



DANDY LINES

Summer 2018

A Letter from Mrs. Legnard

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year at Berry School! While there is still plenty of time to play on the beach, head out for an adventure, start a new book or just relax, our thoughts are beginning to shift towards the opening of the new school year. Indeed, let us enjoy the long August days ahead, but let us also begin to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year. We are so excited to enter this new school year with you and your children and all of our new families who are starting at Berry School for the first time. Welcome to our Berry School Family!

This is the summer edition of our ***Dandy Lines*** newsletter. For those of you new to Berry School, ***Dandy Lines*** is a weekly newsletter distributed during the school year that offers important information about upcoming events, programs, and pertinent district information. It is sent electronically on most Fridays and is also posted to our website. This is my primary method of communication to families all year long so please read each issue carefully! This summer edition is especially full of information!

If you have not done so already please be sure to visit our website to complete your Summer Reading and Math activities. This year we are participating in the Governor's Reading and Math Challenge! Please visit our [Summer Resource](#) page on our website to access all the summer resources and materials for your student. Please bring in your Governor's Reading and Math challenge recording sheets with you on the first day of school!

A few exciting things have happened this summer at Berry! We installed a new Circle of Friends playground. We can't wait to use it! Also, thank you to our PTO for purchasing a new KidsFit Stepper that we will be using in our Kinesthetic room this year! We will be piloting this stepper so we can purchase more for classrooms at Berry School.

A reminder our First Day of School is Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Please Note: This is a FULL DAY of school for all students in Grades K-3

Please feel free to pop in a say "hi" this summer! The building will re-open on Monday, August 20th. Teachers will be in professional development all day on Friday, August 24, Monday, August 27 and Tuesday, August 28. There is still plenty of summer left to have fun and enjoy precious time with family and friends! Enjoy every moment that summer has to offer! We will see you soon for the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Danielle Legnard

Danielle Legnard

I would like to take a minute to congratulate a few staff members and welcome new staff members to Berry School!

- Mrs. Bernardo will be our new district English Language teacher at Berry and Rockwell
- Mrs. McGlinchey will be our new Computer Teacher
- Mrs. Cochrane will be returning to Circle of Friends

We wish them all well in their new roles! We have hired the following teachers to fill these positions.

Please welcome Mrs. Mandy Esposito to the second grade team!

Mrs. Esposito has been a teacher for thirteen years. She started her teaching career in the Bronx where she received tenure and taught for five years. From there she worked in the Byram Hills School District and taught fourth grade for five years as a tenured teacher. For the past three years, Mrs. Esposito has been working at Berry as a building substitute and a long term substitute teacher. We are thrilled that Mrs. Esposito will continue to be part of our Berry School Family.

Please welcome Miss Danielle Troiano also to the second grade team!

Miss Troiano began as a substitute teacher in Bethel before quickly becoming one of our building substitutes. She has taught every grade including Art, PE, Music, Computers and Music and knows our students very well! Mrs. Troiano has also worked in the before school Strings program and the After School Care program. During her internship and student teaching Mrs. Troiano assisted me in launching a school-wide internal mailing system called "Dandy Mail" where students write letters to the school mascot, to each other, to teachers, and support staff. We are beyond excited to officially welcome Mrs. Troiano to our Berry School Family!

Please welcome Mrs. Brandi Oatis to the third grade team!

Mrs. Oatis is heading into her 18th year of teaching! Her career started in Newtown in 2001, where she taught at Hawley School for 14 years, working as both a classroom teacher in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 and a remedial reading teacher. In 2014, her husband was lucky enough to be transferred to sunny Florida for his job! While living in Florida, Mrs. Oatis also taught 5th grade for three years. She is very happy to be back in Connecticut where she can enjoy the four seasons and be closer to our family and friends. Please welcome Mrs. Oatis to our Berry School Family!

Please welcome Mrs. Lindsey Lucchesi to our third grade team!

Mrs. Lucchesi has been a teacher in the Danbury Public Schools and will not join the third grade team. Mrs. Lucchesi has 3 children of her own and has taught grades 2 and 4. She comes to us with a lot of experience and a love for learning. We are so happy that she landed in Bethel!

Welcome Miss Lauren McDonald who will be our intern for the year! Lauren is a graduate student at Sacred Heart University and will be working at Berry for the entire school year.

Welcome Mrs. Kathy Darrah who will be our new math para professional. Mrs. Darrah has been working at Bethel Middle School and will be working closely with Mrs. Kari Leonard our math specialist.

Our new building sub for the year will be Miss Brittany Shea. Miss Shea is a graduate of Bethel High School and has subbed in Bethel for the past year. We are happy to have her at Berry school full time!

Mrs. Alice Gumpert will return to Berry School to cover for Mrs. Tara Beall-Gomes while she is out on maternity leave. We are so thankful that Mrs. Gumpert can come back and help at Berry!

Thank you for welcoming all of our new staff members to our Berry School Family!



Mark Your Calendar



8/27 Kindergarten Social, Tours and Orientation (1:00-4:00)

8/29 First Day of School for Grades K-3 (this is FULL DAY of school)

- 8/31 Believe Fundraiser Starts!
- 9/3 No School- Labor Day
- 9/7-17 Fall Spirit Wear Starts!
- 9/12 Ice Cream Social Truck and Grade 3 Tile Wall
- 9/6 Open House 6:00-8:00 PM
- 9/18 PTO General Meeting 6:30 pm in Media Center (Guest Speaker-**Amanda Riley**-*Food Service and Stacey Bianco* (Second Grade Teacher)- *One School One Book Project*)
- 9/28 ROAR Celebration
- 10/3 Fall Picture Day
- 10/4 PTO Grade K Breakfast ~ Parents Invited! ~
- 10/19 Early Dismissal Day (1:40)
- 10/22-26 Fall Book Fair
- 10/24-26 BES/RES Conferences 1:15 Early Dismissal
- 10/26 ROAR Celebration
- 10/26 PTO Halloween Dance
- 10/30 PTO General Meeting 9:15~Conference Room #2
- 10/31 Berry Halloween Parade and Food Drive 9:30-10:00 am.
- 11/6 No School-Election Day and Professional Learning Day
- 11/8 PTO Grade 1 Breakfast ~ Parents Invited!~
- 11/14 Picture Re-Take and Sibling Photo Day
- 11/16 Berry School Turkey Trot ~ Walk-A-Thon
- 11/21 Thanks Giving Recess- Early Dismissal 1:40
- 11/21 ROAR Celebration
- 11/22-23 No School~ Thanksgiving Break
- 11/26-30 Toys for Tots Toy Drive in Lobby
- 11/27 PTO General Meeting 9:15 ~ Conference Room #2
- 12/10-14 PTO Holiday Shop
- 12/12 Berry School Sing A Long!
- 12/21 ROAR Celebration
- 12/21 Early Dismissal (1:40)
- 12/24-1/1/2019 No School ~ Winter Break
- 1/2/2019 Happy New Year and Welcome Back to School!



Need to Contact Berry School?

Please dial our main number

203-794-8680

Select from the following options

Option #1- Attendance Line

Option #2- Main Office

Option #3- Nurse Robin

Option #4- Specials Services, Counseling and Circle of Friends

Option #5- Dial by name directory



**Dear Berry School,
I can't wait to see you all
again on the first day of
school. I hope we can
continue our Dandy Mail
system this year. I really
loved all the letters you
wrote to me throughout the
year and over the summer!
You are all amazing writers!
We will need to teach all of
our new students about
Dandy Mail. I think they are
going to love it! Don't you
agree? See you soon!
Love,
Dandy**



PARENT PORTAL GRADES K-12

Good Afternoon,

You should be receiving an email from school for returning students (PK-12) regarding updating your demographic information for your child(ren) in the Parent Portal. If you are a new family to the district, you have already completed this step and should be all set! This information is critical to providing us the most accurate information and phone numbers if there was an emergency. To update your child(ren)'s demographic information in the Parent Portal, click on the School Forms link in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Please make sure you click the link for 18-19 returning students. In this form, you will also be asked to sign off on our district forms, which are all housed electronically.

The **Parent Portal will open on August 15th.** You will not be able to log into the Parent Portal until this date. We are requesting that you update the demographic information prior to the start of school (August 29th). In addition, the Parent Portal houses the sign off for the Chrome Book Protection Plan for grades 6-12. You can purchase the Protection Plan now on "[My School Bucks](#)" for your convenience.

If during the school year any of your demographic information were to change, you can update it at any point by contacting your child(ren) school directly.

If you have any question about student demographic updates, please contact your child's school directly.

[Parent Portal Access Instructions](#)

[Access to School Forms on Parent Portal](#)

Below are additional directions to setting up your parent portal account.

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Bethel, Connecticut 06801
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Danielle Legnard
Principal

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Frank A. Berry School

Respectful, On Task, Always Safe and Responsible

August 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bethel Public Schools uses the Parent Portal (in Power School) as a way to keep up to date information for our families.

The most important uses for Berry families are:

- ❖ Parent Portal will become the way that you make any changes to contact information, address information, emergency contacts, and any demographic information in our system.
- ❖ Each year, we require parents and students to agree to the Responsible Use for Electronic Information and Technology. This is required for all families and can only be read and signed in the Parent Portal going forward (in an effort to go green we have eliminated paper copies).
- ❖ Each year, we require parents and students to agree to the Parent/Student Handbook Guidelines. This is required for all families and can only be read and signed in the Parent Portal going forward (in an effort to go green we have eliminated paper copies).
- ❖ Release of student address and phone number information for the Student Directory and other school specific uses can be Opted In or Out in the Parent Portal only. ** This includes opting out for photographs!
- ❖ Report cards will only be available in the Parent Portal. We no longer print report cards.

STEP ONE: Create your Parent Portal Account

1. Log into Power School Parent Portal at <https://ps.bethel.k12.ct.us/public>

A screenshot of the PowerSchool login interface. At the top, it says 'PowerSchool' with a logo. Below that is the title 'Student and Parent Sign In'. There are two buttons: 'Sign In' and 'Create Account'. A 'Select Language' dropdown menu is set to 'English'. Below that are input fields for 'Username' and 'Password'. A link for 'Forgot Username or Password?' is located below the password field. A 'Sign In' button is at the bottom right.

2. You will need the Parent's Access ID and Parent's Access Password that we provide from school (attached to this letter)
3. Then, you will create your OWN username and password that you will use to log back into the system. Be sure to make note of your user name and password as we do not keep these on file.
4. Follow the Power School Parent Portal Access Directions Step by Step (attached to this letter)
5. Once you have created an account please go to STEP TWO.

STEP TWO: Complete and/or update your School Forms

Once you have created a parent account and added your child to your view, you need to review all the School Forms and provide the electronic signatures in the places indicated. Please use the following instructions:

1. Access the Parent Portal from the Home page of the Bethel Public School Website, under Parent Info, or at <https://ps.bethel.k12.ct.us/public/home.html>
2. Log in with your username and password (that you created)

The image shows a screenshot of the PowerSchool login page. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the PowerSchool logo and the text "PowerSchool". Below the header, the page title is "Student and Parent Sign In". There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". Below these buttons is a "Select Language" dropdown menu currently set to "English". There are two input fields for "Username" and "Password". Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". At the bottom right of the form area is a "Sign In" button.

3. If you forgot your username or password, click on Forgot Username and Password and follow the prompts.
4. Next, in the top right hand corner of the screen click on the square with the icon next to the line that says

[Click here and choose SchoolForms to update or register your student for 2017-2018 -->](#) 

5. Next click on SCHOOL FORMS

Applications	Description
Contact Manager	SchoolMessenger - Contact Manager
SchoolForms	Use this link to update student information
webEDGE	State and District Administered Assessment Reports

6. Next click on each tab and review or update information

7. Next click on the Permissions Tab and agree to all of the permissions,

Responsible Use Agreement for Electronic Information Resources

Click to download Responsible Use Agreement for Electronic Information Resources

Student Agreement I have read and agree to the Responsible Use Agreement for Electronic Information Resources.

Parent Agreement I have read and agree to the Responsible Use Agreement for Electronic Information Resources.

Media/Publications/Directory Information

We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments that we often display their work and pictures. Many of the activities and events that take place in our schools are so exciting that we like to share these. Bethel Public Schools respects the rights and safety of all the members of our educational community.

As stated in the information regarding Directory Information Opt-Out information, student work and photos.

Click here to download the Bethel Public Schools Directory Information Opt-Out Information.

I want my child to be included in Directory Information (Recommended)

I am Opting-Out of the release of Directory information for my child. Directory information is defined as: public display; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of display; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; educational access Channel 9T.

Please visit our site at www.d009k12.ct.us and take into our Comcast Educational Access Channel 9T.

Acknowledge Handbook Policy

A copy of the Bethel Public School District Parent/Student Handbook of Selected Policies and Procedures. I have read and agree to the Bethel Public School District Parent/Student Handbook of Selected Policies.

8. Next click on the Confirmation Tab to complete the process. If you do not do this step your Parent Portal will NOT BE COMPLETE:

Electronic Signature

The Electronic signature below and its related fields are treated by Berber Public Schools like a handwritten signature on a paper form.

I verify that all the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I Agree ** Yes ▼

Electronic Signature ** Danielle Legnard

Date ** 08/22/2017  (MM/DD/YYYY)

By checking the box below and submitting, you complete this student's registration. You may go back and make any changes to any page.

9. Review and Complete EACH page, including the electronic signature at the end and submit the form. This needs to be done for EACH child and if you have recently updated information in writing or by phone call with the school.
10. Report any problems or errors to us immediately by calling 203-794-8680 so we can investigate and help solve the problem. Our Summer Office Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 AM-2:00 PM and Fridays 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM.

Thank you for completing these important steps prior to August 24th. The communication between families and our schools is of the utmost importance to us. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,



Danielle Legnard

Principal



We are excited to continue the *Frank A. Berry Mentor Program* to support our new incoming families. The program is designed to help ease the transition for new students and their families. This program will help new families with things such as welcoming them into our school, answering questions regarding school policies and procedures, discussing fundraisers and providing information regarding special events. We understand how important it is for everyone to feel they are a valued member of the school community. This includes not only the students, but all of our families as well. If you have any questions please email the mentor program at berrymentors@gmail.com



Berry School PTO

Please visit our [PTO WEBSITE](#) to learn more about how to get involved in our wonderful PTO! The greatest gift you can give our child is to support our schools and volunteer!



We will continue to implement our **Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions (PBIS)** system approach. PBIS involves a proactive, comprehensive, and systemic continuum of behavior support. Our school's universal expectations (**ROAR**) that we must all follow include the following:

Respectful
On-Task
Always Safe
Responsible

We want to **"ROAR"** at Berry School! Opportunities for success will be enhanced by directly teaching our expectations regularly to our students and through the use of a positive recognition system. Students are recognized at our ROAR Celebrations and by receiving **ROAR** tickets throughout the year!

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

All Kindergarten Families are invited to

Frank A. Berry School's Kindergarten Family Social and Orientation

Monday, August 27, 2018

Frank A. Berry School playground

1:00-3:00 (Social and Tours)

Meet on the Berry School playground for a Kindergarten Social! Meet other kindergarten families, play on the playground and meet your new friends and classmates!

PTO will also be giving families tours of Berry School! PTO will have light refreshments on the playground.

3:00-4:15 (Kindergarten Orientation)

Students and parents will meet their kindergarten teachers and explore their new classrooms! Then, parents will meet the Principal, Mrs. Legnard, for a presentation in the cafeteria while the kindergarten students take a bus ride around campus! (this is always a highlight of the day!) After the bus ride and presentation, parents pick up their students in the classroom and get ready for their first day of kindergarten!

Please make every effort to attend the Kindergarten Orientation portion of our day from 3:00-4:15 as we will be giving out important kindergarten information at this session.

In addition, please bring your child's school supplies, paperwork, forms or anything else you need to give your child's teacher!



EVERY FRIDAY IS SPIRIT DAY AT BERRY SCHOOL!

Where our school colors (maroon and white) to school every Friday.

Also, please wear maroon and white to every monthly ROAR assembly!

Show your school spirit Berry School!

Watch for our PTO Spirit Wear Fundraisers all year long!



Bus Information

Please contact **First Student Bus Company (203-748-8091)** immediately if your child will be going to or coming from a childcare facility instead of his/her home bus. You must also notify your child's teacher and the school office in writing. Please keep in mind that classroom teachers have several parent requests and it becomes difficult to remember where children need to go each day unless things are put in writing. You are required to complete a [Dismissal Note](#) which can be printed from Berry School's website under the link, "Forms". Any changes to your child's dismissal procedures for the day must be given to the main office by 2:00 pm. using the dismissal note below or access on the Berry School Website! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Bus routes will be posted on our district website (www.bethel.k12.ct.us) approximately a week prior to the beginning of school. Each child must be met at the bus stop by a parent or his/her designee. Drivers will not become involved in any scenario where parents tell the driver that they are always home and the children can let themselves into the home. If an adult is not present to meet a child, the drivers have been instructed to bring the child safely back to the school. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

In addition, children are unable to go on another bus with a friend for a play date. A single day bus change can only be made in the case of an emergency.



Arrival and Dismissal Information

Please note the following ***DROP OFF*** information:

1. Parent drop off begins at 8:40 am.
2. Please **DO NOT** drop off children prior to 8:40. There is no supervision prior to 8:40.
3. Parent drop off is by the nurse's entrance between 8:40-8:55
4. If there is not a staff member at the curb, please park and walk your child into school.
5. Please drive your car up to the curb and your child will exit your car from the passenger side.
6. Please do not get out of your vehicle during parent drop off.
7. If your child needs assistance getting out of the car, please park your vehicle in a spot and walk your child into the building.
8. Please do not pull around the car in front of you.
9. Please **DO NOT** drop children off without adult supervision outside. If not one is standing outside you **MUST** park and walk your child into school.

School ends at 3:30 p.m. If you are picking your child up from school, a specific parent pick up note is required by our school. Please use our [DISMISSAL NOTE](#) to communicate any changes to dismissal.

Your child must have this form every time he/she is being picked up at dismissal time. If your child will be picked up daily at parent pick up, we will create a permanent pick up pass so you need not have to write a dismissal form each day. Please indicate on the parent pick up form that your child will be picked up daily if this is so. **A new parent pick up form must be completed each year even if your child has gone to parent pick daily in the past.** Please remember when picking up your child you will be required to show identification upon retrieving your child. Please use the dismissal form below for any dismissal changes



Bethel Elementary School
Dismissal Note

Berry School 203-794-8680	Rockwell School 203-794-8690
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Date: _____

Student's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Teacher's Name: _____

From: _____
(Parent Signature)

Will be taking bus # _____ today to _____.
(Address)

I have called the bus co. @ 748-8091

Will be picked up at parent pick up by _____.

Will be staying after school for _____.

Will be picked up early by _____
at _____ am/pm (identification required).

Other _____.



Student Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

Student drop off begins exactly at 8:40 and only when there is a teacher or staff member standing at the curb. Students should be dropped off by the nurse's entrance between 8:40-8:55 when you see a teacher or staff member. The supervisors for parent drop off will signal cars when parent drop off begins. You will drive your car up and your child will exit your car from the passenger side. If you arrive after 8:55, you must park your car in a marked spot and bring your child into the office and sign a pass that will be given to your child's teacher. No child should enter the building unsupervised, as this is a safety issue. Please make every effort to have your child in school on time. *We strongly encourage you to utilize the bus transportation system.* Please note the following procedures when dropping off your child.

Student Drop Off:

Please pull up to the FIRST sign marked DROP OFF ZONE. We will unload 3-4 cars at a time. Please do NOT pull around the pick up line! Please have your child ready to exit CURB SIDE only! Thank you! Students will follow the Dandy Paw prints on the sidewalk to the front door of the school!

Student Pick Up

Student pick up is through the gym doors. Parents sign their children out on a clipboard and wait for the child's name to be called. Please have your photo ID ready as we have different people at the Drop Off door. Be sure that students have a pick up note as this helps us monitor our dismissal process. Please contact the main office by 2:00 with any changes to dismissal. Thank you for parking and exiting as quickly as you can from the pick up area.



Please visit the Bethel Parks and Recs Website to learn more about their [Before and After School Programs](#)



BERRY SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

If you haven't purchased school supplies, please be sure to check our website for a complete listing of school supplies per grade level.



A Note from the Nurse

Please note: our automated attendance system has been updated.

Some of our options have changed!

- ✓ Medication drop off such as epi-pens, inhalers and daily medication may be dropped off the week before school starts. Administration of Medication forms are required for each medication. The form can be found on the Bethel Public Schools web page under Office of School Health. Please call with any questions.
- ✓ Younger grades, especially kindergarteners should keep a change of clothes in their backpacks. Not only for bathroom accidents but spilled milk, mud and water splashes.
- ✓ Any changes in health conditions please call the nurse to discuss.
- ✓ Health Office phone number is 203-794-8680 (Select Option #1 from our automated message)
- ✓ Health Office fax number is [203-205-0654](tel:203-205-0654)

The nurse's summer hours are:

Monday, August 20, 2018	11 am – 3 pm
Tuesday, August 21, 2018	11 am – 3 pm
Wednesday, August 22, 2018	7 am – 11 am
Thursday, August 23, 2018	7 am – 11 am



During the school year, if your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call the **ATTENDANCE LINE @ 203-794-8680 (Select Option #1 from our automated message)** before 8:30 AM. Please make a note of this number. You can call 24 hours a day and leave a message. It is also imperative that you follow-up with a note to your child's teacher explaining the absence. (Each child needs their own note.) Please indicate the date and reason for the absence on the note. A follow-up letter will be sent to parents if a note is not received. A follow-up note is always necessary even if you called the nurse. Access the Absent note here: **[BERRY SCHOOL ABSENT NOTE](#)**

In addition, if there are any changes to your child's dismissal plans please contact the main office at 203-794-8680 (Select Option #2 for the main office) prior to 2:00 pm each day.

In order to maintain a safe dismissal process, we are unable to make changes to dismissal after 2:00 pm unless it is an emergency.

Thank you!

Bethel Public Schools SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE 2018-2019

SCHOOL	Regular Day		Early Dismissal (A) Scheduled on District Calendar		Early Dismissal (B) Due to Inclement Weather/Emergency		2 Hour Delay		3 Hour Delay	
	Start	Close	Start	Close	Start	Close	Start	Close	Start	Close
High	7:35	2:15	7:35	12:15	7:35	10:50	9:35	2:15	10:35	2:15
Middle	8:15	2:45	8:15	12:56***	8:15	11:20	10:15	2:45	11:15	2:45
Johnson	8:15	2:45	8:15	12:56***	8:15	11:20	10:15	2:45	11:15	2:45
Berry/Rockwell	9:00	3:30	9:00	1:40**	9:00	12:15	11:00	3:30	12:00	3:30
Circle of Friends AM (3 yr olds – M, T, R, F) (4 yr olds – M through F)	8:15	10:55	8:15	10:10^^	8:15	10:55	10:15	12:00	CANCELED	
Circle of Friends PM (3 yr olds – M, T, R, F) (4 yr olds – M through F)	12:05	2:45	11:05*/^^	12:56***	CANCELED		1:00	2:45	12:45	2:45
Circle of Friend Full Day (4 yr olds – M through F)	8:15	2:45	8:15	12:56***	8:15	11:20	10:15	2:45	11:15	2:45

*An unscheduled Early Dismissal results in the cancellation of PM Circle of Friends

**K-3 Dismissal will be at 1:15 PM on K-3 conference days

*** Johnson/Middle School & Circle of Friends will be dismissed at 12:20 PM on conference days

^^ Circle of Friends Conf. Days Schedule: AM Session 8:15 AM – 9:45 AM, PM Session 10:50 AM – 12:20 PM

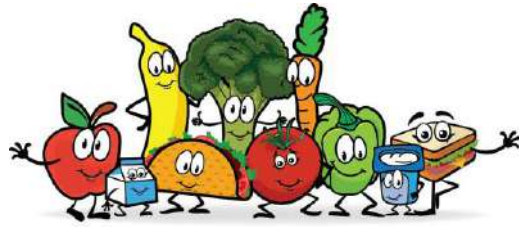
6/14/18



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**Love,
Dandy**



School Lunch Information

The cost of daily hot lunch is **\$2.80** and the cost of breakfast is **\$2.25**
You will receive more information regarding My School Bucks and free and reduced lunch at the beginning of the school year.

Below is the link to our Lunch Program as well as lunch forms and setting up your School Bucks lunch payment system.

Please log into [MY SCHOOL BUCKS](#) to set up a lunch account for your child.

[FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION](#) can be filled out and sent into school.

[SCHOOL LUNCH MENU](#)

[BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD NUTRITION WEBSITE](#)



Many hands make light work.

Check out our [PTO WEBSITE](#) throughout the year and find out how to get involved in your school and community! Thank you PTO for all that you do all year long!

BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018 - 2019 CALENDAR

August 3					September 17					October 23				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31						29	30	31		

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 - BHS Freshmen Orientation 20-22 - New Staff Orientation 26 - Professional Learning Day - No School - K-12 27 - Professional Learning Day - No School - K-12 28 - Professional Learning Day - No School - K-12 28 - First Day of School (Note: Full Day K-12) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Labor Day 30 - Rosh Hashanah 30 - Yom Kippur | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 - Conference Day (Evening) - No Early Dismissal - BHS 12 - Conference Day - Early Dismissal - BHS 18 - Professional Learning Day - Early Dismissal - K-12 24, 25, 26 - Conference Day - Early Dismissal - JS & BMS 24, 25, 26 - Conference Day - Early Dismissal - JS & BMS |
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November 19					December 15					January 21				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 - Professional Learning Day - No School - K-12 (Regional PD) 21 - Early Dismissal - K-12 22-23 - Thanksgiving Recess | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 - Early Dismissal - K-12 26-27 - Holiday Recess | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - New Year's Day 21 - Martin Luther King Day |
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February 18					March 21					April 17				
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *18-19 - President's Day Recess | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Conference Day (Evening) - No Early Dismissal - BHS 8 - Conference Day - Early Dismissal - BHS 20, 21, 22 - Conference Day - ED - K-3 20, 21, 22 - Conference Day - Early Dismissal - JS & BMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18-19 - Spring Recess |
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May 22					June 10					July 6				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
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13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 - Professional Learning Day - Early Dismissal - K-12 27 - Memorial Day Observed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 - Professional Learning Day - (Tentative) - Take field the day after the last day of school 14 - Last day of school - Early Dismissal - K-12 TBD - High School Graduation will be no later than TBD Final site TBD @ 1st SCB meeting in April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - First Day of Summer School 8 - Fourth of July Observed 28 - Last Day of Summer School |
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BHS Freshmen Orientation Beginning/Ending of Student Year Schools Closed - Holiday/Recess Early Dismissal K-12 Professional Learning Day - Early Dismissal K-12 Professional Learning Day - No School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Day - Early Dismissal - K-3 Conference Day - Early Dismissal - JS & BMS Conference Day - Early Dismissal - BHS Conference Day - (Evening) - No ED - BHS <p><small>NOTE: If there is a snow day on a conf. day, the conf. day will be held on the same day of the week on the following week.</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make-up days for emergency closings. #e Built in Emergency Closing date #s Snow Day/Schools Closed
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**This 185-day calendar includes five (5) emergency closing days. If these days are not used they will be deducted in June. Any additional emergency closing days, beyond the five (5) included days, will be made up June 17-28, as needed. High School Graduation will take place no later than June TBD.*

If 3 or more snow days are used by February 15th, the District will be in session on February 19th. If 4 or more snow days are used by February 15th, the District will be in session on February 18th. We will make every effort to avoid using April 15-19 as make-up days. Please be aware of this information when making travel plans. State law does not allow for extending the school day, school to be in session on a Saturday or Sunday, or going beyond June 30th.

Note: Calendar provides for 186 student days. (*181st Day.)



School Security and Safety

All visitors to Berry School must be given a visitor's badge. Please have your ID ready when you enter the office. We will scan your Picture ID, log you into our Hall Pass system and print you a visitor's badge. When you exit, please turn in your sticker to the main office and we check you out. The first time you register with us might take a few extra minutes.

From the Superintendent's Office

In order to enhance communication with parents, Dr. Carver has started a Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethel-Public-Schools/1636082583274534>.

We will post photos of school and district events, general

Any school delay notice was also published on radio, television, Twitter, and the Bethel Public Schools website. Follow the Superintendent, Dr. Carver, at [@BethelCTSuper](#) to be the first to know when school is delayed or canceled in bad weather. Channel 3, 6, and 8 also offer you the ability register to be notified via text for school delays and closings when reported. Please note as a reminder: When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather or have an unscheduled early dismissal due to forecasted inclement weather for the afternoon, the "School Delayed" "Schools Closed" or "Early Dismissal" announcement will be made over the following radio and television stations and websites in the morning:

WLAD AM Danbury 800 on the dial
WINE AM Brookfield 940 on the dial
WICC AM Bridgeport 600 on the dial
WEBE FM Bridgeport 108 on the dial
WEZN FM Bridgeport 100 on the dial
TV Channel 3, TV Channel 8, & TV Channel 6.
Bethel Public Schools Website – www.bethel.k12.ct.us
Connecticut Weather Website – www.ctweather.com

In the case of inclement weather, every attempt will be made to operate schools. However, in our judgment, whenever it is not safe to operate the buses, schools will be closed. Parents/Guardians who would like to receive text messages from our SchoolMessenger communication system, as per federal law, must opt-in. Please text "Yes" or "OPTIN" or "SUBSCRIBE" to 68453 and contact your child's school directly to update your wireless number(s) in our student information database. To opt out of all text messages from SchoolMessenger, reply with STOP to the message or visit www.schoolmessenger.com/tm. **In addition to performing the opt-in process above you'll want to ensure that your child's school has your wireless number(s) in our student information database. If you haven't already provided that information to your child's school please contact them directly and provide them with that information.** In the event that weather conditions worsen after pupils have arrived at school, it may be necessary for an [unscheduled early dismissal](#) (click for times). Should this occur, you will be notified by telephone by our automated voice message system, text message, email, and appropriate announcements will be broadcast over the above media. **Please note**, although the district does not charge you for this service, it does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving text messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges. If you have any contact information changes please contact your child's school.

Nondiscrimination Statement The Bethel Public Schools do not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, genetic information, protected veteran status or any other basis prohibited by law. The Bethel Public Schools provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding the Bethel Public Schools nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

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