

Aug 8, 2022



Dear Beverly Woods Elementary Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to Beverly Woods Elementary School! We are very excited to have your child join us for the upcoming school year. As we plan for the 2022-2023 school year, we do so with optimism that we will continue to see improvement surrounding community health and the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the details we are sharing today are based upon the most current information to date. Similar to the past, all information is subject to change upon the guidance from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).

Kindergarten Families

All Kindergarten students should reference the Kindergarten letter to review staggered entry, the Kindergarten Kick-Off open house event, and other information about teacher assignments sent via ParentSquare on 8/8/2022 and on our school website under announcements.

Open House for Grades 1-5

On August 25th we will be hosting families both virtually and in-person for our Open House. The virtual option available for all grades will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.. Details about joining virtually will be sent via ParentSquare by your assigned teacher. All students will be getting a phone call from their homeroom teacher on or before August 22nd inviting them to our open house. If you choose to attend in-person, each student **will be able to bring two parents/ guardians** (siblings are allowed, however families are encouraged to find childcare if possible). We will be hosting families with the last name that starts with the letters A-K, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., and L - Z from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. This event will be held indoors and outdoors on the BWE Campus. Students, staff, and parents are encouraged to wear masks and maintain physical distance. Any crowds or gathering of people is discouraged.

School Nutrition Back to School Information - Lunch and Breakfast Information

The School Nutrition Services staff is looking forward to serving your students nutritious, great-tasting food that supports their achievement in school and promotes healthy lifestyles. **Federal government waivers that allowed School Nutrition to feed all students at no charge for the last two years expired on June 30, 2022. As a result, CMS will return to pre-pandemic procedures regarding free and reduced price lunch.** The application for free and reduced price lunch benefits will be available beginning August 1, 2022. Families are encouraged to complete the application online. Locate the application by going to the CMS website, clicking on the MEALS icon and APPLY for Free/Reduced Lunch. The meal application is also available by [clicking HERE](#).

Current COVID Safety Protocols

The North Carolina Safe Schools Toolkit will no longer be used. CMS will be following the guidance provided by the NCDPI which currently suggests we follow CDC guidelines. Details can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Should your student be impacted by COVID exposure or illness we will contact you regarding the procedures that will need to be followed and ensure we are compliant with guidelines and safe operations of school.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome to come in the building following the same protocols before COVID for signing-in/out through LobbyGuard. Visitors must enter and exit through the main office and be buzzed in individually. DO NOT hold the door open for anyone following you as you enter. Currently we ask classroom visitors to not exceed more than 2 per classroom at a time. If activities are occurring outside, more than 2 visitors are allowed. Lunch with your student will be permitted but not until after the first 4 weeks of school as we work to establish routines and procedures. This policy is subject to change upon school health and safety guidelines/protocols.

Walking Students to class on the First Day of School

Parents will not be allowed to walk their students to class on the first day of school or after. We will have ample staff at various locations throughout the school to ensure students know how to locate their classroom. In addition, parents entering the building without passing through our lobby guard system would present additional safety concerns.

Carpool/Walker Guidelines

We are fortunate to have a large population of students transported to/from school via carpool. The amount of traffic caused during carpool requires strict procedures for safely and efficiently getting students picked up. Please refer to [this map](#) for guidance on following proper procedures. Please create a sign with your students name and grade level in large print to place on your dashboard. All students that are walking to school in the morning will enter through the bus lot doors. If any parents wish to enter the building for general purposes they must enter through the front doors and sign in at the office. Parents picking up students who wish to walk home must pick them up at the back of the school by the door closest to the playground. Staff members are assigned to that door for the safety of all students.

Bike riders

Only 4th and 5th graders are allowed to ride bikes to school. There is a bike rack by the bus lot doors for students to secure their bike for the day. Please refer to [this map](#) for the bike rider dismissal routes.

Bus Information

CMS operates one of the largest Transit Systems in the United States. Please be patient with bus arrivals in the first week or two of school. A great tool to locate your bus is the “Here comes the Bus” app. Details on using this program are located [here](#). Please visit the [CMS Transportation page](#) to find out important information for ensuring your student has bus transportation for the beginning of school. If you have any questions about buses please email Ms. Hubbard at courtneyr.hubbard@cms.k12.nc.us

Communication

BWE uses ParentSquare exclusively for communication. This app/website integrates everything into one easy platform. Future communications will be sent through ParentSquare only. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/BWEParentSquare> ASAP, so that you do not miss any future updates or communications from our school and staff by using the link above and/or the QR codes below to download the app.

Google Play App Store Parent Square Code:



Apple App Store Parent Square Code:



Curriculum Night

Please save the evening of September 8th, 2022 for our curriculum night. Details about these events will be sent via ParentSquare in the coming weeks.

PTA Membership and Information

Our PTA utilizes ParentSquare exclusively. Information about membership, email newsletters, events, volunteer opportunities, etc. will all be posted in the coming weeks.

School Supplies

Sprout boxes will be delivered to all classrooms. If you ordered a Sprout box your child will receive it the first day of school in their homerooms. If you were unable to access Sprout to purchase supplies, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/BWESupply> for our supply list.

Parent Tips

All parents are encouraged to read our "[Parent Survival guide](#)" which highlights the various topics that are beneficial for our new parents.

Thank you so much for your support of our school community. Remember that the dates and details of these events are subject to change as we follow guidance from NCDPI.

Thank You,



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