

Bates News



Welcome Back to School
September 2016

Learning and Leading for Tomorrow

Start Time: 8:45am
Dismissal: 3:25pm
Half Day Dismissal:
11:45am



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. It's going to be another AMAZING school year. We have a lot of engaging events and activities planned for this year. We invite you to be an active participant in your child's education. Volunteers are always appreciated. **For the safety of students, you must have a completed I-CHAT on file in the main office to volunteer or serve as a chaperone on field trips.** These can take time to go through the approval process, so **PLEASE** get them in early and verify that you have been cleared prior to volunteering to attend a field trip.

Join us **Wednesday,**
September 7th at 5:30pm for
our
Open House!

&
**Chamberlain Ponies & Mobile Petting
Farm Fun**



Our first PTO meeting is on
**Wednesday, September 14th at
7pm.** *Child care is provided!* We
need your help to make Bates a GREAT
place for your child!

Looking for Employment?



sodexo

Sodexo food service is hiring! If you or someone you know likes working with children and is looking for part-time work, please contact Joe Uri at 734-783-3333 ext. 1832

Engage, Enlighten, Empower!

Parking Lot

To ensure the safety of our students and to expedite Drop off/Pick up times **please:**

- *Follow ONE WAY– Enter **only at the south entrance** (closest to West Rd.), exit only near Crossing Guard.
- *Follow the flow of traffic through the parking lot according to the directional arrows.
- ***Yield** to Crossing Guard on Gudith Rd. when advised (State Law).
- *The **Right Lane** in the loop is for **standing traffic** waiting for drop off/pick up.
- *The **Left Lane** is for **through traffic**.
- *Drop off is **NOT permitted from the Left Lane**.
- *Remain with your vehicle **at all times** while waiting in the cue.
- *Always use a designated parking space when exiting your vehicle.
- *Use **clearly marked Crosswalks** when approaching from the parking lots.
- ***North parking lot is for school buses and staff only. You can be ticketed for parking here.**

Drop Off begins at 8:30am





Dress Code

As we may still have a few warm days in September, I wanted to take a moment to inform you about our dress code. Our dress code is as follows:



Dress Code:

The primary function of a school is to develop a student academically, socially, and emotionally. Student dress should not come into competition or conflict with this goal. Studies have shown that behavior is influenced by how students are dressed. Proper dress promotes a positive self-image. Please dress your student appropriately to learn. The following guidelines will be used in all Woodhaven-Brownstown Elementary Schools.

- **Hats, caps and bandanas** are not worn in school at any time.
- **Jeans or Pants:** Rips in jeans and/or pants may not be more than 5 inches above the crease in the back of the knee and Pajama pants or see through materials are not allowed.
- **Shorts** are allowed in August, September, May and June unless otherwise designated by the principal. Shorts must be at least 5" from the crease in the back of the knee.
- **Skirts:** skirts must be no more than 5 inches above the crease in the back of the knee and slits in skirts must be not more than 5 inches above the crease in the back of the knee.
- **Shirts:** No tank tops, no see-through, mesh, or mid-torso length shirts.
- **Dresses:** No tank or spaghetti straps. They must be modest and an appropriate length.
- **Shoes and Boots:** Tennis shoes are required for gym classes. They should be white soled, as the black soled tennis shoes mark up the gym floor. Turf shoes and spiked shoes are not allowed. Socks must be worn to school. Sandals must have back ankle straps, and be worn with socks. Boots are encouraged for rainy and snowy days, but shoes must be brought to school for classroom use. Shoes with wheels inserted in them should not be worn to school.

General Guidelines for Clothing Attire:

- Dangling earrings are not allowed for safety reasons.
- No cosmetics are to be worn to school.
- Suggestive or inappropriate wording or pictures on any clothing is not permitted, such as clothing advocating or advertising drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or violent acts (no entertainment wrestling shirts).
- No wallet chains.
- Coats & jackets may not be worn in class.





Attendance:

Your child's on time and daily attendance are critical for school success.

Attendance Counts

Children can only thrive in school if they are present in school. Listed below are our definitions of, and policies pertaining to Absences and Excessive Absences.

A. **Absence**

An absence is any day that a student misses school.

B. **Excused Absence**

Any medically documented absence, funeral days, or other absence approved by the attendance office will **not** be counted against the student in the ten (10) day limitation.

Excessive Absences

- If a child accumulates **10** absences in a school year the Student Advocate will notify the parent/guardian of this and of our concerns.
- If the child reaches **15** absences in a school year the building administrator will send a formal letter to the parent/guardian advising that if the child's absences continue, then the local police department will be notified.
- If the absences reach **20** in a school year, **referrals must be made** to the Local Police Department and possibly, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

*Parents are encouraged to plan vacations during scheduled breaks. Vacation days are considered **unexcused**.

Your child's daily and on-time attendance is very important to their success. We want all of our Bates students to reach their fullest potential. Please contact our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Guertin to discuss any concerns you have regarding your child's attendance.





Be Connected

There are many ways to be connected to the latest information in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District.

You can download our **Woodhaven-Brownstown School District App** from the App Store or Android Marketplace. It's FREE and will keep you Up to Date with all district events.



Twitter- You can follow us on Twitter @bateseagles



Like our Facebook page at Bates Elementary PTO



Sign up to receive text message reminders.

Text @batesel to (734) 607-1900



Provide us with your email address to receive email blasts!

Bates Kinder Garden

Planting Seeds of Wonder



Established in 2013, Bates Kinder Garden provides an outdoor opportunity for staff to actively engage students in learning through participation in hands-on lessons. Students improve life skills by cooperating in groups with their peers and gain appreciation and respect for nature.

We strive to engage our students in learning by incorporating hands-on activities and ample educational resources. Parent involvement in this process also helps instill in students a sense of family and community. We invite you to join us for a planting day, assist with maintaining our garden, and utilize this beautiful setting. Our staff and students are very proud of our learning garden. We encourage you take the time to enjoy it as well.



In Search of a Good Book?

Bates Little Lending Library has a variety of books for you! Our FREE lending library is open to our entire learning community. Located outside the main entrance, the lending library is stocked full of books and always open!

Just find a book that interests you, borrow, read and return. Repeat again and again. Happy Reading!