

MEDINA ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year, Medina Families! We are your administrative team – Dr. Laurie Harvey (Principal – HarveyL@bsd405.org) and Mrs. Ashley Kardos (Asst. Principal – KardosA@bsd405.org). We're excited to engage in listening to and sharing with you this year – about our students, about families, about hopes or dreams, and about ways we can support you! Whether you are a new or returning family, we're looking forward to building upon existing relationships and creating new relationships with your student(s) and you. The district plan is for in-person instruction, full-time, 5 days a week. Together, we'll make this a strong social-emotional and academic year of growth with all of our students and families! We have many events planned to support transitioning back to school. Our first opportunity with families will be our annual **Back to School Information Day on August 30 from 11:00AM-1:30PM**. Students will be able to meet their new teacher during our **Teacher Meet & Greet from 11:30AM-12:30PM**. Teacher assignments will be emailed out on Friday, 8/27, by the end of the day.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/23 – Medina Office Opens
(8:00AM-3:00PM)
- 8/27 – Teacher Assignments
released to families by end of day
- 8/30 – Back to School Info Day
- 9/1 – Grades 1-5 - 1st Day
- 9/3 – KINDERGARTEN - 1st Day
- 9/6 – LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 9/7 – NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN

SCHOOL INFORMATION

MEDINA ELEMENTARY
8001 NE 8th Street
Medina, WA 98006

Phone:
(425) 456-5400

Website:
<https://bsd405.org/medina/>

Attendance:
medinaattendance@bsd405.org



For any support needed, our Medina Office will be open starting August 23, from 8:00AM-3:00PM.



TOUR A SCHOOL BUS

Want to see a Bellevue School bus in action? Come take a tour! **An official BSD school bus will be at Medina from 11AM-12PM during our Back to School Information Day on August 30.**



PTA UPDATES

Not a PTA member yet? You can sign up on the PTA website: www.medinapta.org

Our amazing PTA is hosting play dates by grade level this month. See the PTA website for more information!



TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Have questions about technology, returning a laptop, etc.? [CLICK HERE for BSD Tech Support web info.](#)

📍 Student Tech Center open through Aug. 25: In-person tech support is available Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wilburton Instructional Service Center (WISC). [Learn more.](#)

📍 Are you leaving the District? Students may return laptops and laptop bags, hotspots, power adapters and styluses to the Student Tech Center through Aug. 25. Starting on Aug. 26, students can contact the school they attended last year to coordinate equipment drop-offs. [Learn more.](#)



OUR MEDINA FOUR AGREEMENTS

Now is the time to introduce or remind your student(s) of our school agreements – otherwise known as **Our Four Agreements – Be Kind, Be Safe, Do Your Best, Help the Rest.**

Learning, practicing, and exemplifying Our Four Agreements has two main goals: 1) To ensure the safety of students and staff 2) To create an environment conducive to learning.

You will hear more about Our Four Agreements in the coming weeks!

NUTRITION SERVICES / SCHOOL LUNCH UPDATE

Click here for link to access hyperlinks in the below image: www.bsd405.org/freeandreduced

There is NO CHARGE for school meals during the 2021-2022 school year!

All students enrolled in the Bellevue School District can receive lunch at **no charge** during the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, **breakfast** will be available at **no charge** in schools which offer the program.

- ✓ All Free, Reduced Priced or Paid eligible students may access school meals **FREE** due to extended USDA funding.



Breakfast will be available at the following schools as we open the school year:

ELEMENTARY: Ardmore, Eastgate*, Enatai, Lake Hills, Newport Heights, Phantom Lake, Sherwood Forest, Stevenson, Wilburton* & Woodridge.

SECONDARY: Bellevue, Chinook*, Highland, Interlake, Newport, Odle, Sammamish, Tillicum* & Tye.*

**Pilot breakfast programs.*

Nutrition Services goal is to serve all students quickly, safely, and efficiently. For the start of school:

- ✓ Menus will be simplified for quick service until we can expand with custom options again.
- ✓ **A la carte/Snack Bar and Adult meal purchases will not be available.** This step is necessary to ensure all students who want a free meal can be served.
- ✓ Meal account deposits are not necessary.
- ✓ Students who bring lunch from home may supplement their meal by selecting 3 items (*such as a carton of milk, a serving of fruit and vegetables*) at no charge.
- ✓ Menu changes should be expected as we face on-going pandemic related supply chain disruptions.

The 2021-22 Application for Free or Reduced Price Meal Benefits will open August 18, 2021!



Scan the QRL code provided or visit: www.bsd405.org/freeandreduced to access our online application.

- ❖ Why do we need to complete an application for school meal benefits if meals are offered free for all student?

Completing the school meal benefit application to qualify for free or reduced priced meals will allow your student to gain access to:

- ✓ Fee Waivers or discounts* offered by the district;
- ✓ Community resources such as Operation School Bell, Backpack Meals and Shoes that Fit;
- ✓ Potential expansion of federal P-EBT benefits; and
- ✓ Uninterrupted school meal benefits for the first 30 days of the 2022-2023 school year.

**The Fee Waiver Program offers waived fees for IB & AP tests, extracurricular activities such as ASB dues, event registrations, field trips, performances, social events/dances, transportation fees, athletic fees and discounted summer school tuition.*

- ✓ Complete Part 5, "Sharing Information", in the online application to take advantage of the above mentioned district programs.
- ✓ If you receive notification from Nutrition Services that your student was "directly" certified for free or reduced price meals due to participation in assistance programs such as Basic Food, Medicaid, TANF, Foster or McKenney Vento; you must complete and return the "Consent to Share" form that is mailed with your notification letter to take advantage of the above programs.

Families without internet access to complete the online application may utilize computers at their child's school, Family Connection Center, public libraries, or they may visit Nutrition Services during normal business hours (7:00-3:30 pm) for assistance.

HELPFUL LINKS AND WEBSITES

- BSD Calendars - <https://bsd405.org/about/calendar/printable-calendars/>
- BSD Website: <https://bsd405.org/>
- Resources for Student/Family Well-being – a list of well-being resources can be found on the counseling department website - <https://bsd405.org/services/counseling/well-being-resources/>
- Nutrition Services: <https://bsd405.org/services/nutrition-services/>
 - Free & Reduced priced meals application will become available on **August 16, 2021.**
 - Sign up - <https://bsd405.org/services/nutrition-services/free-reduced/>
- Bus Transportation: <https://bsd405.org/departments/transportation/>

We are anxiously awaiting the return of our students and families for a fresh start to a new school year! Keep enjoying these summer days, and we will see you at our Back to School Information Day on August 30.

Should you have questions or want to connect, please reach out to us: Laurie Harvey (Principal) – HarveyL@bsd405.org or Ashley Kardos (Asst. Principal) – KardosA@bsd405.org.

