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Dear Baileywick Families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! I am excited to begin my second full year at Baileywick. This promises to be a year filled with rich opportunities for all of our students as we strive to continually strengthen our approach to teaching and learning.

Baileywick Elementary prides itself on being a joyful, diverse and respectful learning community. During the 2017-2018 school year, we will continue to refine our approach to learning. Our approach to learning centers on creating a learning environment in which children can engage in joyful learning, experience academic challenge and develop an appreciation for our diverse community. We will cultivate proficiency in not only the traditional "Three Rs" but also in the Five Cs: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Character. These skills are the hallmarks of 21st century society and will prepare our students for the world in which they will enter.

As educators, we teach children, not subjects. We will guide inquiry, encourage innovative thinking, acknowledge perseverance, celebrate success, turn frustration into learning opportunities, model fairness and justice—all while building and valuing relationships. We will build the capacity for students to construct their education for themselves.

Lastly, we rely on partnerships with parents and guardians to enrich our understanding of their children, to share their unique knowledge and experiences, and to help us maintain a healthy and ever-growing learning community. You are invited to visit, volunteer, collaborate and fully participate in the Baileywick School community. We look forward to sharing our learning and welcome conversation.

I hope you will find the enclosed information both timely and helpful in preparing your family for an exceptional school year.

Sincerely,

Kendall H. Grigg
Principal/Lead Learner

“Meet the Teacher” for Grades 1-5

Please reserve Friday, August 25, 2017 from 4:30-6:00pm for “Meet the Teacher” for grades 1 through 5. At this informal, “drop-in” event, parents and students will learn of their teacher assignments and have an opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers. Our teachers will not be available at other times as they are preparing for your arrival and participating in professional development and meetings. Opportunities for parent/teacher conferences will be available at a later date, giving our teachers an opportunity to get to know your child. As is the tradition at Baileywick, class rosters will be posted at 4:30pm in the main bus hallway. In the Multi-purpose room, parents will also have an opportunity to pick up a copy of the bus schedule, acquire a carpool number, set up a lunch account, register or renew registration to volunteer, join the PTA, and purchase spirit wear.

Kindergarten “Meet the Teacher”

Kindergartners will meet their teachers on Friday, September 1, 2017 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Special information on kindergarten staggered entry, play date/parent orientation, and start date is posted in a separate letter for kindergarten families.

Instructional School Hours



Our instructional school hours are 9:15am to 3:45pm. Please have your child/children at school by 9:05am/arrive by 8:50am if your child will be eating breakfast. This allows the children time to prepare for the start of the instructional day at 9:15am. Morning announcements will begin at 9:10am. Please note: In morning carpool, students should not exit their car before 8:45am because there will be no staff yet on duty to ensure their safety. If you are interested in before and after school care, the Finley YMCA is close to the school and offers a fee based program. Registration information is available on their website.

Cafeteria Information

Our cafeteria manager will be available on both “Meet the Teacher” days to answer questions you may have regarding lunch funds. We encourage you to put money on your child’s account at these times. Parents also have the option of participating in an “Autopay” or “Online Lunch” program whereby payments can be made online at www.mylunch-money.com or by calling 800-479-3501. Parents can use these avenues to deposit funds into their child’s lunch account and check balances as well. Please check the WCPSS Child Nutrition site for further details. Make checks payable to: Baileywick Elementary Cafeteria. Please write your child’s name, teacher’s name, child’s lunch number (the Student ID number) and the number of lunches/breakfasts the check covers in the memo portion at the bottom of the check. Cafeteria staff is available 8:45-9:15am to receive lunch funds.

If you are applying for free or reduced lunch, you should have already received a form from Child Nutrition Services. Please complete the form and return it immediately to your child’s teacher so it can be processed. Applications are also available in the office. Students who received free/reduced price meals last year **MUST** complete a new application each year. After the first 10 days of school, you are required to send your child to school with a lunch or money to buy lunch until you are notified of your status for the 2017-18 school year. Students not bringing a lunch or money will be given, at no charge, fruits and vegetables for lunch. There is not a lunch fund available in the office or cafeteria from which children may borrow lunch money.

	Prices for 2017-2018	Breakfast	Lunch
	Reduced Price	.00	.40
	Full Price	1.25	2.35
	Milk	.50	.50

Bus Transportation

Bus route information is available at www.wcpss.net. Select Menu, Parents, More, Transportation. Please be sure and check the website for stop and route information. The time shown at the top of each route will be the estimated time

the bus is due to arrive at the first stop. Any questions or concerns about the bus routes and times should be directed to our area transportation supervisor, Regina Horton, rhorton@wcpss.net, 919-850-3030. Questions relating to behavior on the bus should be directed to our Assistant Principal, Ms. Faison-Bullock. She can be reached at 518-0090 or tfaison-bullock@wcpss.net.



Students should report to their bus stops at least 15 minutes early for the first few weeks. We ask that students/parents allow 15 minutes before and after the assigned time for pickup and drop off during the first few weeks of school. This will allow drivers time to make route adjustments necessary to maximize their route. Buses are allocated to our school based on the number of bus riders for each route. Because of this, we ask that students who will ride the bus at any time during the school year do so for the first few weeks of school. If your child is assigned a bus stop and does not ride the bus within the first two weeks of school, the stop will be eliminated.

If your child normally rides home on the bus in the afternoon and will not do so on a particular day, please inform the school/teacher of this change in writing. If we do not have a written note requesting this change, we are required to send your child home on the bus as usual.

Parents who have a kindergarten or 1st grade student must be at the bus stop to receive their children in the afternoon. If the parent or designated adult is NOT at the bus stop, the driver will bring the child back to Baileywick and the parent is required to come get the child from school. The only exception is if the child has an older sibling on the bus.

Carpool Transportation

If you wish to pick up your child in carpool at any time during the year, you must display the Baileywick carpool tag from your rear view mirror. New Carpool numbers will not be assigned to students who have a carpool number and tag from last school year. Families may keep their same carpool number from last school year. Carpool tags (2 tags with the same number) are free and will be available during the "Meet Your Teacher" events on August 25th and September 1st as well as in the office during the first week of school. Duplicate tags may be ordered (\$2.00 each) at that time. Please help your child memorize their carpool tag number right away to speed up the loading process!



Dropping off Students: To drop students off before school, parents should enter the carpool circle in a single file line and drop children off in front of the school ONLY between 8:45 and 9:10am. When pulling out, make sure to look to your left for vehicles driving past you. For safety and efficiency of the process, parents should remain in their cars during this time. Baileywick staff and safety patrol will help your students exit your vehicle. Parents must accompany their children to the office to sign them in after 9:12am.

Picking up Students: To pick students up at dismissal, parents should enter the carpool circle in a single file line through the upper parking lot. For safety, numbered cones will be set up daily to guide students to meet the drivers at each of the cones. Please pull all the way up to the next available cone. Staff members and safety patrol will monitor the process. Students will be called by their assigned carpool number as the parent approaches the building. Students will walk around the circle to board their vehicles from the right side only. Parents are to remain in their cars at all times during the carpool process. For the safety of everyone, please do not use your cell phone during carpool. Dismissal time is 3:45pm. Please help us have all students loaded promptly by arriving in the carpool line by 3:55pm. Please help our staff by arriving on time. After 4:00pm, students will be taken to the front office. Parents will be charged a fee for this service.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to help out at Baileywick Elementary. We have a wonderful PTA with many committees that need your support. Our classrooms can benefit from parents volunteering to work with small groups of children. Joining a class on a field trip is another way to volunteer. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to help in the classroom or on field trips. We need and appreciate parents who volunteer in our classrooms, however, you must register in the Volunteer System and receive clearance before working with children or going on a field trip. If you have previously enrolled in our volunteer system and completed your background check, you only need to renew your status. If you have not yet volunteered at Baileywick, you can register during "Meet the Teacher" in the multi-purpose room.

School Supplies

Classroom supply lists are listed on our website at <http://baileywicks.wcpss.net/>. Supply lists will also be provided during your “Meet the Teacher” event and during the first week of school.

Classroom Assignments

Class assignments will be tentative for the first 20 days of school. This tentative assignment is due to growth, student assignment changes, and new students enrolling or withdrawing after August 28th. Classroom assignments will be not be changed unless it is absolutely necessary, and parents will be notified if a change is needed.

Open House

We have scheduled Open House for Tuesday, September 20th from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Please join us at 6:15pm in your child’s classroom for a short overview of Baileywick’s educational program, an introduction of staff and a short PTA meeting. Parents will then be able to visit with their children’s grade level teachers to hear about their child’s daily schedule, grade level curriculum standards, expectations, and opportunities to get actively involved with your child’s education.

Important Dates

August 24	Thursday	Kindergarten play date @ 9:30-10:30am
August 25	Friday	“Meet Your Teacher” for grades 1-5 @ 4:30-6:00 pm
August 28	Monday	First day of school for grades 1-5 @ 8:45am
August 28-30	Mon.-Wed.	Staggered entry for kindergarten students @ 8:45am
September 1	Friday	“Meet Your Teacher” for Kindergarten @ 9:30am
September 4	Monday	Labor Day – no school
September 5	Tuesday	First day of school for ALL kindergarten students
September 19	Tuesday	Open House & PTA Meeting @ 6:15pm
September 21	Thursday	Teacher Workday - no school
September 29	Friday	Early Release @ 1:15pm

