

Beecher Road School

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Dear BRS Community,

We hope that you continue to stay healthy and safe. The warmer weather certainly provides opportunities to enjoy some outdoor activities; a much needed change of pace for all!

Please see important information below about Student belonging pick up, Summer school update - On site programs cancelled, Distance learning surveys, Parent volunteers needed for committees and Budget update.

STUDENT BELONGING PICK UP

Working in consultation with our School Nurse, Facilities Manager and Administrative team, we have recently been engaged in efforts to gather student belongings. Our teachers and staff have worked to individually bag and label student belongings, in order to facilitate a contactless pick up. On your scheduled pick up date and time the following will occur:

- Cones will be placed outside with a teacher name on it.
- All student belongings will be placed outside, in individual bags clearly labelled, by the teacher name.
- Please drive up to the North entrance, collect your child's belongings and depart. Remember to maintain social distancing, wear a mask, and do not come to collect belongings if you are ill or have come into contact with someone who is ill.
- Additional items:
 - Instruments: if labelled, they will be with the child's belongings. If not labelled they will be placed outside for you to retrieve.
 - All library books are to be returned on this day: Boxes will be placed outside and clearly labelled for all books to be returned to the library.
 - If you have any other text books, including math books they should be returned on this day as well. Again, please place them in the boxes for library books placed outside.
 - All classroom books and materials are to be returned as well. Please place them in the boxes next to their child's teacher's name.
 - If you are unable to collect your child's belongings during this time period, please contact the North Office to arrange alternative pick-up times.
 - If you have borrowed a school iPad, it will be collected on June 15; more information to follow on iPad return.
 - 6th grade students should also return band uniforms (including hats) as well. Please be sure your child's name is located on the uniform so we may account for it.
 - Nursing staff will communicate with parents who have medications at school that must be returned. Medications will be returned when you pick up your child's belongings.

The schedule for picking up your child's belongings is below. We recognize that many children have siblings in multiple grade levels, unfortunately, due to the size of our student population and limited staffing, we cannot let you pick up multiple children's belongings simultaneously. We appreciate your understanding.

Date	Time	Grade level
June 1	8:30-11:30	K
June 1	12:00-3:00	1
June 2	8:30-11:30	2
June 2	12:00-3:00	3
June 3	8:30-11:30	4
June 3	12:00-3:00	MAG
June 4	8:30-11:30	5
June 4	12:00-3:00	6
June 5	8:30-2:30	Anyone unable to attend on their scheduled date and time.

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE - ON SITE PROGRAMS CANCELLED

With the ongoing risk of exposure to COVID-19 and with the safety of children and staff as our number one priority, we have made the difficult decision to CANCEL all ON SITE summer programs at Beecher Road School this summer. As you know, the Recreation Department has already cancelled their on site programs. Distance Learning and online programs will replace on site programming. Please see important information below.

ESY (Special Education Programs): Programming and instruction for students will be delivered via Distance Learning. Your child's ESY teacher will be in contact with you in the near future to arrange your child's schedule.

Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) and Extended Day (EDay): Even though on site programs are cancelled, we are trying to provide a 4 week time (July 6-31) of online classes. Details about these programs will be provided on our website within the next few weeks. (Please be advised that classes will only be held if there are enough students enrolled in the program). Rest assured that if you do not feel that your children will be well served by online classes, full refunds will be offered to families who choose to opt out of SEP and EDay classes for which their children are already registered. Parents with immediate questions about canceling/refunding should contact SEP Director Sandra Simowitz at sep@woodbridgeps.org or EDay Director Cathy Salinardi at csalinardi@woodbridgeps.org

DISTANCE LEARNING SURVEYS

We will be sending families a Distance Learning Survey this Friday. This survey will assist us in gathering important information about experiences with Distance Learning (as well as social and emotional well being) as we plan for the future. The parent survey window will be open from Friday May 29 through Sunday, June 7. Thank you in advance for completing these surveys. Students in grades 3-6 will also be provided a survey next week. All surveys are confidential.

POSSIBLE FOLLOW UP PARENT FORUMS

Once we complete our survey process, we may hold some follow up parent Distance Learning forums. If you are interested in participating in a online forum, please email mdeggennaro@woodbridgeps.org.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

BOE AD HOC SECURITY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Board of Education has re-established the Ad Hoc Security Personnel Committee. The charge of this committee is to make a recommendation to the Woodbridge Board of Education on security personnel needs and costs for the 2021-22 school budget.

We are looking for two Beecher parents to serve on this committee. If interested, please email mdegennaro@woodbridgeps.org no later than Friday June 5 at 9 AM. If we have more than two interested parents, we will conduct a random selection.

The Committee will meet from June through September and present their findings and/or recommendation to the full WBOE in September. This will allow the Board time to implement any necessary recommendations for the 2021-22 budget process. Membership would be comprised of one (1) member from both the BOS and BOF, the Police Chief and/or Police Commission, Principal, 3-4 members of the WBOE, one (1) representative each from PTO, WEA, Recreation, EDay and two (2) BRS Parents.

REOPEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

As we begin to turn our attention to planning for the fall, everyone is in agreement that reopening schools in September will be far more difficult than closing them back in March. Schools need to be reopened with caution to insure the safety of students and staff. To assist in the reopening process, we are forming a "School Reopening Committee". This committee will be made up of various stakeholders.

We are looking for two parents to serve on the School Reopening Committee. If interested, please email mdegennaro@woodbridgeps.org no later than Friday June 5 at 9 AM.
If we have more than 2 interested parents, we will conduct a random selection.

BUDGET STATUS FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Finance voted to approve the Woodbridge 2020-21 Budget at their May 18 meeting. This budget includes a zero percent increase for the Woodbridge Board of Education/Beecher Road School. The Board of Education will make final decisions regarding our 2020-21 budget at their June 15 meeting.

Sincerely,

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Robert Gilbert

Our Mission

Beecher Road School is a caring, creative community that models and inspires the joy of life-long learning, embraces diversity, and celebrates the unique qualities of each person.