



BEATRICE GILMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear BG Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are so excited for your return to school and hope you had a memorable summer. As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all our students, both returning and new, along with their families to Beatrice Gilmore Elementary School. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we begin this journey together, with a shared commitment to educational excellence and personal growth.

School begins on Thursday, September 5th. Line up begins at 8:07 am. The only students who should arrive prior to 8:07am are those who are registered and attending Before Care or those who would like to take part in the **Breakfast Program which begins at 7:45 am.** Please refer to the diagram of where to line up (there is a tab for each grade level on the bottom left).

[BG Arrival and Dismissal](#)

Dismissal is at 2:48 pm. Please arrive on time.

Parents/Guardians must complete the attached Google Form indicating if their child is permitted to walk or designating who is able to pick the child up at dismissal. **THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** Please refrain from completing this form until you are able to view your child's homeroom teacher on Thursday, August 29th, when the Parent Portal opens.

[BG Dismissal Form](#)

As a reminder, **there is no parking or drop off permitted in front of the firehouse or in the designated "No Parking Zones" on McBride Avenue.** Students may be dropped off in the cut out area on McBride where the bus is, provided they are able to open the door themselves and get out of the car by themselves. No parking is ever permitted in this area, with the exception of the school bus and behind the bus once it is there and parked in the afternoon. Officer Cosari will be there to direct traffic. Wallace Way is a great alternative to McBride.

Line up begins at 8:07 am. Doors will open at 8:12 am. Classes begin at 8:18 am. (The lines move very quickly once the doors open) **Students arriving after 8:15 am will be marked tardy.** (Yes, there is a grace period if there is an issue such as a flat tire, an accident etc.)

When a child arrives late, **they must be signed in by a parent/guardian.** Please do not drop your child off late without signing them into school. The child must then wait for someone to arrive at the vestibule and provide entry.

Students will proceed directly to their homeroom. Homeroom teachers and rooms are listed on the Parent Portal. If you have any issues getting into the **Parent Portal**, please contact the Main Office Secretary, Mrs. Christoforatos at 973-317-7742 or cchristoforatos@wpschools.org

If your child is not feeling well and will be staying home, please contact Nurse Roehrich at 973-317-7744 or lroehrich@wpschools.org before 8:00 am

Students should bring a water bottle. Each grade level has a filling station near their rooms. **Students may bring lunch from home or may purchase one from school.** Lunch applications are available on the District website, www.wpschools.org, as are the lunch menus. **Those completing lunch applications are encouraged to do so asap to avoid incurring charges.**

All students must adhere to the Woodland Park Dress Code Policy every day with the exception of their PE days when they are to wear navy blue shorts or sweatpants and a navy blue t-shirt or sweatshirt.

We value our time with your children. **Every instructional minute is valuable.** Please do your best to schedule all appointments for after school hours (pulling students from class during the day is disruptive to the entire class). If you must pick your child up for an appointment, please notify the teacher via email so that your child can be ready and please arrive at the time you shared. Also, if a child needs to leave for a morning appointment, we encourage you to have your child return to school for the afternoon or if they have a morning appointment, please have your child come into school after the appointment.

Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, September 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm. *(All school events are always listed on our BG website)* We look forward to meeting with all of you to share what we have planned for your child/ren this school year. A detailed schedule of this event will be shared.

I look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in their children's educational journey. We will always put the best interests of our students at the center of our purpose.

As always, my door is open and our team welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me via email at the address below or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!

Yours in Education,

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