

Bloom-Carroll Primary

August 7, 2020

"From the very beginning of his education, the child should experience the joy of discovery." Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)

OUR STUDENTS · THEIR FUTURES · OUR FOCUS

Open House First Grade and Second Grade Students

First Grade Open House on Monday, August 17th:

Group 1 (Last Name A-K) 5:00—5:40
Group 2 (Last Name L-Z) 5:50—6:30

Only one parent and child may attend. Please wear face masks. You will wait outside until the room is clear to ensure social distancing. In order to get all parents and children through please limit your time in the classroom. Signs will be posted on how to enter and exit the building.

Second Grade Open House on Tuesday, August 18th:

Group 1 (Last Name A-K) 5:00—5:40
Group 2 (Last Name L-Z) 5:45—5:40

Only one parent and child may attend. Please wear face masks. You will wait outside until the room is clear to ensure social distancing. In order to get all parents and children through please limit your time in the classroom. Signs will be posted on how to enter and exit the building.

Kindergarten Screening Appointments At The Primary School

Kindergarten appointments are scheduled for August 20th, 21st, 24th, and 25th. Please visit the Primary web page to view how the appointments and screening will be implemented. Your child will still need to go through the screening process even if you have decided to utilize the Virtual Learning Academy.

Groups will attend on the following days:

Group 2 (Last Name L-Z) will attend school on
Thursday, August 27th

Group 1 (Last Name A-K) will attend school on
Friday, August 28th

Beginning on Monday, August 31st, all kindergarten students will follow the district Hybrid Alternating Schedule.

Vicky V. Pease
Principal
Linda Cain
Secretary
Amanda Jablonski
Counselor

Looking Ahead

August

FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL! 24

September

Labor Day 7
No School

Interim
Reports sent 18
home

Professional
Development 28
Day
No School

School Day

Doors open:

8:45 a.m.

Enter classrooms:

8:50 a.m.

Tardy bell:

9:00 a.m.

Dismissal:

3:35 p.m.

Some of these procedures are in place due to our current COVID-19 Status of Yellow.

Building Procedures

- Call your student off anytime that he/she will not be at school. You may leave a voicemail. Absences must be followed by a dated note from home or a doctor's excuse.
- Due to COVID-19 Status Level Yellow we will not be having visitors or volunteers in the building.
- ALL late student drop-offs and pick-ups must go through the school office.
- If you need to drop off your student or pick your student up please follow the following procedures: Go to the Main Entrance Door, Push the button, State your request. You will be cleared to come in and either sign your student in or sign your student out. A face mask is required to enter the building. If picking up your student please have a photo ID available.
- If there is a change of plans for your student in regards to transportation we must have a note. Please include in the note the following: student's first and last name, bus number, teacher's name, and parent signature. If we do not have a note your student will ride the bus.
- In order for a designated person to pick up your student we need a note. Make sure the designated person is listed as a contact in Final Forms. We will not release a child if the person is not listed and does not have the appropriate ID.
- We will not accept transportation changes **after 3:00 p.m.** unless it is an emergency

Arrival Procedures

- You have the option of entering our moving car line behind the building. Students can enter the building at 8:45 a.m. and go directly to their classrooms, A staff person will be on duty.
- If your child rides the bus he/she will unload in front of the building beginning at 8:50 a.m.. Staff will be on duty as students arrive.
- We will be releasing students one bus at a time with our kindergarten students exiting the bus first.
- Students who walk to school can enter the building at 8:45 a.m. and go directly to their classrooms.
- **Please** do not unload your student at the sidewalk beside the building. Use the moving car line. The buses are turning onto that road to get back to the bus garage.
- Please take your first day of school pictures prior to your student coming to school. We will not allow parents in the building at our current Status Level of Yellow.

Dismissal Procedures

- Beginning at 3:35 p.m. students will be dismissed to the bus **ONE** bus at a time to minimize the number of students exiting the building. Staff will be on duty
- We will continue to have our moving car line for student pickups behind the primary building.
- When using the moving car line please remain in the car. Staff will release the student/s to the vehicle. **If you will be doing this the entire school year please send in a note stating that your child will always be in the "moving car line."** We will then give you a car tag that needs to be visible in the car during the moving car line time.

Lunch Visits

We enjoy having parents and grandparents come in and eat lunch with their student (s). At this current Status Level Of Yellow, visitors are prohibited.

School Fees

School fees for the 2020-2021 school year are \$30.00 for students in kindergarten through second grade. The fees go towards consumable supplies and technology. Please pay your fees as soon as possible. Checks can be made payable to the: Bloom Carroll Local School District or through the EZ Pay System via the Bloom Carroll web site.

Cafeteria

Cost for school lunch and milk are as follows: Hot Lunch: \$2.90
Sack Lunch: \$2.90
Milk: \$.50

Breakfast is served every day except on delay days.

Breakfast: \$1.75

The items that are available for breakfast are located on the lunch menu.

Parents...Important!

Please take time to review the following policies in the Student Handbook that will be brought home on the first day of school:

Attendance Policy,
Discipline and Expectations,
Dress Code Policy,
Cell Phone Policy,
Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy

Positive Behavior and Support Intervention System (PBIS)

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support. PBIS is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behavior. A key focus of PBIS is building responsive environments that "stack the deck" in favor of appropriate student behavior. Our goal at BCPS is to use our PBIS framework to teach and reinforce skills that will have a long term positive effect for students. Our PBIS team has worked to develop a school-wide plan to help all students meet our school behavioral expectations and provide a means to evaluate our procedures to make sure that they are working for our students. Students will learn about our expectations and the encouragement and consequence procedures that will be used. In our school, using the PBIS framework will help to create the best learning environment possible for our students by ensuring that they all learn how to be safe, respectful, responsible and caring members of our school community. This year we will continue to use "Class Dojo" as a positive reinforcement, as well as, a communication tool with parents. This is an online program that will give you instant information as your child earns points throughout the learning day. Students will still be expected to follow our Paw's Laws which are listed below. Periodically, depending on the grade level, students will have an opportunity to "cash in" their points for different rewards within the classroom or "bank" their points for a bigger reward. Points can be deducted for inappropriate behavior and you will be notified as well. A student who has a certain number of points deducted in a day will come and see me. Parents and guardians do have to download the program in order to get access. IF you do not have online access the teacher will write the number of points accumulated or deducted for each day. Parent/Guardian information regarding Class Dojo is below.

PAW'S Laws:

- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Caring**
- **Be Safe**



Class Dojo Protocols For Parents/Guardians:

You will receive an invitation from your child's teacher to connect with Class Dojo.

Confidentiality is important so you will want to ensure legal guardians are the only ones to have access to your child's learning day.

Use it as an informational tool that allows you to glimpse what is happening during the learning day and discuss at home with your student.

Monitor the behavior of your child. Recognize the good choices made by your child and discuss the not so good choices with your child.

Understand that this is not instant messaging. Teachers will not respond during the learning day. Response time will be within a 24 hour period just like email.

Transportation changes or requests come through the office not through Class Dojo.

Calling your child off school for sickness or other reasons come through the office not through Class Dojo.

Teachers will send an ill student to the nurse and we will follow the protocol for notifying the parent through the office.

Communication is a key, so if you have concerns about your child's learning day pick up the phone and give us a call.

Please **DO NOT** message Mrs. Pease or Mrs. Cain on Class Dojo. You can reach them by phone or email.

Dear Primary Parents,

Nothing is more exciting than a new school year. I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of our students, as well as, the apprehensive faces entering through the doors on the first day of school. This will be another year of learning, growth, and of course, fun. It will be a different start to our year, but we will persevere. Together we can make a difference in the lives of your children. I ask that you stay involved with your child's education. Check your child's backpack every night and talk with him/her about their school day. Take the time to read together each night. We are partners working towards the goal of ensuring your child is successful. I do consider it a privilege and an honor to be your child's principal. I will be here to encourage and guide your children. Please feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions (614)834-6731 or (740)756-4326, vicky.pease@bloomcarroll.org.

Sincerely,

Vicky V. Pease