BEND SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

August 2022

Principal's Message

Welcome Back Bend Families!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are ready to have a wonderful 22/23 school year! Don't forget about Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30pm! Our first day of school is Thursday, August 11th. As we all navigate getting our rhythm of the back to school schedule, please keep in mind to drive safety in the parking lot and only use the drop off zones for strictly dropping off/picking up students. If you choose to walk your child in, please use a designated parking spot and sign in to the office.

Please remember that campus opens at 7:45am unless you're enrolled in Morning Care. Class starts promptly 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.

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,

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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: bend.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 9th First Day of School-August 11th Conferences-October 10th-14th Open House-May 25th Last Day of School-June 8th

School Holidays & Breaks

September 5th (Labor Day)
October 17th-21st (Break)
November 11th (Veteran's Day)
November 21st-25th (Break)
December 23rd-January 6th (Break)
January 16th (MLK Day)
February 20th-24th (Break)
April 10th-14th (Break)
May 29th (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.



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BEND SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

AUGUST 9TH, 2022 5:30PM - 6:30PM

You and your child are invited to come and meet your child's teacher and see your child's classroom to get excited about the upcoming school year!

Each teacher will do 2 presentations, 5:30pm and 6:00pm, for families with multiple children and middle school students with multiple teachers.

Parents will receive classroom expectations and have any questions answered.

Title I Meeting: 5:00pm, Bend Gym Parent Club Meeting: 6:30pm, Bend Gym

STAFF CONTACTS

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Before & After School Care Program: Room 6

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Title I

We are a Title I School. As such, we will hold an annual meeting to discuss our Title I Program on Tuesday, August 9th 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.

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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 ParenTeenConnect.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.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE

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.

Aeries Parent Portal

The Aeries Parent Portal can be used to check student attendance for all grade levels and check grades and missing assignments for 5th-8th grades
Here are step-by-step directions to get there:

- Go to www.evergreenusd.org
- 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.

Classroom Volunteers

Any person wishing to volunteer on a regular, on going basis, more than thirty minutes a week, will need the following items completed before beginning volunteer services:

- 1. Approved Volunteer Application (Applications are available in the school office)
- 2. Proof of negative TB (tuberculosis test)
- 3. Fingerprint Clearance (live scan) **This must be submitted by the district.**

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Cafeteria Details

A free Grab-and-Go breakfast will be available every morning from 8:00am-8:15am. We will also offer "Second Chance Breakfast" at Snack recess for students as well. If students wish to get morning breakfast AND snack breakfast, they will be charged once for the extra meal.

Every student will also get free lunch meals until further notice. Extra milks or second lunches will be charged to student's accounts accordingly. Our August Lunch Menu will be sent out shortly.

TITAN

Each student has a Titian account that parents can log in to see cafeteria charges and make payments. Please go to: family.titank12.com to setup an account. To assign your child to your account you will need their school ID number. This number is also their Aeries/library number. If you need assistance getting it, please email Bailey or your classroom teacher.

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 day.
- 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.

Dress Code

- All skirts, dresses, and shorts may not be shorter than mid-thigh (usually this is fingertip length when the students' arms are down at their side). No cut-offs or pajamas.
- Clothing must fit, i.e.; tight/revealing clothing may not be worn. Clothing may not be modified, i.e., not rolled up, overalls need to be worn with straps over the shoulder, etc.
- Top garments should be long enough to always cover mid - sections of the body even when arms are raised.
- Sleeveless shirts should reach the edge of the shoulder. Tank tops can be worn but the top of the tank top (straps) must be at least two-fingers wide; if the tank top is not two-fingers wide, it may only be worn with an outer garment. (Tank tops should meet right under the arm and should not be low or scooped in the front.)
- Undergarments cannot be exposed at any time.
- Hairstyles for students should be kept clean and neatly groomed.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety purposes, sandals should be held in place with a heel strap. Flip flops and slippers may not be worn.
- Students should not wear stenciled or pictorial garments which are not in good taste for school environment (for example: clothing with off-color references, profanity, or referring to drugs or alcohol).
- Hats or caps cannot be worn inside buildings.
- Pants must be worn with the belt line above the hips.

Back-to-School Supply Lists

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

BORGARDT

Student Needs List

- Backpack
- 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).

CONNER

Student Needs List

- 1.5" Binder with dividers for subjects
- Pencils
- Reusable water bottle
- Headphones/Earbuds if you would like your own

Wishlist

- Tissues
- Playdough for Science/History Models

GERLACH

Student Needs List

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

Wishlist

• Magazines for collaging

DUVAL

Wishlist

- Whiteboard markers
- Sticky notes
- Pencils
- Erasers

