

Birch Grove Primary School Parent Update



April 24, 2023

Dear Families,

It was great to see the Kindergarten students performing at the concerts last week. We are looking forward to the grade 1 students performing this week.

Reminder to please review the drop off and pick up procedures to ensure safety at all times. [BGP Drop Off and Pickup Procedures 2022-2023](#)

[These are dates to note for April/May/June:](#)

[April 26- 12:55 Early dismissal for teacher professional development](#)

May17-12:55 Early dismissal for teacher professional development

May 19- BGP Art Show and Spring Social 5:00pm-7:00pm at Birch Grove Primary School

May 29-No School-Memorial Day

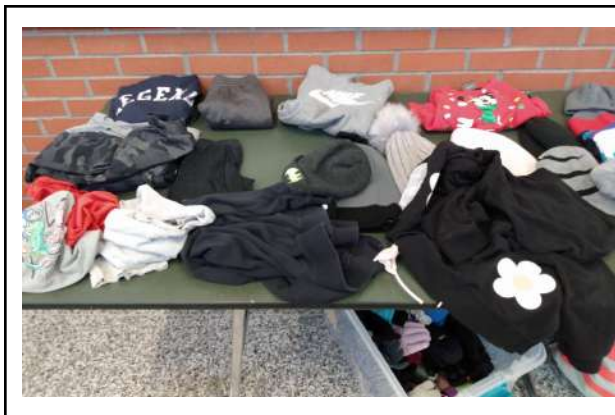
June 15- Last Day of school 12:55 dismissal

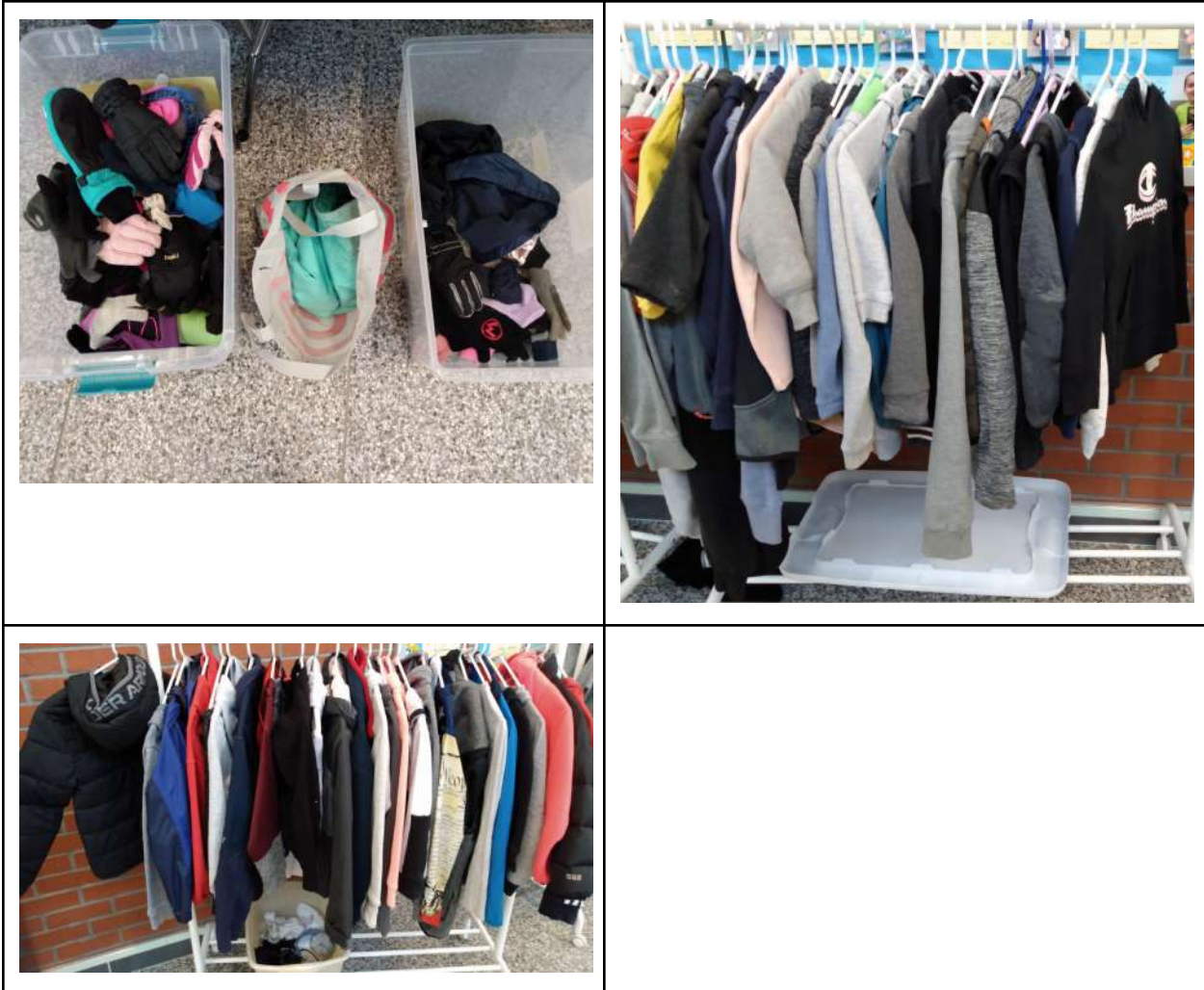
The school year has been shortened from 182 days to 180 days, making June 15 the last day of school for students. There will be a 12:55 dismissal that day.

April's Character trait is **Honesty**- " To understand being honest creates better relationships and helps people feel safe and to recognize that communities are stronger when people are valued and have trust in one another."

Lost & Found-

Anything here belong to you?





A reminder, all children should have a change of clothes in their classroom.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SCHOOL PROVIDED BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH**

Great News! Starting March 1, 2023, all student meals, one breakfast and one lunch, will be no charge through the end of this school year.

[Please click here for more information](#)

The online registration site is now open for incoming Kindergarten students for the fall of 2023.

To begin registration:

Please be sure to click on the 2023-2024 link as registrations cannot be moved from year to year.

- **If, prior to March 10, you began an online registration, you will need to go back to the district website page and choose the 2023-2024 New Student Registration link.**
- **Go to www.tolland.k12.ct.us, District - Register Student.**
- **Before proceeding, please click on Tolland Residency Procedures under “Instructions” and read the residency requirements.**
- **Click on the 2023- 2024 Registration Link.**
- **If you have not previously created an account, click on “create account” to continue.**
- **If you already have a child at BGP who is coming to Kindergarten, you do not need to register them again. They will be rolled over to the new grade automatically.**
- **Home Language Survey when registering for kindergarten. It is imperative that it is completed accurately. If another language is indicated, we are compelled to screen for EL services.**

If you find that you need any assistance or have questions regarding the online registration process, please contact Candace de Loureiro at 860-870-6818, extension 10804 or email cdeloureiro@tolland.k12.ct.us

Spirit Days [at Birch Grove Primary School](#)

We encourage student attendance in school every day. Students out of school for more than five days will receive an attendance letter.

A reminder about recess, students go outside whenever the temperature is above 20 degrees and weather permits. Please consider appropriate footwear for cold weather and snow. Children may play in the snow if they have snow pants, coats, snow boots, and gloves.

Supply List - [click here](#)

Transportation of Students-

Special Transportation Form - [click here](#)

If you require special transportation busing, outside of the routes to school and back home, please see the “Special Transportation” form quicklink on the front page of our website.

Bus Stop Release Form - [click here](#)

First Student Bus Company requires a signed bus stop release form for each student. Please see the quicklink on the front page of our website. Bus routes will be available prior to the start of school on the Tolland Board of Education website.

Parents/guardians who are planning to pick up students at the end of the school day are expected to communicate with the office staff, at the latest 1 hour prior to the end of the school day. Parents are expected to communicate one of these ways: send a note in with their child, call the office at 860-870-6750 or send an email to ebarkus@tolland.k12.ct.us and smcdonald-burns@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Every Day Pick Up Form-

If you are planning to pick up on a consistent basis (daily or a certain day of the week, every week), please complete the Everyday Pickup Form located on the Birch Grove Primary School website under “Quicklinks”, prior to the first day of school with the pick up information. All adults who have permission to pick your child up from school (including parents, if applicable) must be listed. Link: [BGP Student Pickup Form](#)

Bus Route Information- Follow this link to the front page of our website, then click on the blue “Bus Route” for the latest bus route information. [2022 -2023 Bus Routes](#)
[Valet Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures](#) - Please follow the link to review the procedure for valet drop off and pick up. **Parents are expected to have identification visible to the BGP staff as they enter the pick area.**

Arrival, Dismissal, Video	Traffic Flow Picture
BGP Drop Off and Pickup Procedures 2022-2023	Family Handbook

New Students - If your student is new to the district (all kindergarten students, new first and second graders), please review the attached document on how to sign on to Unified Classroom. Tolland Public Schools uses PowerSchool’s Unified Classroom online parent portal to allow you access to your student’s current grades, attendance, and other information. Wherever you have online access (home, work, public library, etc.), you can view information on your student.

<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/resources/powerschool/parents>

Google Classroom - All students will receive an invite to the teacher’s google classroom page. In your student’s email account, there will be a code for your child to have access and join the classroom’s page. **Please do not reset passwords for your child’s account.**

Click here for additional information. [Family and Student Resources](#)

Here are additional resources for your review:

[Superintendent Bulletin](#)

Please contact our main office with any questions or concerns at 860-870-6750.

Sincerely,

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