



BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (978) 374-2443

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Dear Families,

Picture Day is coming!

Picture day will by on Monday, September 26, 2022. Flyers concerning the photos have been sent home. Please check backpacks for important information. Students will take their individual and class photos at this time. Picture retakes are scheduled for November 10th for students that are absent or who want their pictures retaken.

<u>Picture Day Flyer</u> <u>Picture Day Flyer - Spanish</u>

Literacy Academy

<u>Literacy Academy - Spanish</u> <u>Literacy Academy - English</u>

Peer Mentor P.E.A.C.E. Program (Peers Engaged in Alleviating Conflicts Effectively)

An initiation meeting has taken place in each fourth grade classroom to present the new PEACE Peer Mediation Program. Mrs. Seibold has run this program with great success for many years and is excited to offer it to Bradford Huskies. Fourth graders are completing a written application if they are interested in becoming a peer mentor. Approximately 40 fourth graders will be chosen from the applications and teacher recommendations to attend the trainings. The trainings will take place during the school day. Students will be trained to help their peers work together to solve their problems, creating a learning environment where students can solve their conflicts peacefully. The trainings that they go through will teach communication and conflict resolution skills. They will be taught formal and informal mediation techniques. Applications will be handed out next week and used as a writing activity.

Tucked in Tuesday

Tucked in Tuesday began on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Each Tuesday an email messenger will be sent to all families containing a link for the students to hear a bedtime story being read by staff members of Bradford Elementary School. The children love hearing stories from their favorite teachers. The email is sent about 6:45 pm.

Safety Training

Next week, students and staff will gather in the cafeteria for a powerpoint presentation provided by Mrs. Seibold. The presentation speaks of three types of safety drills that we will practice at Bradford

Elementary School - Fire drills/Evacuations, Stay in Place, and Lockdowns. The presentation provides child friendly explanations why we would have each of the drills and the directions to follow during the drills. The week following the presentations, Mrs. McGrain and Mrs. Seibold will be going room by room to practice a lockdown and at some point that we do not know, there will be a city conducted Lockdown drill just as we do with fire drills. During our Lockdown drills, teachers may decide to lockdown in their rooms or choose to evacuate and it is important to practice both. Staff attend the meeting so we can develop a common language for students and staff.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures - Safety Precautions

Please take a moment to review the drop off and pick up procedures. It is extremely important that everyone follows these so that we can be efficient in this process as well as keep everyone safe.

Parents - Please do not park your cars and walk your children up to the

doors. This goes for the front and the drop off line in the back of the school. We don't have enough parking spots available for staff and we have staff arriving until 9:00 am.

• Parents, please stay with your cars during arrival and dismissal. The children are great at getting to their classrooms now and parents walking them up delay all the process.

No cars may park in the bus lane that loops around the school. This is also a fire lane as well. Please read the procedures carefully.

Also, please do not drive into the bus lane. The lane in front of the school is for buses only. In addition, it is illegal to pass a bus in this lane.

If your child is a parent drop off, **do not** let your children exit the car until your car is alongside the school building or around the back of the school.

Parents/Guardians are asked to please follow these procedures. Safety is very important to us and this process makes for a streamlined approach to arrival/dismissal.

All parents, please create a paper with their child/dren's first and last names and keep it in the car. On days when the child/children are parent pick up - please place the sign on the dashboard while waiting in line. This helps us streamline the name collecting.

Bus Routes

Bus routes are posted to the Haverhill Public Schools website. https://www.haverhill-ps.org/
Parent request for a Change Form Transportation Change Request
Parent Concerns for Transportation Parent Bus Concern Form

Buses are available to all students within the bus ranges of age and distance from school. Please be sure to find your bus information and make any necessary adjustments due to childcare, etc. using the forms provided by transportation. Also please have a conversation with your child's teacher concerning the changes.

PTO

The first PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st from 6:00-7:00pm. Dr. Marotta and Mrs. Ibanez from the district office will be joining our meeting. It is the district goal to have our district personnel attend a PTO meeting at each school this year. This meeting will be available in person in the BES Library and virtually.

PTO Meeting Link 2022-2023

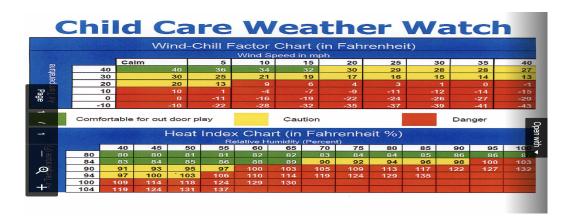


PTO Ice Cream Social

This was a great event! A good time was had by the students, families and staff. Thank you BES PTO volunteers!!!!

Dress in Layers

The days are already getting cooler. Please be sure to send your child with a jacket or sweatshirt each day. We do try to go outside as long as the weather cooperates. We will not go outside if it is raining or there is a threat of dangerous weather. At times it is difficult because the weather changes so quickly. In the case of indoor recess, the children are given an array of stations or games and activities in their classrooms. This year we are asking that children not be on their chromebooks during recess time. We want children to socialize and play with others during this time. We will follow the chart that we used last year to determine outdoor recess. We will go outside for weather in the green and the yellow.



New Library ESP

This week we welcomed Mrs. Fillion as our new Library ESP. Mrs. Fillion is getting accustomed to our library and will partner with Mrs. Seibold to hold a volunteer training in October. We are hoping to find some volunteers to help out in the library checking in and out books.

Volunteer Training



Bradford Elementary School is looking for parent volunteers.

Boosterthon/Fun Run Classrooms Library Autumn Appreciation Field Day Tuesday, October 4, 2022

9:30 am 6:00 pm

Please plan to attend this meeting if you were not able to attend last Spring. Bring your state issued ID so we can complete CORI Checks

Important Dates

September 21, 2022 PTO Meeting BES Library
September 28, 2022 Early Release for Students - Dismissal at 11:35
October 4, 2022 Volunteer Training

Stay well.

Diane Seibold

Principal