



BEDFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inspiring and Challenging Our Students
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Dear PRES Families,

It is hard to believe we are days away from starting our 2020-21 school year. It certainly will be one for the books, as we re-imagine and re-invent everything we know about educating students during these uncertain times. During this summer, as we worked tirelessly to develop our re-entry plans, I managed to get away and unplug for a few days with my family as we escaped to the Berkshires for a family sleepaway camp experience. We enjoyed many outdoor activities, including hiking, kayaking, waterskiing, tennis, and Camp Olympics, while staying socially distant from other camp families! During that week, we were actually able to forget about COVID-19 for just a little while.



At PRES, we have been busy all summer planning, cleaning, disinfecting, and repurposing our classrooms and office spaces. Thank you to Mrs. Sabina Shapiro, interim secretary to the principal, for keeping the office running smoothly and for preparing the schedules and summer mailing for the new school year. Thank you to Mrs. Susan Reiner for helping to enroll our new students and supporting the office. A special thank you to our custodial crew for cleaning every corner of the building in order to ensure the building is safe and clean for our students and staff. Also, thank you to Mrs. Jessica Crupi, interim Elementary Coordinator, and all the teachers who have been working tirelessly all summer developing curriculum, engaging in professional learning, and setting up classrooms in preparation for opening day!

This school year will certainly require a community effort. We look forward to partnering with you as we launch new structures for teaching and learning, confront new challenges, and keep the infection rate low in our area. This year, our District will launch its new partnership with the [Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence](#) and the RULER program, bringing a common language and consistent curriculum in social-emotional learning. We are grateful to our BCSD technology department who has worked tirelessly to implement a 1:1 device program for our students and prepare us to stay connected with all of our students who will be learning from home. This year, our school's goals include: 1) Health and Safety; 2) Social-Emotional Learning; 3) Differentiation; and 4) Engagement. We will work together to support a range of learners in a range of instructional models to be sure we are meeting the needs of each of our students.



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Inside your 2020-21 summer mailing, you will find important memos and forms to complete prior to the start of the school year. Please make sure to review all memos carefully and return the appropriate forms. Below is the list of items enclosed in this summer mailing:

- Approved BCSD 2020-21 Calendar
- BCSD Block Calendar (ABCD cycle)
- PTA welcome letter and packet - Please make sure to return:
 - PTA Online Directory Information
 - Photo Permission Form
 - PTA Membership Form
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application
- Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) pamphlet
- Kindergarten Meet & Greet & New Family Orientation Flyer (if you are new to PRES)
- MySchool Bucks - Lunch Account information
- Application for Daycare Transportation Form
- Code of Conduct & Student Handbook Sign-off Form
- Purple Demographic Form

Links to electronic summer mailing items will be sent in a separate email:

- [2020-21 Student Handbook](#)
- [2020-21 Code of Conduct](#)
- [2020-21 School Supply Lists](#)
- [School Dismissal Manager Memo FAQ's](#)
- [Aramark Food Service Letter ENGLISH/SPANISH](#)

I hope you and your family enjoy the rest of the summer! We will continue to keep you informed as the school year gets underway. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in the main office at 914-764-8133. We look forward to welcoming our kindergarten and new students in grades 1-5 on **September 9, 2020** and all our students on **September 10, 2020**. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Best wishes,

Amy Fishkin