

MEDINA ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPALS

Hello Medina Tiger Families! Our first day of school is right around the corner! For families new to our newsletter and Medina, we are excited to welcome you to our school and community 😊 We know that this is a busy last month of summer, and there are many resources to keep track of. Our goal with this newsletter is to guide you to [BSD resources for families](#), as well as share building specific information with you to help keep you informed.

Enjoy these final days of summer. We will see you all in a few short days!

Warmly,
Laurie and Ashley

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/23 – Medina Office Opens 8-3pm
- 8/26 – Health & Safety Orientations with the Principals (Virtual)
- 8/27 – Teacher Assignments released to families by EOD
- 8/30 – Back to School Info Day
- 9/1 – Grades 1-5 - 1st Day
- 9/1 – 1st Day Principal Coffee (Grades 1-5) @ 8:15
- 9/3 – KINDERGARTEN - 1st Day
- 9/3 – General PTA Meeting @ 8:10
- 9/3 – 1st Day Principal Coffee for Kindergarten Families immediately following PTA mtg
- 9/6 – LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 9/7 – NO SCHOOL FOR KINDER
- 9/10 – School Picture Day

HEALTH & SAFETY VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

Please join us for a virtual Health & Safety Orientation with our community families and Medina Principals. We highly encourage participation in this meeting to support transitions to full-time, safe in-person learning. During this time, we will cover key health & safety information that is Medina-specific and make time for questions and answers.

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Grades K-1 @ 2:00 -2:45 pm – [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Grades 2-5 @ 3:00-3:45pm – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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ADJUSTMENT TO MEET & GREET ON 8/30 AND SCHOOL TOURS

Given the latest changes from Governor Inslee, we will be adjusting our Meet & Greet for Back-to-School Day 2021-2022 @ Medina. We will get this information out to you as soon as possible.

In addition, while the office will be open starting 8/23, we will NOT be offering in-person parent tours of the building at this time. Thanks for your ongoing patience as we respond to the latest developments in our community, state, and beyond.



PRINCIPAL COFFEES

We will host two OUTDOOR Virtual Coffees for our 1st-5th Grade Families (September 1 @ 8:15) and Kindergarten Families (September 3rd after PTA General Meeting). We hope you will join us to build connections and welcome a new year together 😊



KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY – SEPTEMBER 3RD

Across the state of Washington, kindergarten teachers meet with families prior to or after the start of the school year. This allows our kindergarten teachers to learn more about our students and how we can best support their learning. Kindergarten teachers will communicate how to sign up for these family meetings around the time when classroom placements are sent.



PLANNING FOR STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY

We are committed to following all safety guidelines from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) as well as the Washington Department of Health (DOH). Some of these practices include physical distancing, masking, frequent handwashing, ventilation, cleaning and disinfecting and clear procedures for the use of instructional materials. To learn more about the safety measures we are following, you can visit the web page here: <https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-health-and-safety/>

Working from DOH guidance, we've been developing plans to safely open school. A key focus has been on times when students are in common areas such as lunch and recess. Recognizing that guidance shifts regularly, we are being as responsive as possible to meet our community's needs.

RECESS: Students will have two recesses during the day. Mask use is encouraged outside, and mask break areas will be available. Students will hand sanitize before and after recess.



LUNCH: We understand that each family has specific preferences and comfort level with lunch at school. We have parameters we must operate within to support our custodial and GSA team for sanitization, as well availability of Nutrition Services staff. For the 2021-2022 year, we have reduced the number of students per lunch. We will have 5 smaller-group lunch periods versus the traditional 3 larger-group lunch periods. Lunches will be split into a Kinder/1st Grade lunch, a 2nd Grade lunch, a 3rd Grade lunch, a 4th Grade lunch, and a 5th Grade lunch. Our lunch schedule accounts for the specific scheduling needs of each grade level, the specialist schedule, instructional schedule, and recess schedule. Lunches will run between the hours of 10:45AM-1:05PM (MTh) and 10:00AM-11:55AM (W).

In addition, we will have **both INDOOR and OUTDOOR options with assigned seating** for your child @ Medina. In addition, families are welcome to arrange to remove their child from school for lunch and/or recess, with prior notice (24 hours required) given to the school. We are firming up a plan with our Building Leadership Team Monday-Tuesday and hence, will have information to the greater community by Wednesday, 8/25. We will also elaborate on this plan in more detail at our Health & Safety Family Orientations (see first page of newsletter).

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to provide multiple options for our Medina Tiger families and appreciate our staff and PTA's partnership in developing a comprehensive community plan!

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL: Students will have an assigned door based on the location of their classroom for entering and leaving Medina. We will also have a staggered dismissal – times will vary for pickup, times TBA. A map of these entrances will be published with the lunch information. For students who attended the hybrid model in the spring of 2021, we are using a similar process as this past spring. Staff members will support students to remain socially distanced during arrival and dismissal, as we load school buses and wait for student pick-up. Throughout the day, we will continue to utilize the current health guidelines in terms of social distancing in classrooms and hallways.



PTA SUMMER PLAYDATES

Grade Level *Summer Playdates* hosted by Medina PTA - click link schedule: <https://www.medinapta.org/> **Please note the updated date/time for the 5th grade playdate.**

- 8/20 **4th Grade** Summer Playdate at Medina Beach Park 4:00-6:00 pm
- 8/23 **Kindergarten** Summer Playdate at Medina Park 4:00-6:00 pm
- 8/24 **2nd Grade** Summer Playdate at Medina Park 4:00-6:00 pm
- 8/25 **1st Grade** Summer Playdate at Medina Park 4:00-6:00 pm
- 8/25 **5th Grade** Summer Playdate at Medina Beach Park 4:00-6:00 pm
- 8/26 **3rd Grade** Summer Playdate at Medina Park 4:00-6:00 pm
- 8/31 **Kindergarten** Summer Playdate at Medina Park 4:00-6:00 pm



CLASS PLACEMENT

Check your email inbox on Friday afternoon, August 27th, as we will be sending out information about your child's teacher and classroom placement for 2021-22. If your email contact information needs updating, please contact Molly Piper – piper@bsd405.org



TRAVEL QUARANTINE

Bellevue School District continues to follow King County Health Department quarantine rules for travel. Anyone traveling out of Washington State who is unvaccinated is asked to quarantine for 7 days and have a COVID test taken the 3-5th day after your return. If you have any questions, or if your student will be traveling out of state the week before school starts, please email medinaattendance@bsd405.org - all quarantine days are excused.

Additional information about the statewide Travel Quarantine can be found here: <https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-health-and-safety/domestic-and-international-travel/> District guidelines for covid protocol and procedures can be found here: <https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-health-and-safety/>



ONLINE STUDENT DATA VERIFICATION

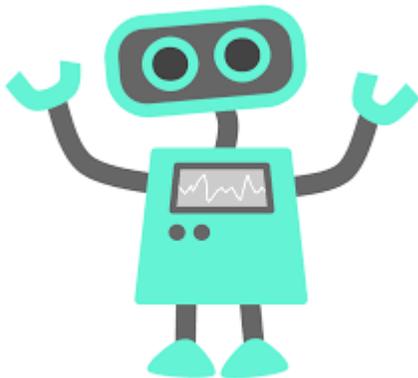
The Online Student Data Verification process for the 2021-22 school year started on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021. **This is only for students in grades K through 12. Preschool students are not included in this process.** The data verification process is available in 22 languages other than English. **On August 18th, families can:**

- Update their address online and provide the required proofs of address electronically.
- Update their student's demographic data.
- Manage student's emergency contact list.
- Update student's photo permissions.

How can I update my student's information on August 18th?

- Logon to [ParentVUE](#) to update information. Upon your first login, you will be directed to Data Verification.

Please contact us at dataverification@bsd405.org. You can also go to our [district website](#) to learn more. If you are having trouble logging into your [ParentVUE](#) account, please contact parenthelp@bsd405.org for assistance.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: DEVICE DEPLOYMENTS

All New Bellevue School District Students: will checkout their District-issued device from their home school starting **Monday, August 30**. Schools will coordinate the distribution schedule that works best for their students and school schedule.

Kindergarteners: will be issued an iPad within the first few weeks of school. Timing will depend upon 2nd graders' timely return of devices.

Second Graders: **Returning 2nd graders** will exchange their current school-issued iPad, power cord and stylus for a new Lenovo 11e [laptop](#) at their school's laptop deployment day. **Newly enrolled 2nd graders** will also get a Lenovo 11e laptop.



BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Established in 1979, Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) is the 1st foundation dedicated to supporting public K-12 initiatives in Washington State. Our mission is to promote and fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students in Bellevue's public schools. As a pillar in the community, the Foundation is uniquely positioned to be a catalytic agent of positive change and advancement in the public education sector. The Bellevue School District serves 20,000 students, enrolled in 29 schools, and the Foundation's investments allow students to achieve higher levels of academic success and social-emotional well-being, regardless of language, gender, race, socioeconomic status, and special needs. With over 100 languages spoken in the District and 125 countries of birth represented, Bellevue Schools Foundation is committed to expanding funding for racial equity and amplifying the diverse voices and strengths of students and families within the Bellevue community.

For more information on how you can engage with the Foundation, please contact Executive Director Juliet Buder at juliet@bsfdn.org or click [here](#).