

Bethel Elementary School

Preparing for 2021-2022 School Year

Calendar Changes

On 4/20/2021, the GCPS Board approved the 2021-22 school calendar. Please note that the first day of school will be **Monday, August 30**. Please see the enclosed calendar for the rest of the approved dates. School will be 5 days a week in person only.

Open Houses

To prepare for next school year and provide opportunities to meet new teachers, explore classroom spaces, and adhere to safety measures, the following dates, times, and groupings will be used for Open House events:

- **Wednesday, August 25** - Preschool and Kindergarten only (Last Names A - Z)
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Last Names A – N)
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Last Name O - Z)
- **Thursday, August 26** – Grades 1-5 (Last Names A - N)
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Last Names A – F)
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Last Name G - N)
- **Friday, August 27** – Grades 1-5 (Last Names O - Z)
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Last Names O – T)
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Last Name U - Z)

School Supplies – A standard fee of \$20.00 per student

To eliminate specific lists and to help families with costs, the division has established one standard fee across Grades K-5. This fee will include all materials needed by your student in class this coming school year, including the agenda, home/school communication folder, and any publications a teacher or grade level may use. Supplies provided with this fee will vary from grade to grade. We do ask families to provide **a backpack** for their student. Donations of other classroom supplies are always appreciated and teachers may have requests if you would like to help with classroom items, but that is not required. We also ask that each student donate **two boxes of tissues** to the classroom to be shared.

Thank You

We hope the provided information will help with a smooth start to the 2021-2022 school year. There are still questions that must be answered regarding safety protocols and mitigation strategies as we welcome learners back to a full, five-day school week!

Please follow the division homepage along with Bethel's website and other accounts such as the Bethel Facebook page for updates. All information will be communicated to families as soon as available.

Thank you Bethel families for helping us end the school year on a positive note. We look forward to a strong start to the 2021 -2022 school year!

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