Harassment and Violence Prohibition (4002)

ANNUAL NOTICES TO FAMILIES: You may request a copy of the following notices from the office.

All notices are available on the Bryn Mawr website: BrynMawr@mpschools.org

1. Cell Phone Notice
2. Chemical Health, Use and Abuse Information
3. Criminal Background Check Notice to Parents
4. FERPA Notice (Disclosure of Student Information and Records)
5. Internet & E-Mail Use – Parent Notice
6. McKinney Vento Rights (English, Hmong, Somali, Spanish)
7. Media & Yearbook Release (Form 2010)
8. Special Education Records Notice
9. Testing: Statewide Testing Notice for Parents & OPT OUT Form
10. Wellness Policy Notice

Environmental Health and Safety: https://facilities.mpls.k12.mn.us Their website includes the following information:

Pesticide/Herbicide Application Schedule
Parent Right-to-Know Act
Radio Frequency Notice
Annual Asbestos Notice
Fire Safety

COMMUNITY MODEL

This year your child will be part of a Community. There are three communities within our larger community. Each community provides various support staff to ensure that your child has a successful educational experience. Below are the communities so that you can see who is in your child's community.

COMMUNITY 1	COMMUNITY 2	COMMUNITY 3	COMMUNITY 4
ECSE/ASD/ HIGH 5	Kindergarten, 1st Grade	3rd Grade, 2nd Grade	4th Grade, 5th Grade EBD
ECSE 1 Classroom Full Day 1 Classroom AM & PM	**Kindergarten** 4 Classrooms	**2nd Grade** 3 Classrooms	**4th Grade** 3 Classrooms
HIGH 5 1 Classroom Full Day	**1st Grade** 3 Classrooms	**3rd Grade** 3 Classrooms	**5th Grade** 3 Classrooms
ASD 6 Classrooms			**EBD** 1 Classroom/2 SEAs
10 SEAs	**2 AEs**	**2 AEs**	**2 AEs**
2 AEs	**Social Worker**	**Social Worker**	**Social Worker**
Social Worker	**SEA—RIS**	**SEA-RIS**	**SEA-RIS**

SPECIALISTS	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	RELATED SERVICES	RELATED SERVICES
Art	Principal	ELL Teachers	Check and Connect
Physical Education	Secretary	Special Ed Resource Teachers	Welcome and Keep
Science	Instructional Specialist/Literacy/Math	Academic Interventionists	Washburn Center for Children
Music	MTSS Coordinator	Speech	Parent Liaison
Media	Advanced Learner	School Psychologist	
Band (5th grade)	3 Student Support Program Assistants	School Nurse, Health Asst.	
		DAPE, OT/PT	
		Bi-lingual Support - Somali, Spanish,	

ACHIEVEMENT

School is your child's work! Your child is here to learn to achieve all the success that they possibly can. If you help your student to follow these tasks, you will greatly improve their chance to be academically successful.
As a student here at Bryn Mawr, you should:

- Arrive on time for the bus, school, and classes
- Be responsible for school books, materials and technology
- Engage in learning
- When a mistake is made, do not give up, learn from it
- Come prepared for class
- Be responsible for following the rules and knowing the expectations of Bryn Mawr
- Be willing to try new tasks even when they may be challenging
- Ask for help if something is not understood
- Stay healthy, get enough sleep and eat well
- Become an active participant in classroom discussions and activities
- Share with your family and friends what you learned at school • Focus and complete all assigned tasks
- Have fun!

HOMEWORK

District Policy #6240 states that the Board of Education recognizes that some home study by each student is desirable and necessary.

It also states that the homework should:

- Come from classroom activities
- Improve a child's chance of reaching their full potential
- Not interfere with home responsibilities
- Give students responsibility for their learning
- Have student achievement as the primary focus
- Expectations should be shared with families
- Be seen as a connection between families and the school

The following is the Bryn Mawr Homework Plan created by staff and families in May 2019 (and updated each year):

- Homework may be assigned nightly (3-4 days) or weekly by the teacher
- On average students should spend the following time on homework each of these nights
- Grades K–1: 20 minutes total
- Grades 2-3: 25 minutes total
- Grades 4-5: 35 minutes total
- Reading should be 50% of the total time

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (ALC)

ALC is an extended day program (after-school) offering academic services and enrichment activities. This school year, we will have GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science) and GISE (Guys in Science and Engineering) - programming which engages our students in engineering and robotics. In our program, students are actively engaged in their learning which accelerates academic success. A licensed teacher works with grade-level groups (1st through 5th grades). This year we are also working to provide an after-school program for two additional days. These classes will focus on literacy and math through the school forest, biking and much more. Each class will be 2 days a week and students may choose both, Students will begin with a snack at 2:00and conclude at 4:10 p.m. Transportation home is provided for the students. Classes will begin in October and end in late spring. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please complete the appropriate registration packet.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

At Bryn Mawr School we want all parents and family members to feel involved in their children's education. Involvement can mean talking, sending notes or e-mails to the teacher, volunteering, helping with homework or just asking your child what they did at school.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Bryn Mawr has an active Parent Teacher Association. Meetings are held regularly throughout the school year on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. There are many opportunities to be a volunteer and actively participate in school events including short, one time volunteer opportunities as well as more consistent involvement.. Your child's experience at school can be enriched by your participation. More information is available at BrynMawrPTA.org

Site Council

Bryn Mawr is a site-based managed school. A management team meets on a regular basis to deal with a wide variety of issues pertaining to the school. It consists of staff, parents and community members. All meetings are open. Parents are also invited to join with the staff to provide input into school decisions.

Visitors

We encourage and welcome parents/guardians to visit classes throughout the school year. A note or phone call to your child's teacher in advance is always appreciated. If you call your child's teacher, he/she will be able to inform you of specific times to avoid, such as during testing, field trips and special programs. Please check in at the main office for a visitor badge.

Students from other schools, siblings, cousins, friends, etc., are not permitted to visit or attend classes at Bryn Mawr during the regular school day. Supervision can not be provided for children who are not enrolled at our school.

ALL VISITORS TO THE BUILDING ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE AND GET A VISITOR'S BADGE.

Volunteering

Many of our teachers appreciate having parents and other volunteers help out in the classroom, on field trips and with special projects. In addition, the media center, office and other areas of the school rely on volunteer support from families and the community. All volunteers who have contact with students must have a copy of the Minneapolis Public Schools Volunteer Application signed and on file each new school year. Depending on the nature of the work performed, some volunteers need to have a background check completed. These measures are district policies to protect both students and volunteers. The PTA also has many opportunities for parents to help with fundraising and special events.

We will need many volunteers for our Reading Partners program. If you are interested in volunteering your time twice a week to help students read, please contact us!

HEALTH CARE

Health Office

A Health Service Assistant staffs the health office every day while students are present. They are trained in first aid, medication administration and how to care for students who are ill. A Licensed School Nurse (RN) is available several days a week to assist with referrals and any health concerns that may impact learning.

Please notify the Health Office if your child has health concerns that may impact learning and/or which may result in an emergency, such as asthma, diabetes, ADHD, allergies, seizures, history of ear infections, bladder problems, etc. Every fall, parents are asked to complete the **"Annual Health Information"** form which provides school staff with updated health information.

Health Office Phone Numbers:

Health Service Assistant: 612-668-2516

Licensed School Nurse: 612-668-2517

Medications:

According to the Minneapolis Public Schools policy, **medication will only be administered at school with written consent from the health care provider and parent/guardian.** Updated medication consent needs to be provided every school year. **Medication must be sent to school in the original prescription** (or over the counter) **bottle/container indicating the student's name and correct instructions for medication administration.** In order to be least disruptive to student's time in the classroom, families are encouraged to space medication doses outside of the school day whenever possible. Short-term medications such as antibiotics can usually be taken before and after school. Medication consent forms are available from the health office.

Asthma Medications:

Students with asthma are encouraged to keep asthma reliever medication at school so that it is available if asthma concerns arise and/or if asthma medication is required prior to exercise. (The above noted medication policy applies to asthma medication as well.) There is a nebulizer machine available in the health office. Students requiring nebulized medication need to provide asthma medication and a set of nebulizer tubing. **If your health provider has given you an "Asthma Action Plan", please send a copy of this to school.** Asthma Action Plans that are less than a year old and signed by the health care provider and parent are considered written consent for administering asthma medication at school. If you would like your child to self carry asthma medication, please contact the school nurse at 668-2517 to discuss self-carry procedures.

Immunizations:

Minnesota laws require proof of immunizations for all school children. Parents are asked to provide immunization records upon school registration. If you have questions regarding immunization requirements, contact your health care provider or school health office staff.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Policy

Minneapolis Public Schools recognizes that daily attendance is critical to academic achievement. It is our goal to work with students, families, and communities to support regular school attendance and improve academic achievement. Please call us for further assistance or questions about the attendance policy.

For **EVERY** absence, please:

1. Please call the main office at 612-668-2500 (you may leave a message). **Make sure to call no later than 8:00 a.m. the day of the absence**, even if you have talked and/or emailed the teacher.
2. Please send a note with the reason for the absence.

It's the law!

Minnesota law states that all students are required to attend school from age 7, or when they enter kindergarten (whichever comes first) until they are 18 years old. A student's failure to attend school may lead to legal action for the parents/guardians and the student.

Tardiness

It is vital that students arrive at school on time. Some of the most important information and community building take place the first 20 minutes of class. By **7:40 AM**, instruction in core curriculum and specialist classes begins. Students need to be present every day for this valuable time. If this is an ongoing concern, the school social worker will be reaching out to provide support to your family. Again, it is vital that your student(s) arrive at school on time. **Thank you for your help!**

What are Excused Absences?

- Doctor/Dentist Appointments – Whenever possible, please schedule doctor and dentist appointments before and after school. If you must schedule an appointment during school, the appointment will be considered excused.
- Illness – Students are expected to attend school each day, however they may be allowed up to 8 total absences a year, or 3 days in a row, due to illness. A doctor's note must be provided if your child is gone from school more than 3 days in a row or over 8 total days. Because your child's health is important to us, school staff can help your child if you do not have health insurance or cannot afford to see a doctor. Please contact the school if you need help.
- School Bus Problems – If your child misses school because the bus was late or did not show up at the bus stop, you must report this to the school that morning.
- Religious Holidays/Cultural Observances – If your child will be gone due to a religious holiday or cultural observance, you must notify the school.
- Funeral – Students may be gone up to 4 days a year because of a funeral. If your child will be gone more than 4 days, you must get written approval for additional excused time from the Principal.
- Family Emergency – Students may be gone up to 3 days a year because of a family emergency. If your child will be gone more than 3 days, you must get written approval from the Principal.
- Family Activity – A student may be gone up to 5 days from school for a pre-approved family activity such as a vacation. To get pre-approval from the school, the following is required:
  - → Avoid scheduling absences on important test days like the MCA, MAP or MBST.
  - → Submit a "Family Activity Attendance Form" at least 10 days before leaving
  - → Before leaving, contact your student's teacher and agree that your student will finish any homework received.
  - → Agree in writing that your child will miss no more than 5 days of instruction.

Cell Phones, Tablets, MP3 Players...
and other Personal Electronic Devices
Use and Possession

Parent Responsibilities

- Elementary school children (grades K -5) are not allowed to possess or use a personal electronic device (phone, tablet, mp3 player, etc.) at school, on the school bus, or on field trips **UNLESS** the parent and school have agreed to a plan for student possession and use.
- If you believe there is a reason that your child should have a cell phone or other personal electronic device at school, you will need to apply to the Principal for permission.
- If your child is permitted to possess or use a personal electronic device at school, you must agree with a plan developed with the principal about appropriate use for your child including, but not limited to:
    - Where the device will be kept during the school day.
    - Under what circumstances the child may use the device.
    - The term or length of the agreement.
    - Consequences if the agreement is not followed.
- Teach your student prudent use and possession of the device.
- Support your school staff if your student's device is confiscated for failure to follow the agreed upon plan.
- Review appropriate use of the device with your student according to your agreed upon plan, and the following student responsibilities.
- Lost or stolen devices will not be replaced.

Student Responsibilities

- Leave your cell phone or music player at home unless your parent has established a plan with the principal or you plan to turn your phone into the main office upon arrival.
- Only use your cell phone or music player when your plan says it is okay.
- Don't let other students use your cell phone or music player.
- Don't take pictures or movies with your cell phone.
- Keep your cell phone put away when you are not allowed to use it according to your plan.
- Ask for help from a teacher, principal or other adult if you have problems.

Principal Responsibilities

- Inform Students, Staff, and Parents of Use and Possession rules on an annual basis.
- Work with Parents to establish specific plans for use upon parent request when family circumstances require special accommodations.
- Inform staff of agreements entered into allowing possession or use.
- Be consistent in enforcing district policies.
- Take appropriate disciplinary measures for students who fail to use devices according to the agreed plan.
- Take appropriate disciplinary measures for staff who intentionally or through gross negligence harm student personal devices.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Follow the terms of individual student and family plans regarding possession and use of personal electronic devices.
- If student behavior or improper possession necessitates the confiscation of a device, use ordinary and prudent care of the device in your possession and turn it in to the school office as soon as is practicable.
- Refer requests from parents regarding cell phone possession and use to your school principal.

EMERGENCY CLOSING

School will be open every day unless there are severe weather conditions (cold, snow or ice). In the event of a school closing, announcements will be made before 7:00 a.m. on local radio and television stations and on the District website. You may check the website, www.mpls.k12.mn.us or listen for Minneapolis Public Schools on one of the following:

WCCO AM 830 | WCCO TV CHANNEL 4 | KSTP TV CHANNEL 5 | KMSP TV CHANNEL 9 | KARE TV CHANNEL 11

Do not call the school. Check the radio or TV and if there is no announcement, school will be open. If weather is severe, but not impassable, we ask that you use your own judgment about sending your child to school. Age of the child and special health concerns should be considered. Buses may be running late in bad weather, please make sure your child is dressed warmly and instruct your child to come inside if the delay is too long.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Bryn Mawr School is required by the Minnesota Department of Education to schedule regular safety drills throughout the school year. The three different drills we practice are fire, torna do and lockdown.

FIRE DRILLS

In order to assure the safety of our students, the Minnesota Department of Education requires five fire drills throughout the school year. When the alarm sounds, students and staff will leave the building in a quiet and orderly manner. Teachers take their Emergency Go Bags.

TORNADO DRILLS

One tornado drill is held in the spring to coordinate with the Statewide Tornado Drill Day. Students are moved to designated safe areas (away from windows and falling debris).

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

The lockdown drill has two parts: Code Yellow and Code Red. A Code Yellow is called when there is a threat or potential threat from outside the building – all interior doors are locked and classroom instruction will continue. A Code Red is called when there is a threat inside the building – all interior and exterior doors are locked, there is no access to the building and no one is allowed in or out of the classroom. Children are moved to a space in the classroom where they cannot be seen. The goal is to maintain a safe environment for all students and staff.

EVACUATION DRILLS

In the event that students need to leave the school, Bryn Mawr has an evacuation plan. Students will be bussed to Riverbend Educational Center at 1510 Glenwood Ave. Identification will be REQUIRED to pick up your child.

COMMUNICATION

Notes

School staff will communicate with parents through written notes, TalkingPoints App, phone calls home, or emails. Please ask your child daily if there are any messages from school.

Weekly Folders

All students will be provided with a folder that will travel with them on a daily basis. The folder will be an opportunity to stay connected to your child's day at school. Items that may be included in the folder are student work, notes from the teacher, homework, permission slips, progress reports, school/classroom newsletters or other flyers. Please check your child's backpack on a daily basis!

Newsletters and the "Bryn Mawr Community Email List"

Weekly communication from your child's teacher is something to look for. This will be in the form of newsletters, progress reports, and announcements. These are sent home in folders. The monthly newsletter is available on the Bryn Mawr Website.

Conferences and Report Cards

Twice a year, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during parent/teacher conferences. Please check the calendar for these dates. You are encouraged to request a conference at any other time you feel there is need. You may e-mail, leave a voicemail or send a note for your child's teacher to schedule this additional time. The teacher will set the conference at a mutually convenient time. Report cards will be completed and sent home four times this school year. If you have questions regarding your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher.

Telephone Calls

Neither children nor teachers are called out of the classroom for phone calls when school is in session. In an emergency or if you need to talk to your child during the school day, the office will assist you in reaching your child or delivering a message. If you have a question regarding your child, the teacher/staff member will return your call as soon as possible. Students may make emergency/necessary phone calls with the teacher or social workers permission and are encouraged to limit the number of calls and their length.

Robo Calls/Emails

Robo Calls /Emails will be used to share information as well.

Website

Bryn Mawr has a website that is a good resource for your child and family. It offers a closer look at our school, and all things school related. https://BrynMawr.mpschools.org

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Bryn Mawr strives to solve problems in a peaceful, nonviolent way. Through the Bryn Mawr Pledge, we develop student's ability to utilize critical problem solving skills. When developmentally appropriate conflict occurs, we model, teach and reinforce solutions that prepare our students with various tools to solve conflict with peace. Our belief is that these skills will transcend between home, school and community as they grow older; therefore, here at Bryn Mawr, we expect students to use peaceful ways to solve problems.

Building Cleanliness

Bryn Mawr is YOUR school. Please help to ensure that it stays clean and organized. You can do this by keeping your cubby and/or locker clean, keeping your desk and work area neat and throwing your trash into the garbage. If you see any graffiti or damage to the building, please tell an adult.

Dress Code

All students should come to school dressed appropriately. Clothing that distracts from the learning environment should **not** be worn to school.

Students may not bring in-line skates, roller skates or skate boards to school unless it is part of a classroom activity or field trip. "Heelies" (shoes with retractable wheels built in) are not permitted at school.

Elevator

The elevator is only used when special arrangements have been made. Please contact the school nurse or health assistant if your child needs to use the elevator.

Field Trips

Field trips are an important part of a child's learning experience. You will be notified whenever your child's class will be going on a field trip. Permission slips will be sent home before any trip is taken. Your child will not be allowed to participate in a field trip without your permission. Students who cannot manage their behavior at school may not be permitted to go on field trips. Those children will be given comparable work at school. A student may be excluded from a field trip for the following reasons:

- Unsafe behavior (running away, hurting others, hurting self)
- Noncompliance (repeated incidents of not listening to and not complying with staff directions)
- Not meeting goals (some trips are rewards for student accomplishments)
- No permission slip
- A behavior problem on the previous field trip

Illegal/Unsafe Items

Students may not bring to school items that are against the law for minors to have, such as alcohol and tobacco. Students may not bring to school items that are against the law for people of any age to have, such as illegal drugs, controlled substances, or mood-altering substances. Do not bring items that contain unsafe inhalants, lighters or matches. Weapons and look-alike weapons are not allowed at school or on the bus.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS ...continued

Lockers

All students in grades 2 – 5 will be assigned a locker. The lockers are located in the corridor outside the students' classrooms. They are intended to store outdoor clothing (boots, coats, hats) but are not designed to provide security for personal items. Students have desks and storage provided in the classroom for books and supplies.

Lost and Found

A lost and found table is located in the school entry. Students and parents are encouraged to check there frequently for lost items. Please label all items –mittens, boots, hats, book bags, lunch boxes, etc. with your child's name!

Lunchroom/Cafeteria

Breakfast and Lunch are important times of the day. Here at Bryn Mawr students are expected to use their time to eat a balanced meal and socialize with their peers.

The cafeteria will be monitored by Bryn Mawr staff. It is expected that all students follow the directions of the staff to ensure a safe environment.

***Students have access to meal choices including proteins, fruit, and vegetables.

***Students are encouraged to take healthy portions (outlined by MDE) while independently making their food choices.

Please speak to your child about the importance of following the procedures set for the cafeteria.

Bryn Mawr Cafeteria Rules:

- Be respectful
- Eat your food
- Stay in your seat
- Smile
- Use your manners
- Stay in line
- Say 'Please' and 'Thank you'
- Use quiet voices
- Walk
- Eat what you take
- Help others
- Practice good table manners
- Clean up your mess
- Be kind
- Line up quickly and quietly

BAGS OF CHIPS AND SUGARY DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Please, do not send these with your students. A healthy school lunch is provided for all. If your child brings lunch from home, please ensure that it is healthy.

Healthy snacks are provided for students, please do not send snacks from home.

More information is available on the MPS Website Culinary& Wellness Page: https://www.mpschools.org/departments/cws

BUS POLICY - DISTRICT

Students having safe transport to and from school is a priority at Bryn Mawr. Caregivers, we ask you to partner with us by talking with your child about safe behavior on the bus. Please review the bus safety rules with your children. Should you have any questions about the Minneapolis Public Schools Bus Policy, do not hesitate to reach out.

The Minneapolis Public Schools has classified specific behaviors that may occur on the bus into Class 1 and Class 2 Offenses with consequences:

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES AND CONSEQUENCES

CLASS 1 OFFENSE	CLASS 2 OFFENSE
Spitting	Hanging out the window
Excessive noise	Throwing / shooting of any object
Excessive horseplay	Physical aggression or bullying against any person
Eating / drinking / littering in the bus	Profanity / threats directed towards bus driver / aide
Leaving seat / standing without permission from driver	Possession / use of tobacco or any controlled substance
Use of liquid containers in any form	Vandalism to bus (restitution will be made)
Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, obscene gestures or possession of unacceptable materials	Holding onto or attempting to hold on to any portion of the exterior of the bus
Disobedient to driver / aide	Lighting matches, lighters or any flammable object or substance
Riding unassigned bus or using unassigned bus stop	Unauthorized entering or leaving bus through emergency door / tampering with bus equipment
Opening window past safety line	Possession or threat of weapons, explosives or flammables
Other offenses as reported by the driver or principal	Possession or use of laser pens / pointers
	Other offenses as reported by driver or principal
	Making false accusation against drivers and / or students

CLASS	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
CLASS 1	Conference with Student Warning 1-5 day Bus Suspension	Conference with Family Bus Plan created 1-5 day Bus Suspension	Conference with Family Bus Plan revised 5-10 day Bus Suspension	Parent, Principal Meeting 10 day minimum Bus Suspension Possible loss of Bus Privilege
CLASS 2	Parent, Principal Meeting Bus Plan created 5 day Bus Suspension	Parent, Principal Meeting Bus Plan revised 5-10 day Bus Suspension	Parent, Principal Meeting Bus Plan revised 10 day minimum Bus Suspension	Parent, Principal Meeting **Loss of Bus Privilege**

We thank you for your continued support to ensure all of our students have a safe ride to and from school.

BUS POLICY / PARENT DROP OFF / PICK UP

The Minneapolis Public Schools provides bus transportation for Kindergarten through fifth grade and Special Ed students to and from school if they live one-quarter mile or more from school or if they have to cross a very busy street. Children should be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled pick up time. When there are adverse weather conditions, the buses may run late.

Taking another bus or walking

Students may only ride their assigned bus. The student may be permitted to ride another bus or walk home only if a parent calls the office to arrange alternate transport. If a student is taking the bus to the home of another Bryn Mawr family, we must have a note from the parents of both students. Drivers are directed not to accept riders whose names do not appear on the route list.

Parent Drop Off

Student drop off is in the horseshoe shaped parking lot directly in front of Anwatin. Please do not drive into the bus lane. Students will exit your vehicle onto the sidewalk and be guided into school by staff. Please be sure to drop your student off between 7:15 and 7:30 am.

Parent Pick Up

Parent pick up is behind the school and begins at 2:10PM. Please, proceed to the back of the building and wait in your care in the line to pick up your student. Staff will call your students out to your vehicle.

Walkers

Students with written parental permission are allowed to walk home from school. All walkers gather at the front doors and walk together to the entrance of the school property. Staff and crossing guards help them cross the parking lot and exit the school grounds.

Parent Ride Along

Parents who wish to ride the bus to and from school with their child must make arrangements in advance by contacting the School Safety Manager at transportation, 612-668-2300.

Bus Safety Zone

The bus lane in front of the school is for loading and unloading buses ONLY!!

AT NO TIME ARE PARENTS ALLOWED TO BOARD A BUS.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

- Stay out of the "Danger Zones" outside the bus
- Follow the driver's instructions
- Be on time
- Always SIT DOWN
- Be respectful, no fighting, swearing or yelling
- No EATING or DRINKING on the bus
- Keep your bus clean. Do not damage the bus
- Keep your head and arms inside the bus windows
- No dangerous objects or pets

Bus transportation is a privilege, not a right.
Violations of bus policies may result in student removal from the bus.

ENGAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

Money at School

Students are asked not to bring money to school unless it is necessary.When it is necessary to send money to school, please put it in a sealed envelope with the child's name, room number, dollar amount and the purpose written on the outside. Whenever school asks your child to bring money, a note will be sent home explaining the reason.

Leave it At Home!

The following items do not belong in school because they may be lost or stolen and cause disruption to the teaching and learning.

- Toys
- Cell Phones
- All Electronic Games
- PETS
- Laser Pointers
- Trading Cards
- Money (unless needed for special events)
- Gum, candy, sunflower seeds
- Items of value
- CHIPS and SUGARY DRINKS

If such items are brought to school without the Teachers/Principals permission, they will be taken by the classroom teacher and returned at the end of the school day. Repeated incidents will result in the item being kept until the parent/guardian comes to get the item. Sports equipment such as basketballs or animals must also have authorization from the teacher and principal before being brought to school.

Recess Expectations

Students have a recess break during the school day. When the weather is extremely cold, they may be given an indoor recess option, but this is for only extreme cold conditions. All students will go outside for fresh air and exercise. During the cold days and winter months, it will be important to send appropriate winter outerwear so that your child is able to enjoy the outside break to socialize with peers.

Please send a doctors' note to school if your child has a special health concern and is restricted in recess activity. We ask that you and your child review playground expectations.

- Use playground equipment properly—feet first on the slide, swing on the swings
- The playground belongs to everyone—take turns on everything
- Feel free to run as much as you like to get the wiggles out—on the field, AVOID THE EQUIPMENT AND PARKING LOT
- Play 4-Square, catch, hopscotch and other fun games you know.
- **USE OUTSIDE VOICES!! This is your chance to be loud and proud (remember to use nice words).**

Restroom/Bathroom

Many of our students have access to a bathroom within their classroom. For times when the community bathrooms are being used, it is expected that students will be courteous, appropriate with boundaries/privacy. It is an expectation that ALL students will wash their hands after the use of the bathroom and place their trash in the garbage can. By doing this, we are helping to maintain a clean and healthy building. A pass must be used when leaving the classroom.

Transitions through Building

Learning is always happening in all areas of the building throughout the day. It is important to remember that hallway noise can carry and become disruptive to learners. Please use a quiet voice and make sure to have a pass at all times

DISTRICT POLICIES CAN BE FOUND AT https://mps.municipalcodeonline.com

Bryn Mawr Elementary Matrix of Belonging

I B E L O N G	Expectations (Hands show voice level)	All Areas	Classroom	Hallway	Cafeteria	Playground	Bus/Arrival/ Dismissal	Assemblies	Bathroom
	I am Respectful (kind)	I listen to staff I use kind words I respect personal space I use appropriate language I settle differences peacefully	I use academic Language I actively listen I use good Manners	I use no more than a level 1 voice I walk in an orderly line	I wait my tum (in line, at table)	I take turns I share equipment I play and include others	I get a pass when late (7:40)	I keep my attention on speaker(s) I actively listen to the speaker with a voice level of 0	I give others privacy I wait my turn
	I am Responsible	I take responsibility for my actions I know my own personal boundaries I dress appropriately I am ready to learn	I am prepared and have Supplies I complete classwork I use materials appropriate ly I only bring the things I need for school	I show a pass when out of class I walk directly to my destination I use designated hallways and Stairs	I clean up Properly I stay seated and raise my hand for help I only eat extra food from the sharing cart	I line up when instructed I return equipment to proper place I collect my personal Belongings	I get on my bus and stay seated I keep my food in my backpack I keep the bus Clean	I follow quiet signals (pride pledge, show me 5)	I have a pass when not with class I keep clean and flush I wash/dry my hands with soap, water and paper towels I put my paper towel in the trash
	I am Safe	I keep my hands, feet and body to myself I walk at all times inside the school I pay attention to where I am walking I stay in assigned area	I leave classroom materials in assigned areas	I stay in line I give my peers space when walking in line	I give my peers space I stay seated until excused I keep my food on my plate or in my mouth	I use equipment properly I stay in play area I use words to solve conflict I follow playground rules	I follow crossing guard directions I walk in the safety zone I sit back to back and seat to seat I stay on bus until my assigned stop	I sit with my class I wait to be Dismissed	I use the toilet/urinal appropriately

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

School Breakfast and Lunch is ***free*** for all students. We encourage your child to participate in this option. Starting the day with a healthy breakfast promotes learning! Hi5 – 5th grade students eat breakfast in the classroom and lunch in the lunchroom under the supervision of school staff. ECSE students eat meals in their classroom.

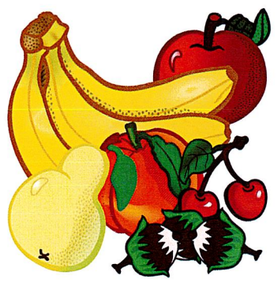
All families with children enrolled in the district should complete an Application for Educational Benefits each year. You may com-plete an application at the School Cafe Site, create a login with your username and password. Click on Eligibility Benefits, then click apply. An eligibility notice letter will arrive in the mail within 10 business days. Filling out an application is essential because it determines our level of State and Federal Funding.

MPS has made considerable improvements to their menus and offerings in recent years, with a focus on whole, fresh and locally sourced foods. If you have any questions about the breakfast or lunch program, please feel free to call our food service coordinator at 612-668-2511.

SNACKS and TREATS

Snacks: Here at Bryn Mawr we provide healthy snacks for all students. Snacks are either fruits or vegetables. Please do not send in a separate snack for your child. If you have questions or concerns about this, contact your child's teacher.

Treats: **District policy prohibits bringing in food treats for any occasion. Birthday cakes, cupcakes etc. are not allowed.** If you want to celebrate your child's birthday, please send stickers, pencils, etc. with your child that day. These will be given to classmates prior to dismissal. Please bring enough for all students.



FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM

The Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program is a federal grant program that provides a fresh fruit or vegetable snack to all students at Bryn Mawr. It is a great way to get students excited about eating healthy and trying new fruits and vegetables. Some examples are cantaloupe, pineapple, red grapes, nectarines, jicama, cucumber, green pepper and broccoli.