Winter Hill Community Innovation School @ Edgerly

Grades 1-8, Newcomers, AIM Program

2023-2024 School Year

NEW UPDATES

First Day of School:

- School starts Wednesday, August 30.
- We'll be waiting to welcome our Grade 1 to 8 Wildcats at the Edgerly Building at 8 Bonair St.

Transportation:

We have secured shuttle buses to help provide transportation from 115 Sycamore St. to and from Edgerly and Capuano. Due to the limited number of seats, students will be selected based on eligibility. We will share more next week as we finalize capacity and plans. For all families: resources and maps, as well as information about free MBTA passes are **now available online, here. These will be updated as necessary.** Resources by topic:

- Interactive McGrath Hwy Crossing/MBTA stops map
- Edgerly Safe Routes to School Map
- Guide to organizing a walking or biking "train"
- Somerville bikes map
- Traffic calming map

Building Tours:

We are planning tours of the Edgerly for Edgerly families on the evening of Monday, August 28th or Tuesday, August 29th. Dates and times will be shared early next week, but please save the dates. SPS staff will provide short, small-group tours of some spaces within the Edgerly (not all, due to time constraints). Tours will leave from the Bonair St. accessible entrance (near Cross St.) To join a tour, please arrive during scheduled hours and be prepared to wait briefly.

Entrances at Edgerly Building

There are 4 entrances to Edgerly. To help clarify when to use each option, here's a quick guide:

NAME OF ENTRANCE	LOCATION	WHEN TO USE
8 Bonair St.	Bonair St., further from Cross St. (no ADA ramp)	"Main Entrance." For visitors, and students who arrive late. * *Those needing accessible entrance should use the entrance closest to Cross St. That entrance is also close to the indoor elevator.*
4 Bonair St.	Bonair St., at Cross St. intersection	• Students being dropped off by buses. • This is also the accessible entrance for the building.
Otis St. at Cross St.	Otis St., at Cross St. intersection	Mainly used for 7th/8th grade student entrance.

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Cafeteria Door	Otis St., through outdoor recess yard.	• For breakfast arrival. • Primary arrival and dismissal location for grades 1 - 6.

Transportation Options

OPTION	ELIGIBLE STUDENTS	DETAILS
MLE Bus	Students in MLE Program	Bus service will continue for newcomer students in grades 5 and 6, as usual.
AIM Program Transportation	Students in AIM Program	Bus service will continue as usual.
Shuttle from/to WHCIS (115 Sycamore St.)	Based on eligibility	• Eligible students will receive bus passes. • More details will be shared next week.
MBTA Buses/Trains	All	• MBTA is free for youth ages 11 and under *accompanied by an adult.* • Free T passes provided for students in grades 7 and 8. • Free T passes available for eligible parents/guardians. **Details here.** • Use the MBTA's **trip planner** to see the options for your family
Walking & Biking Routes	All	**Visit this link for maps, resources, and guides** on suggested routes and how to set up walking or biking "trains."

Drop-off Procedures

TIME	STUDENTS	LOCATION
7:30 - 8:10 a.m.	Students needing breakfast.	Bring students to cafeteria door on Otis St.
7:45 - 8:10 a.m.	All	• Otis St. (at Cross St.): rolling drop off, arrival and line up in play lots. Staff on site to assist. • Bonair St. (at Cross St.): bus drop-off. Staff on site to assist.
8:10 a.m.	All	• Line up with teachers and enter the building. • During rain or snow, grades 1-6 will line up in the gym and grades 7-8 will line up in the cafeteria.
8:15 a.m. and later	Late arrivals	Students should enter at the 8 Bonair St. door.

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Breakfast & Lunch

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Breakfast in Cafeteria	Cafeteria (enter via Cafeteria Door on Otis St.)
As needed	Breakfast for students who cannot get to school early	Based on need
11:15 - 1:15	Lunch	Cafeteria
Various times	Snacks	Classroom snacks will be per usual.

Pick-up Procedures

TIME	STUDENTS	LOCATION
2:35 p.m.	• MLE students in buses • AIM Program students in buses	4 Bonair St. entrance (at Cross St.)
2:35 p.m.	Students not taking bus transportation, & students attending off-site afterschool programs	Otis St. side
2:35 p.m.	Students going to off-site afterschool programs	Meet in main office. Providers will pick up students.
5 – 5:30 p.m.	Community Schools program participants	Student pickup from afterschool program at Edgerly.

Other Updates

TOPIC	DETAILS
Specialists	All WHCIS specialist teachers will have classes at Edgerly and Capuano.
After School Programs	• Grades 1-8 Community Schools will be held at Edgerly. • Off-site programs (EPH, YMCA, Mystic Learning Center): Program staff will pick up enrolled students from the main office after school.
Recess	• All students will have recess. • There are 3 outdoor play lots being renovated: Bonair St. side, Cross St. side, and Otis St. side. • There is an indoor gym at Edgerly. • Outdoor play spaces at East Somerville Community School across the street will also be used.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office: 617-629-5680

Report an Absence: NEW attendance line: 774-613-0616