

Friday Note 9/8/2017

Welcome to a brand new school year! We are very excited to see all of the bright happy faces in the school!! We are off to a great start, but we do have a few important reminders to share with you.



NOBODY EXCEPT OFFICE PERSONNEL IS TO LET PEOPLE INTO ANY OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS. IF YOU ARE VISITING ONE OF THE SCHOOLS PLEASE DO NOT ASK A STUDENT TO LET YOU INTO THE BUILDING AND PLEASE DO NOT LET ANYONE IN AS YOU ARE LEAVING UNLESS ASKED TO BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

School at Washington School starts at 8:00 am. Students who arrive at the school before 7:45 am are to wait in the cafeteria. **Any student who comes to school late MUST check in with either Mrs. Simcoe or Mrs. Bergquist after they are buzzed into the school.** Please remember to call the school attendance line - 906-663-4515, ext. 1, if your child will be absent or tardy. If your child is going to be tardy but will still be eating a school provided lunch, please indicate that with your message. Any unreported absences will be considered unexcused. **We are required to report absences and tardiness to the State each year.**

Our Student-Parent Handbook is now online. If you would like a paper copy, please notify your child's teacher. To find it online, please visit: www.bessemer.k12.mi.us/handbook.

Dismissal for grades K-3 is at 2:55 pm and grades 4-6 are dismissed at 3:00 pm. If you have any questions about transportation, please call Mrs. Bergquist at 906-667-0802, extension 0. For safety reasons, any student who walks home from school is expected to leave the school grounds as soon as they are dismissed and are not to remain on school grounds.



Please remember that if you have any changes in transportation arrangements for your child we need to be notified in writing. For example- if you need your child to be dropped off at a grandparent's house tomorrow because you won't be home, please write a note with the address where they are to be dropped off at, sign and date it, and send it to school with your child.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL BEFORE 1:00 PM FOR BUSING CHANGES OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. Remember, we do not allow busing changes for birthday party groups.

There were several forms sent home at the beginning of the school year. Please make sure you return them all. Applications for Free or Reduced lunch are being processed now and you will receive a letter soon to inform you if you qualify. **Remember, you only need to fill out one lunch application per family, not one per child.** Please read the instructions carefully as any

forms that are not filled out correctly will not be able to be processed and will be returned to you before processing. **All income reported must be your income BEFORE taxes are taken out.**

Please remember that breakfast is available for students at school until 8:00 am. The cost of breakfast is \$1.65/day for full priced students and free & reduced benefits also apply to breakfast. The price for reduced priced students is 30¢/day.

Friday Notes will be sent home on most weeks. If there is a short week due to holidays, etc. there may not be one sent home. Friday Notes are also posted on our school website at www.bessemer.k12.mi.us/what-s-happening and on our Bessemer Area Schools Facebook page. If you would like to receive the Friday Note by e-mail, please contact Mrs. Simcoe and she will add you to the list.



If your child needs to take any medications during the school day there is a form that **MUST** be filled out before the medication can be given. Students are not allowed to transport any medication, including over the counter medications such as Tylenol, cold medicine, etc. Parents must bring the form and the medication to the school. Controlled substances also require a different form that needs to be filled out by a doctor.

The Washington School PTO will be having a Boxtops for Education collection drive. Students will receive a collection form for Boxtops next week. For every 10 Boxtops a student brings in, they will receive an entry for a pre-paid gift card. The collection drive will run through October 11th, with the winner of the prize drawn on Thursday, October 12th.

The Bessemer Speedboy/Speedgirl Booster Club is still recruiting Super Boosters. A \$10 donation to the Booster Club will qualify you as a Super Booster. Your name will appear in all programs for “home” games for our sports teams. If you would like to be a Super Booster, please contact Deb Aspinwall at 906-663-4781 to donate.

Girl Scout Registration will be held at Washington School next Tuesday, September 12th, from 5:15 – 7 pm in the cafeteria.

Cub Scout Registration will be held at Washington School next Thursday, September 14th, from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria. For more information, please visit www.HeroScouts.org.