

WELCOME BES FAMILIES,

The BES staff hopes that you have all had an amazing summer! We are excited to see all of your wonderful kiddos back here for the 2021-2022 school year. As we approach the **first day of school, Monday, August 30th, 2021**, we want to remind you all of a few details for the new year.



START & END TIME FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR (Kindergarten – 6th Grade)

The school day will run from **7:25 AM – 2:30 PM** for the 2021-2022 school year. Students may not enter the building before 7:25 AM daily. Children will be marked tardy if they have not arrived by 7:50 AM. Dismissal will start at 2:30 PM, with bussers being dismissed on the first bell. Followed by walkers on the second bell and lastly car pickups on the third bell.

START & END TIME FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR (Preschool)

The preschool school day runs from 8:00 AM – 11:30 PM. Preschool parents are asked to park out front and walk their child down to the side door (to the left of the school and down the driveway) to meet the preschool teacher or support staff. Preschool students will also be dismissed at that same side door at 11:30 AM by their teacher or support staff.

W.W. Berry Bus Company

A reminder to please contact the bus company directly if you need to arrange transportation to or from school using the bus, or if you have any questions about riding the bus. Their number is **(603)636-6100**. Mask wearing will be required at this time while riding the bus per CDC requirements.

School Dismissal Manager (SDM) Updates

NEW BES FAMILIES

#1: BES uses a dismissal program called School Dismissal Manager. This allows parents to set default dismissal options for the school year, as well as make changes for individual days. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to join SDM for BES. Once invited, please create your child's default dismissal or daily dismissal plan. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Kerstetter at nkerstetter@bethlehem.k12.nh.us. To download the App, please visit: https://www.schooldismissalmanager.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=peer360&utm_campaign=NewSmartphoneApp?utm_content=RBB2SWelcomeBack20212022Aug52021109PMcopy.

RETURNING BES FAMILIES

#2: Returning BES families, please go into your SDM account and update your child's dismissal plan for the upcoming school year. **Be advised that SDM has a NEW PARENT APP.** If you were using the App to access SDM last year, please follow the next steps. Returning parents will need to ***UNINSTALL last year's App from their phone***, and then download the new app from the SDM website: https://www.schooldismissalmanager.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=peer360&utm_campaign=NewSmartphoneApp?utm_content=RBB2SWelcomeBack20212022Aug52021109PMcopy. This link can also be found on the BES website as well for easy access.



BES will continue to update families with important information using our web page, bethlehem.k12.nh.us as well as on the BES Class Dojo page. Your child's classroom teacher can get you set up with Class Dojo. Please visit both locations often for school updates, important information, breakfast and lunch menus, and upcoming events. Additionally, we recommend that you add our BES Parent Calendar on Google; the link can be found on the website under "Calendar of Events." Time sensitive updates will continue to be sent via system-wide phone calls, text messages, and emails to the contact information provided on your child/children's emergency contact forms.

Parent/Student Handbook 2021-2022

We ask that parents visit the website to view, and review with your child, the Parent Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 School Year. The link to digitally sign that you have acknowledged the handbook can be found on page 2 of the handbook or [HERE](#). Please sign digitally no later than Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.

Student Accident Insurance information can now be found on the BES website at the bottom of the main page.

BES NEST, our Parent & Teacher Organization would like your contact info to keep you up to date on events and information from BES NEST for the upcoming school year.
Please visit their website [HERE](#).

Parents and guardians: Please be aware that a pre-scheduled appointment needs to be made, either with administration or a teacher, in order to enter the building for this upcoming school year. Thank you!

Beginning of the year packets will be sent home with your child on the first day of school; this includes the Emergency Contact Form, Free & Reduced Meal Application, SWAN Program Sign Up, Internet & Google Agreements, Photo/Video Permission, as well as the Walking Permission Form. If you have any questions about these forms, please contact the office. Please return those no later than Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.

Fall Picture Day is set to be **Wednesday, September 15th, 2021**, with a rain date of Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021. If this date changes, we will let you know immediately.

Breakfast & Lunch for 2021-2022

We are happy to announce that BES will be providing free meals to students again this year. *We will be ordering breakfasts and lunches one day in advance* again this year to help the kitchen staff, due to Covid safety measures and additional lunch times being provided for grade levels. Please talk about this with your child, and contact their classroom teacher with any questions. ***IMPORTANT* If your child needs breakfast or lunch for the first day of school, please visit the link [HERE](#) to sign them up for meals on their first day of school. Meal sign ups will close Thursday, August 26th, 2021.**