

Good Evening Tyee Families,

We are continuing to plan away, readying our school and staff for another amazing school year! Please see updates for the week of August 30th below.

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| <p>August 30: (new to BSD) 7th & 8th Grade Orientation</p> | <p>Monday, August 30 we welcome all our NEW & TRANSFER students entering the 7 & 8 grade to a brief informational Orientation event from 1:30-2:30pm in the Tyee MS Library. We will provide both family and student-focused information sessions, led by our fabulous Tyee Counseling Team of Ms. Hatch, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Hannibal! The event is optional, and families are not required to attend with their student.</p> <p>To assist in our planning, please sign up to attend the orientation by Friday, August 27: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548A9AB2CA3F49-newtotyee</p> |
| <p>Lunch Updates</p> | <p>One of the top categories of questions we're getting in our planning is around lunch. Below are the most recent updates, and we will further refine this in next Monday's update.</p> <p>Scheduling: As in years prior, Tyee will host three 30 minute lunch periods. In addition to eating, students may use lunch time for (safely distanced) socializing, exercise/sports, reading, or study. Students will be scheduled into one of the three periods, assigned by either their 4th or 5th period teachers. First lunch period will serve 6th grade students. Second and third lunches will be a combination of both 7th & 8th graders.</p> <p>Eating Periods: To minimize crowded lunch lines, ensure all students have a seat, and reduce the number of masks being removed indoors at once, about half of students will be seated at one time for eating. Lunch assignments will be sent to families and students via e-mail on Monday, August 30 once schedules are available for viewing.</p> <p>Masks: Students may not remove their masks indoors during lunch, unless and actively eating or drinking in a designated seat distanced 6 feet. When students are finished eating, they will put masks back on and move away from the eating area. Masks are not required outdoors, but students eating or taking a "mask break" will need to maintain safe distance of 6 feet. Staff will be present to remind students.</p> <p>Seating: There's a variety of seating options for eating, so we are able to serve a large group of students, while keeping them safely distanced and comfortable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor tables & stools: a maximum of 2 students at once, to ensure safe distancing. Tables will be wiped down and sanitized between lunch periods.• "Lunch on Laps" (or, LOL for short): Individual chairs will be placed indoors, spaced a minimum 6 feet apart so students may safely sit on their own.• Courtyard: Students may eat outside. However there is minimal seating and cover, we recommend students bring jackets/umbrellas on rainy days. Staff will be outside to remind students to be distanced while actively eating.• Photos of our preliminary lunch set-up can be found at this link: preliminary plans |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Services will be returning to a traditional meal service program with a variety of hot and cold entrée choices offered, along with fruits, vegetables and low-fat milk. Meals will be offered at no charge for all students during the 2021-22 school year. Like previous school years, students must “PICK at least 3” items, with one being a ½ cup of a fruit or vegetable with their meal. No snack bar/a la carte/adult sales for the start of school. • The "snack bar" from prior years will be closed for the start of the school year. • Students may bring their lunch. We do recommend meal options that can be easily handheld (ex. sandwiches) and don't require many utensils (ex. soups) or may be hard to eat off their lap. <p>Our Administrators, Custodians, and Nutrition Services staff are maintaining an ongoing conversation. In addition to some of the above updates, we are working on student-friendly presentations so that our lunch periods are safe.</p> |
| How to Find your Student Schedule | Student Schedules will be available for viewing online as early as Monday, September 30th . Please see the attached document with instructions for how your student may access this. Link to Instructions |
| School Calendar | A copy of the BSD District Calendar for 2021-22 can be found here: https://bsd405.org/wp-content/pdf/calendar/2021-2022-family-staff-calendar.pdf |
| Student Laptop & Technology Update | <p>We encourage all students to plug in, turn on and log in to their school-issued laptop this week. Students should bring their fully-charged laptops to school on the first day!</p> <p>Tech Support: If the laptop does not turn on or students cannot log in, students may...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through August 25: Visit the Student Tech Center for in-person support. Help is available Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wilburton Instructional Service Center (building 6) located at 12241 Main St, Bellevue, WA 98005. • Beginning Aug. 27, students may get technical support at Tyee between 8am-2pm. <p>All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students new to BSD - may checkout their District-issued device from Tyee starting Monday, August 30. Please follow this link to set-up your pickup time: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0548a9ab2ca3f49-laptop</p> <p>6th Graders - new laptops! we will issue new laptops, power cords, stylus, and case, to both new and returning 6th graders. Returning 6th graders will turn in their District-issued laptop, stylus, and power cord from 5th grade to their new middle school during the first few weeks of school.</p> |
| Transportation | As we start this upcoming school year, students are required to wear face masks or face shields to ride the school bus. Bus drivers will carry spare masks just in case |

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| | <p>students need them. Scan cards for students will be given out at the schools during the first week of school. Students are required to scan on and off the bus. Parents and caregivers may download the Edulog Parent Portal app on their smart phones to view the latest transportation information and receive notifications on bus routes and student ridership. Routes for the upcoming school year will be posted on the week of August 23. If you need assistance, please contact transportation at transportation@bsd405.org or call 425-456-4512.</p> |
| Nutrition Services | <p>Families are asked to complete an application although meals are free because your student(s) gain access to:</p> <p>✓ 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 a ASB dues, event registrations, field trips, performances, social events/dances, transportation fees, athletic fees and discounted summer school tuition.</p> |
| Bellevue Schools Foundation | <p>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.</p> |
| Tyee Bell Schedule | <p>Attached is a copy of Tyee's weekly class and bell schedule. 1st period will begin at 8:30am. Click Here</p> <p>Similar to last year, students will be allowed in at 8:25am. Temperature checks and health check attestation are not required this Fall. To reduce crowding, we'll continue using multiple entry ways by grade level and staggering entrance times. A more detailed "arrival plan" with visuals and tips to beat the traffic slowdowns will be presented in next week's update.</p> |
| Breakfast Available | <p>Breakfast will be available to Tyee students in the 2021-22 school year. Breakfast can be picked up the school cafeteria between 8:10-8:25am every morning. There will be an entrance off the courtyard for students to enter. Students may eat in the commons at a table (2 maximum), and will need to return outside when finished eating. Students may also "grab & go" breakfast to eat outside in the courtyard.</p> |
| Medication Drop-Off | <p>Does your student need medication to be administered or stored at school in our clinic? Our fantastic Nurse, Alexa Wehmeyer is available for medication drop-off at the front entrance of Tyee this Thursday, August 26th from 12-2pm.</p> <p>If you have questions, or cannot make that drop-off time, please contact Nurse Wehmeyer at wehmeyera@bsd405.org.</p> |

