

August 9th, 2022

Brave Parents -

Welcome to August! Each day, we get closer to the school year starting! I can tell you that the building is buzzing from excitement to start the new year.

Thank you to all of you that were able to take time today to walk our campus last week, buy some PTA merchandise, as well as sign up for our Brave Patrol opportunity! Keep in mind that we have plenty of opportunity to give time if you are able! Just make sure that you complete the volunteer requirements prior to scheduling a time to be on campus: <https://www.kellerisd.net/volunteers>

And now for the information:

Medication Drop Off - Please feel free to bring medication with you during the grade level of your Meet the Teacher night (5th - August 11th; 6th - August 12th) You will find our nurse's office in the front office.

Supplies - The big question is "*Do we need to bring all of the school supplies on the first day?*" The fast answer is no. Since students will receive lockers on the first day of school, we do not expect them to bring all supplies the first day. We also would appreciate students NOT leaving supplies in classrooms during our Meet the Teacher nights. If school started the next day, we would have suggested this, however, since staff is still preparing, meeting, and arranging, we do not want supplies to be lost or moved. Please make sure that they have something to write with, write on, and a folder for any paperwork that will be sent home on the first day.

Parent and Child Assignment - During the first week (or two) of school, we would like for your child to turn in a picture (4x6) to his/her 0 Period teacher showing him/her doing something or being with someone that they enjoy. Please place his/her full name and grade level for the 2022-2023 school year on the back of the picture. We are planning on hanging these pictures to showcase our students for the full year. You will be able to see them during our Meet the Teacher night(s)! We will try our best to return the photo at the end of the year.

Meet the Teacher - 5th grade only - August 11th from 5:45 PM until 7:00 PM. Parking can be a challenge for big events. Know that you are able to park in the front parking lot (limited), in the drop off/pick up lanes (west side), or in parking spaces on Phillips Drive (north of school). If you choose to park in the community surrounding our school, please be respectful by not parking in front of driveways or block other entrances/exits. Once you enter our building, you will find in multiple areas an alphabetized list of students' names with a room number. You will go to this room in order to pick up the class schedule. The main purpose of this time is for our students to receive schedules and to be able to walk their schedule to get familiar with the building.

Meet the Teacher - 6th grade only - August 12th from 5:45 until 7:00 PM. August 12th from 5:45 PM until 7:00 PM. Parking can be a challenge for big events. Know that you are able to park in the front parking lot (limited), in the drop off/pick up lanes (west side), or in parking spaces on Phillips Drive (north of school). If you choose to park in the community surrounding our school, please be respectful by not parking in front of driveways or block other entrances/exits. Once you enter our building, you will find in multiple areas an alphabetized list of students' names with a room number. You will go to this room in order to pick up the class schedule. The main purpose of this time is for our students to receive schedules and to be able to walk their schedule to get familiar with the building.

First day of school - We are asking for the "Have a great day!" be done prior to entering Bear Creek. We will have many adults in the hallways helping our students get to their first classroom. **Please remember that in order to access our campus in the future or if you need to check out your child, you will need to follow the safety protocols by being buzzed in at the front door, showing you Driver's License, and receiving a badge to wear.** Students will be able to enter the west side (drop off) of campus. This is where the buses and car drop offs are. **Our front lot is NOT a drop off for students** unless you are dropped off in a car pool (3 or more students), day car van/bus, or Special Education bus/transportation. **We do NOT have designated faculty member stations in the area since it is not the main entrance in the morning.** The faculty members that are in the front are waiting for students for their class. **Due to safety concerns and adult supervision, please drop off students on the west side of campus in our drop off/pick up loop.** Students are able to enter the building at 7:15 AM. From 7:15 to 7:30 AM, students are asked to sit in the hallway to wait for the 7:30 AM bell. At 7:30 AM, students would then be dismissed to walk to their 0 Period classroom.

Locker Decoration - If your child would like to spend time organizing or decorating his/her locker, feel free to come to campus between the hours of **11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on August 20th.** Decorating Expectations: Refrain from adhering any decorations to the outside of the locker. For the inside, as long as items can be easily removed without damaging the surface of the locker, it will be fine to use.

How to read a schedule (Please view prior to Meet the Teacher Night): <https://youtu.be/y2HYBJwU6b8>

Lunch Time: You will notice on the schedule which period your child has lunch. During that 45 minute lunch period, students will also have a 15 minute recess time. Some students may attend recess first then lunch while others will start with lunch and end with recess. Students will find out on the first day of school which one will be

first during their designated period. You will be able to see which period your students will attend: 5th graders eat 4th or 5th period; 6th graders eat 6th or 7th period.

Office Hours: Our office hours will be from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

Picture Day: We will have our picture day on September 29th! Mark your calendars now!

We know that there is a lot of excitement and nervousness coming to a new campus and/or changing grade levels. Please know that no one will be doing this alone. We are all here to help support, answer questions along the way, and introduce (or reacquaint) you to our systems and expectations. We have introduction videos to our systems posted on our website that you can also view with your child to help learn some of the frequently asked questions as well. Please take time to watch them with your child prior to the start of

school: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA17YKvOli9AiSGxK1GIVmT2Hq5Zs1WFy>

If you are a Facebook user, please sign up for our page: <https://www.facebook.com/BearCreekBraves>

Enjoy your cloudy afternoon!

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