

BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO THE 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

Thursday, August 29th, 2019

We are very excited to see everyone on Tuesday, September 3rd and to meet new students and families! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for a fantastic school year. Below is some information which should assist with the transition back to school.

On Tuesday, September 3rd, the staff is looking forward to welcoming all of our students to begin a new and exciting year. The doors will open at 8:30 and the bell will ring at 8:40. Students can then proceed to **last year's** class. We want to ensure **all** students have a successful transition, settle in quickly and are prepared to begin learning. We respectfully ask that parents say a quick good bye and join the BPAC for coffee and treats in the undercover area. The morning will end at 10:40 am. Parents can pick up their children at the same place as last year.

*Blueridge supervision during school hours are:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:40 am – 3:00 pm
- Wednesday 8:40 am – 2:00 pm

Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising or making alternate arrangements for supervision (ie daycare) for their children outside of these hours.

Student planners are available at the office for \$7.00. Payment for planners is cash only. Thank you for bringing the correct change.

Students in Grades 1 – 7 begin attending regular classes on Wednesday, September 4th and should come to school with all of their learning supplies. Please make sure these items are labeled for easy identification. Students will begin Wednesday in their last year's class and then will move into their new class. Please arrange a meeting place for after school with your primary student. Starting September 4th, our new Kindergarten students will attend according to the Gradual Entry Schedule mailed out at the start of July. **Please remember school dismissal every Wednesday is at 2:00 pm.**

Grades Kindergarten to Seven

8:40 First Bell - Arrival Time	12:00-12:30 (Play)
8:45 First Instructional Period	12:30-12:45 (Eat)
10:20 - 10:40 Recess	12:50-3:00 Third Instructional Period
10:40 Second Instructional Period	

Students will be placed in their new classes on Wednesday, September 4th **unless** the number of students attending Blueridge changes. If our school population changes, we will let families know and students will move into new classes on Thursday. Blueridge teachers and administrators have spent a great deal of time considering placements in the context of individual students' needs, our school's organization and priorities for balancing class compositions. Children often need encouragement when adjusting to a new classroom placement, and we appreciate your support in assisting with this process.

We are excited to introduce our new staff this year.

Alex White – Kindergarten Vicki Gilbert - LST Christine Bracaglia – EA Menina Colangelo - 6/7 ELL

Parking

- When at all possible, children should walk to and from school.
- If driving, please use the Byron drop-off. Students can also be dropped off at the trails that begin at Byron/Whitman and Arroyo/Standish.
- For the safety of our students, there can be no drop-offs in the turn-around at the front of the school, which is a through-traffic zone only. Similarly, there can be no drop-offs, pickups or turn-arounds in the north or south parking lots.
- Please respect our neighbour's driveways as they are also needing access to the road.
- **The north lot is reserved for staff only.**
- **The south lot is reserved for use by day care vans, overflow staff parking and people with disabilities.**
- **There is only one designated parking spot in the south lot. Park here if you display a valid parking permit.**

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday! ☺