

# KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

**Bright Elementary School**

# GOALS FOR TODAY

- Parents will learn more about our school and district.
- Parents will know the expectations and procedures for kindergarten.
- Parents will know where to go for help.
- Students will become acclimated with the school setting.
- Teachers will gather academic and social information in order to form classes for next year.

# WELCOME TO BRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Principal:** Mrs. Kelly Roth

**Guidance Counselor:** Mrs. Abby Ruwe

**School District:** Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools

**Superintendent:** Dr. Andrew Jackson

**Attendance Secretary:** Martha Rosenberger

**Treasurer:** Jamie Shartzler

# ABOUT BRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## **Mascot:**

Panther

## **School Colors:**

Red, Black, and

Teal

## **Enrollment:**

560



# BES STAFF

**Teachers:** 33 (4 Kindergarten Teachers)

**Assistants:** 22 (4 Kindergarten Assistants)

**Secretarial Staff:** 2

**Nurse:** 1

**Librarian:** 1

**Custodial Staff:** 3

**Cafeteria Staff:** 7

# BES SCHOOL HOURS

- 8:00 am-3:10 pm (students permitted to arrive at 7:30am)
- Students are considered tardy after 8:00 am. Students must be in their classrooms ready to learn at 8:00 am.
- Students are considered .5 day absent if they leave before 3:10 pm.
- Parent pick up is in the gym at 3:10. Parents must sign students out in the gym.
- Busses arrive at 7:30 and depart Bright Elementary at 3:30 daily.

# SCHOOL SAFETY: VISITING

Parents are always welcome to join their student for lunch. Parents will need to sign in at the office, and should call the cafeteria at least 24-hours in advance, if you choose to eat with your student. No fast food is allowed to be brought into the school. Please do not bring other children with you, as there is limited room available.

Parents, who have a completed background check are also welcome to stay after lunch to join their student for recess.

# SCHOOL SAFETY: BACKGROUND CHECKS

**Limited:** A limited background check allows you to help with classroom parties, attend lunch and recess. If you would like to apply for one you will need to fill out the paperwork in the office.

**Expanded:** This check is required to attend field trips. It is applied for online and you submit your payment (\$18.00) at that time. Once you have applied you notify Mrs. Shartzler, she checks with central office and then your background check is documented. An expanded background check is also good for 5 years.

You will find the links to both of these on our school website.



# SDCSC MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a safe, innovative, and challenging environment designed to prepare students for their futures through Stewardship, Data-Driven Decision Making, Collaboration, Shared Leadership, and Commitment.

# BES MISSION STATEMENT

Bright Elementary provides opportunities for quality education. Staff and parents cooperate to maintain a secure learning environment and instill the desire to become kind, responsible lifelong learners.

# SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

- [2020-2021 District Calendar](#)
- 2-Hour Early Release Days monthly
- Delays and Snow Days

# PANTHER PROMISE

The Panther Promise is a set of strategies designed by teachers and staff members at Bright Elementary School to promote a positive and safe learning environment reducing school disruption by minimizing problem behaviors. Students earn Panther Passes to reinforce positive behavior. Students will wear a sticker home if they earn an individual Panther Pass to acknowledge this accomplishment.

## **School Motto:**

**I will be ready to learn, respectful, responsible, and safe.**

# IS MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- understands and follows 2-step directions
- Uses words/complete sentences to express wants and needs
- can independently dress and use the restroom properly
- uses pencils and crayons with some control
- can use scissors and glue
- copies basic shapes
- recognizes colors, basic shapes, and some numbers/letters

# IMMUNIZATIONS

The following immunizations are required to enter kindergarten.

3 Hepatitis B

5 DTaP

4 Polio

2 Varicella

2 MMR

2 Hepatitis A

# WHAT IS MY CHILD DOING TODAY?

Bracken Assessment

Hearing Screening

Vision Screening

Tour of School

Bus Safety Presentation

# HOW DO I REGISTER?

After today, your child is considered pre-registered. You will get your Powerschool access code at book days. You will need to complete the online registration, turn in a birth certificate and immunization records, and pay a book bill in July.



# BOOK DAYS

The Book Day dates have not been set for next school year. In past years, there have been three days around the last week of July for families to come in to pay book bills and lunch money, turn in vaccination and other records, and to have help setting up Powerschool accounts. Please check the district website closer to summer for the exact dates and times.

# STUDENT FEES

Student fees cover the cost for art supplies, science fees, textbook rental, and student consumables.

Last year, the Sunman-Dearborn Endowment Committee was able to pay a large portion of the student book bill, making the cost per student \$35.00. We are hoping for the same for next school year.

# OPEN HOUSE

The first day of school is August 7th. Bright Elementary will host an open house a day or two before school starts as an opportunity for students and families to meet the teacher, see the classroom, and drop off school supplies.

# TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30-8:10- Morning responsibilities

8:10-8:30- Calendar Time/Morning Meeting

8:30-10:00-Reading Block

10:00-10:20-Recess/Break

10:20-11:00-RTI Time

11:00-12:15-Lunch/Recess

12:15-12:30-Story Time

12:30-1:20-Math Block

1:20-2:10-Specials

2:15-2:35-Recess/Break

2:35-3:00-Science/Social Studies/ Enrichment

# WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED?

A list of the supplies that your child will need for kindergarten is available at the registration table. Prepackaged kits will be available for purchase from the PTO. Check the school website after May 1st for more information. Students will need gym shoes for PE class.

# SPECIAL AREA CLASSES

**Art**-Mrs. Daughtery

**P.E.**-Ms. Tyler

**Library**-Mrs. Hempling

**Computer**-Kindergarten teachers and instructional assistants

**Music**-Miss Keck

# GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

Our school district uses a standards-based report card for kindergarten and first grade. Students are scored using a 1-3 system. 1 is deficit, 2 emerging, and 3 established. Special area classes use a letter system in grades K-5. They use O for outstanding, S is satisfactory, and N is needs improvement. There is a sample report card on the parent table.

# WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN?

READING: letters, sounds, sight words, writing

MATH: counting by ones and tens, recognizing and writing numbers, shapes, addition, subtraction

SCIENCE: introduction to life, physical, earth, and technology topics

SOCIAL STUDIES: introduction to local community

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: school, friends, citizenship, leadership



# PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

- Read, read, read
- Play board games
- Model sharing and taking turns
- Practice writing and identifying first and last name
- Use Play-doh, scissors, glue, and other school supplies
- Practice zipping, buttoning, and tying shoes
- Practice opening lunch items such as sandwich bags
- Give chores and other opportunities to be responsible and independent
- Remain positive about school

# FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

**Fall Field Trip:** Wendel Farms for outdoor learning and play

**Spring Field Trip:** Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Fire Prevention Week

# CLASSROOM PARTIES

- Halloween
- Christmas
- Valentines Day
- Graduation

Our classroom parties, and/or birthday celebrations, must abide by the Smart Snack guidelines, which you will find on our school website. There is also a list of approved smart snacks on our website for your convenience. Parents will sign up to come to parents and must have a limited background check on file with the front office.

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Teachers will have volunteer sign-ups at Open House for parents who have at least a limited background check.

# PTO

The BES Parent-Teacher Organization meets in the evening each month. They organize community events and school fundraisers such as the Halloween Dance, Craft Show, and Spring Festival.

# COMMUNICATION

- Classroom newsletters
- Powerschool
- BES Twitter
- Weekly emails from Principal
- Monthly school newsletters

# STUDENT HANDBOOK: DRESS CODE

- Students must have closed toe shoes due to safety concerns on the playground and around the school.
- Students need to wear gym shoes on PE day.
- Students are not permitted to wear tank tops to school.

# STUDENT HANDBOOK: ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Students get 5 parent days per semester.
- Students get unlimited medical days with a doctor's note.
- Truancy may be called for excessive absences.



# STUDENT HANDBOOK: HEALTH GUIDELINES

- If your child becomes ill at school, the nurse will contact parents as quickly as possible for pick up. If parents cannot be reached, emergency contacts will be called.
- Students return to school when they are fever free without medication for 24 hours.

# NURSE SUE

- Sue Simpson is our school nurse. She takes care of illness and injuries that occur during school. She also dispenses medication. Please do not send an injured or ill child to school for the nurse to diagnose.
- Please let Ms. Simpson know if your child has an allergies or special medical considerations.

[brnurse@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us](mailto:brnurse@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us)

# OTHER REMINDERS

- Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home.
- Bring in or send in any custody paperwork. We will keep these documents on file in the front office.
- If you know that your child's end-of-the-day transportation will be different than normal, please send a note to school with your student. If a last minute change comes up during the school day, please call the office to report this change. Changes should be reported to the school office no later than 1:30 pm.

# EATING AT SCHOOL: LUNCH

- Students may bring a packed lunch from home each day.
- Students may also buy lunch in the cafeteria. They can choose from a peanut butter sandwich, salad, or hot lunch. A monthly menu will be posted on the school website. Students will place their lunch orders with their teachers before 9:00 am.

# EATING AT SCHOOL: SNACKS

- Students may bring two healthy snacks per day from home.
- Students are permitted to bring water bottles from home. These should only contain water and should be taken home for a cleaning each night.

# EATING AT SCHOOL: TREATS

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# SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Guidance Counselor

Speech Therapist

Special Education (may qualify for related services such as PT and OT)

# RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION

All students will receive grade level classroom instruction per Indiana Academic Standards and district pacing guides. If the student masters the grade level standards quickly and easily, above grade level instruction may be introduced when appropriate (**Enrichment**). If a student is working on grade level, reinforcement and extensions of topics will take place (**Tier 1**). If a student is not mastering grade level skills, the student will be re-taught the lesson in a small group or individually. If the student is not making progress he/she will receive 30 minutes of intensive, direct instruction on that skill and progress will be monitored monthly (**Tier 2**). If the student is still not making progress, the student will receive 45 minutes of very intensive, direct instruction by a high qualified educator on a targeted skill and progress will be measured weekly. This differentiated instruction will take place during RTI (**Tier 3**). Parents will be notified if a student is working in tier 2 or 3.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

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