

BEND SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

August 2021

Principal's Message

Welcome back Bend family! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is ready to kickoff this school year with enthusiasm! Don't forget about Back-to-School Night Thursday, August 12th at 5:30pm!

As we all navigate getting our rhythm back to school schedule, please keep in mind to drive safety in the parking lot and to sign in at the office if you will be on campus. Please remember that class starts at 8:15am, and classrooms are closed until then so teachers can prepare for the day. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, feel free to knock on the door and ask if they have a minute or plan a meeting ahead of time for another morning or afternoon. Parent Conferences will be held during the week of September 20th. If you need to request a certain time or day for your conference please go to: www.bit.ly/2sPcb5N (requests for conference times need to be in no later than September 9th).

I'm looking forward to another amazing year at Bend School with all of you!

-Mrs. Veatch

Our Creed

At Evergreen Union School District we choose...

SAFETY

I have self-control.
I choose to do what is right;
even when it is hard and no one is looking.

KINDNESS

I take care of myself so I can help others.
I care for my community.
I act with compassion in all I do.

RESPONSIBILITY

I choose to be a learner.
I seek help when I need it,
and I learn from my mistakes.
I take opportunities to lead.

RESPECT

I hold myself accountable.
I hold others accountable.
I make this a place I want to be.

School Information

School Hours: *Campus Opens at 7:45am*
TK-Third Grade: 8:15am-1:55pm (1:10pm Friday)
Fourth-Eighth Grade: 8:15am-2:45pm (2:00pm Friday)

Website: www.evergreenusd.org

Phone: (530) 527-4648 **Fax:** (530) 527-4670

Secretary Email: bregistrar@evergreenusd.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:00pm

Important School Dates

Back-to-School Night-August 12th
First Day of School-August 16th
Conferences-September 20th-24th
Open House-May 26th
Last Day of School-June 9th

School Holidays & Breaks

September 6th (Labor Day)
October 11th-15th (Break)
November 11th (Veteran's Day)
November 22nd-26th (Break)
December 20th-31st (Break)
January 17th (MLK Day)
February 21st-25th (Break)
April 18th-22nd (Break)
May 30th (Memorial Day)

Morning Care & After School Programs x/7406

Students arriving earlier than 7:45am need to be signed up for our *Morning Daycare*. Students that are not picked up at their grade-level dismissal time will be sent to our *After School Program* and charged daily.

Reminders!

Back-to-School Night- 8/12 @ 5:30pm

First Day!- 8/16

Friday's are Early Release Days!
TK-3rd out at 1:10pm 4th-8th at 2:00pm

No School Labor Day- 9/6

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Social-Emotional Learning

During the month of August, our theme is embracing our school as a welcoming place where every student feels like he or she belongs to our community. In our classroom meetings, we'll be reminding students to welcome others to act and speak in safe, kind, responsible and respectful ways. In addition we'll be teaching students the Evergreen Union School District creed.

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We'll also continue teaching the *Second Step* program in all grades which includes lessons that support this creed. This program directly teaches students the skills that strengthen their ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions, and solve problems. We want your child to be successful in school, and that means going beyond the basics. Excelling in academics is important, but students also need to know how to learn, make good decisions, handle strong emotions, and get along with others.

We encourage you to support your child at home in welcoming others and acting and speaking in safe, kind, responsible, and respectful ways. For our middle school parents, Second Step provides a FREE resource ParentTeenConnect.org; it provides expert advice and practical tools for dealing with real parent-teen issues. Please ask your child's teacher if you have questions about specific ways you can help your child with these behaviors at home.

Academic Learning

Upon return to school, students in all grade levels will be focused on academic learning. Teachers across all grade levels will be focused on ensuring all students develop literacy skills using the Evergreen Union School District Literacy Habits of Mind:

- Content knowledge - solving complex problems with no obvious answer through content rich text
- Language development - developing language by building full concept knowledge, learning words in meaningful context, and independently using word strategies
- Meaning making - reading to infer, interpret, draw

conclusions and resolve conflicting views

- Effective expression - constructing viable arguments with evidence in speaking and writing

In addition, our students will be exposed to learning English Language Arts, History-Social Science, Mathematics, and Science curriculums. Teachers have spent time this summer and during their Professional Development days to long- and short-term plan engaging and supportive lessons for your child in these as well as other supportive areas.

We encourage you to support your child at home in developing their academic skills. Homework assigned to that end will support continued practice. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about additional specific ways you can support your child at home.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones (and other communication devices like smart watches) have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in one way or another. However, in the school environment, they have become a distraction, interruption, and a method of inappropriate exchange of information. The ringing of the cell phone during class or text-messaging takes away from valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We do recognize that cell phones can be a safety/ security tool; however, they can be a detriment in the event of a building emergency and our protocol to manage such emergencies in a safe and effective manner.

The policy at Evergreen Union School District is: students are not allowed to use a cell phone, smart watch, and/or any other communication device during school hours (including morning and afterschool day care). All devices must be turned off and secured by the students. Of course, the best security is to leave the device at home. If it is necessary to confiscate your child's device because it was out and visible, the following steps will be taken:

- 1st offense - cell phone (device) is taken by the teacher/staff and returned at the end of the period.
- 2nd offense- cell phone (device) is taken by teacher/staff, labeled and sent to the office to be picked up by parents/guardians.
- Future offenses: additional offenses and/or a student that refuses to comply with a request to surrender their cell phone (device) by any member of the faculty or staff and/or administrator, will be considered insubordinate resulting in further discipline.

Thank you in advance for partnering with us in order to provide a safe, productive, engaging, learning environment for all of our students. If, in the event you need to relay an urgent message to your child, please call the school office and our secretaries will ensure that your child gets the message.

Please remember that all transportation changes need to be in writing.

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Dress Code

- Pants/shorts must be worn at the belt line above the hips, no sagging pants
- Hats/caps cannot be worn inside any buildings and must be worn facing forward at all times
- All attire worn (garments, hats, socks, shoes) is in good taste for the school environment and free of depictions of violence, profanity, drugs or alcohol, racial or off color comments/references, sex or gangs. Bandannas are allowed on declared spirit days only
- Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety purposes, sandals must have a heel strap. No flip flops, slippers, or backless shoes allowed.
- Undergarments are not to be exposed at any time (underwear, boxers, bra, or bra straps)
- Tops must be modest and midriffs covered at all times in ALL activities, even when arms are raised
- No low cut, halter, tube or strapless tops
- No loose fitting muscle shirts
- 1" wide straps are appropriate
- No tight, revealing, or see through clothing
- All skirts, dresses, and shorts may not be shorter

Title I

We are a Title I School. As such, we will hold an annual meeting to discuss our Title I Program on Thursday, August 12th at 5:00pm. At this meeting, we will explain the requirements of Title I and provide a description of all the services related to school and parent activities, including:

Explaining your right to be involved in the Title I program
Distributing and discussing our Parent and Family Engagement Policy & Compact
Discussing the standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessment
Informing you of the Local Control and Accountability Goals and School Plan for Student Achievement goals and progress
Seeking suggestions for improving communication with families

Your child's academic success is directly related to your involvement in your child's education and communication with our staff. By working together, we can provide the best possible educational experience for your child.

Back to School Night

Back To School Night is this Thursday, August 12th from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Teachers will do two presentations (one at 5:30pm and one at 6:00pm) to accommodate families with multiple children. If you would like to talk more extensively with your child's teacher about individual questions that pertain specifically to your child, we ask that you schedule an appointment with them. Please don't forget to visit Mr. DuVal's Health/Physical Education classroom.

Students are asked to stay home for this event per Tehama County Public Health Guidance; we must limit the number of individuals in each classroom and want to be sure all parents/guardians are able to hear the important information shared by their child's teacher. Per CDPH Guidelines, face coverings are required on all school campuses when inside. Thank you for your cooperation.

First Day Happenings

Per TCPH Guidance, we are not required at this transmission rate to do student screenings at the curb. As such, all parents are invited to walk their child to class on the first day of school. Classrooms will open at 8:00am; teachers will be preparing prior to that time. Please remember that per CDPH face coverings are required on all school campuses when inside.

Parent Conference Request

Conference week for Bend students will be the week of September 20th-24th. Students will be released at Minimum Day schedule Monday-Thursday (K-3rd @ 12:30pm and 4th-8th @ 1:25pm) and normal release time on Friday (K-3rd @ 1:10pm and 4th-8th @ 2:00pm).

To request a conference preference day/time, go www.bit.ly/2sPcb5N and complete the form by **Thursday, September 9th for your preference to be considered.**

Aeries Parent Portal

The Aeries Parent Portal can be used to check student attendance and grades (for 5th-8th). Here are step-by-step directions to get there:

- Go to www.evergreenusd.com
- Click on community-parent resources-Aeries link parent portal. You will need your email address attached to your student's account.
- If you need to reset your password, click on "Forgot Password" (Do this to setup an account as well)
- A screen will pop up to enter your email, this email must be the one the school has on record.
- Enter your email address and hit next.
- Then check your email for a link to reset your password.

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STAFF CONTACTS

Principal

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P.E. & Health

Jared DuVal, jduval@evergreenusd.org

Before & After School Care Program

Angela Rohlf, arohlf@evergreenusd.org

Back to School Supplies

CLIFFORD

Student Needs List

- Tri write pencils
- Glue sticks
- 24 pack crayola crayons
- Set of backup clothes in case of messes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes if possible)
- Lunch box for snack and home lunch
- Backpack

Wishlist

- Tri write large pencils
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard erasers
- 24 packs crayola crayons
- Gallon size zip lock bags
- Brown paper lunch bags

BORGARDT

Student Needs List

- Backpack
- Folder for homework
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Headphones
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Scissors

EASTRIDGE

Student Needs List

- 1.5" or 2" white binder (with a clear cover for our schedule, etc into)
- 1 package of Binder dividers (preferably write on tabs, not the slip in kind)
- 12 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- Reuseable water bottle
- 1 package of wide ruled binder paper
- Headphones/Earbuds preferred due to limited storage space

Wishlist

- Tissues
- Pencil cap erasers
- Colored Cardstock
- Elmer's glue sticks
- Ticonderoga wood pencils
- Parent volunteers for tasks that can be completed at home (ask for details).
- Empty Pringle's cans

BROOKE

Student Needs List

- Backpack
- Package of College ruled paper
- 2 Composition books
- Headphones

Wishlist

- Tissues
- Whiteboard markers
- Multi-colored highlighters

GERLACH

Student Needs List

- 1.5" binder with dividers for subjects
- Pencils
- Headphones if you'd like your own

Wishlist

- Amazon gift cards
- Teacher Pay Teacher gift cards
- Magazines for collaging

DUVAL

Wishlist

- Whiteboard markers
- Sticky notes



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BEND ELEMENRATY SCHOOL
AUGUST 12TH, 2021

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Room 1: Mrs. C (TK/K)
Room 2: Mrs. B (1st/2nd)
Room 3: Mrs. Eastridge (3rd/4th)
Room 4: Mrs. Brooke (5th/6th)
Room 5: Mrs. Gerlach (7th/8th)
Room 6: Mrs. Angie (Before/After School Care)
Room 7: Mr. DuVal (PE/Health)