

**BEACH PARK COMMUNITY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3**

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Dear Families,

I am elated to begin the school year with you and your children. Over the last two months, dedication to their development has been at the center of each decision I have made. Preparing an environment where your child belongs and where they know they are loved has been on my mind daily and central to my planning. As teachers begin the work of preparing their classrooms and their lessons, I have no question that your child is in safe hands.

A key element of my planning has been reviewing data, both achievement data and climate data. One of my central values is to lead transparently and openly; we are all on the same team. In an effort to continually align with those values, I am sharing data specific to our School Improvement Plan. My reasoning is that you deserve to know the entirety of your child's school experience; we all know that middle schoolers have a knack for sharing very little. Below, you will find data specific to the number of physical confrontations or altercations in the middle school over the course of the last school year:

In the 2021-2022 school year, there were a total of 170 physical altercations and physical confrontations in the Middle School Building.

After exploring the Instagram hashtag #BPMSFights I can confirm that not all of these altercations were documented. My intention in sharing these data with you is not to cause alarm or to cast judgment on the children in my care or previous administration. I love each of your children dearly. Instead, it is my intention to ask each of you, as partners in your child's education and development, to support us in our efforts to ensure your child's success. First, I will share with you how we are moving forward:

- Increased hallway and classroom support and supervision
- Improved and admin supported cell phone expectations
- Immediate contact home when a child isn't meeting learning expectations
- Consistent consequences and intervention to support appropriate and expected behaviors

How can families help?

- Talk with your child about school daily; normalize imperfection and embrace what they share
- If your child witnesses an altercation that an adult did not see, have them report it and request anonymity (we have cameras)
- Support the school in our efforts to encourage appropriate and limited use of cell phones while at school

As we move forward, we will see improvements in our school environment. Your children and staff will also get accustomed to our school community non-negotiables:

- Learning is not optional
- Consistency is key
- All humans deserve to belong

These statements are true for every human in our care; we will move forward relentlessly to ensure our children receive the education to which they have a right and that they so genuinely deserve. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, I encourage you to schedule a time to talk with me in person, on the phone, or via Google Meets. I hold office hours every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00pm. [You can use this link to schedule at your convenience.](#) Additionally, there will be many opportunities for your families to engage with our school staff as we move through the year. For a complete list of August events, please see below the signature of this letter.

Respectfully,



Stephanie Meek (She/Hers)
Principal
Beach Park Middle School

School Start and End Time

Beach Park Middle School: 7:25 AM to 2:35 PM

Newport: 8:30 AM to 3:10 PM

Keneth Murphy: 8:30 AM to 3:10 PM

Howe: 9:05 AM to 3:45 PM

Oak Crest: 9:05 AM to 3:45 PM

Dates in Order

Back to School Bash: August 10, 2022; 4:30 PM to 6:30PM

6th Grade: August 15, 2022; 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

7th and 8th Grade: August 16, 2022; 5:00 PM to 6:30PM

First Day of School: August 17, 2022