



Burrell School News

Mabelle M. Burrell Elementary School
Foxborough, MA

SEPTEMBER 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Welcome Back
Assemblies
September 5th



September 11th
PTO Meeting 7 pm
Cafeteria



September 18th
Burrell Open House
for **Grades 1-4 only**
6:00-7:00

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are thrilled to be welcoming your children back to another exciting and challenging school year! It is always a joy to see their smiling faces and hear their voices echoing through the hallways and classrooms.

We are hoping that by the end of the first week of school, all bus students and walkers will be back on schedule. Students should begin entering the building at 8:45 a.m. Unless your child is registered for the Before Care Program, they should not be dropped at school prior to 8:45 since no supervision is available before that time.

As we begin the new year, I have put some reminders about our drop-off and pick-up routines on the back of this newsletter. As in the past, parents may request, with a minimum of a week's prior written notice, a change of pick-up or drop-off location only if the location is on the same bus route the student is assigned to. The exception to the same bus route is students who attend before or af-

ter school programs at the YMCA in Foxboro. As a reminder no students are allowed to ride a different bus, even for day care purposes. Please make appropriate arrangements for this policy.

The PTO has a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Burrellpto> to provide information about PTO events and volunteer opportunities. Additionally, the Burrell School has a Twitter account, @burrellelem, to remind families about upcoming events or to share happenings in school. Any questions or suggestions are welcome.

Open House for grades 1-4 is Wednesday, September 18th. There will not be formal presentations. Instead, families are invited to visit classrooms any time between 6:00-7:00 for an informal 'Meet & Greet' with the classroom teacher. **Please make sure your child(ren) stay with you for the entire time you are at the Open House.**

Mrs. McCarthy

Please note, in order to be environmentally conscious we will only be sending Burrell School News electronically for the rest of the year. Please notify Mrs. McLaughlin, the school secretary, by September 13, 2019 if you are unable to receive the newsletter electronically and/or wish to continue to receive a hard copy each month. If you do not receive an electronic version of the September newsletter by September 13th, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin to update your email information.



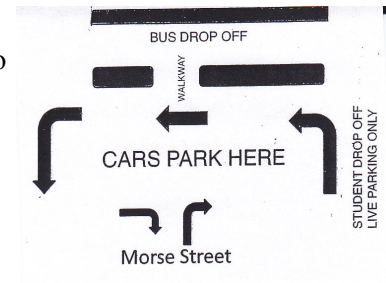
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Beginning of year reminders...

Drop Off Procedures

When dropping off children in the morning please pull over to the far right to join the drop off line. Children should exit from the passenger's side of the car. This line is for "live" drop off only, less than two minutes. If you will take longer than two minutes or need to walk your child into school please park in the lot. When walking into the building cross to the sidewalk at the right side of the parking lot. For safety's sake do not use the stairs from the parking lot and cross between the busses stopped by the front entrance. Feel free to ask the crossing guard if you have any questions.

PLEASE REMEMBER, PRESCHOOL WILL ALSO BE DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP OUT FRONT THIS YEAR SO ONCE YOU ARE FINISHED, PLEASE HEAD FOR THE EXIT.



Changes in Dismissal

If your child's regular dismissal routine is to be different for any reason, the school must be notified in writing. We will not alter a child's regular plans without your written authorization. Such authorization should take the form of a note to your child's teacher, DATED and SIGNED. With the exception of emergency situations, please do not call to make changes in children's dismissal plans after 2:00 pm. It is difficult for office staff to ensure that all parties are properly notified that late in the day.

Other Routines

We are once again asking that parents no longer bring dogs up to the front of the building during drop off or dismissal times. While many students love to see the dogs, there are others who are not comfortable around them. We are making this request to be sure that all of our students feel safe.

In addition, during dismissal time we ask that once your "walker" is with you, that you leave the front door area. When walkers and their families linger out front, it often runs into bus dismissal. The amount of people outside has been confusing for some of our students who are trying to manage their way through a crowd to get onto the correct bus. Again, if walker families can leave the front area before bus students are dismissed, this will alleviate some of the confusion, especially this year as preschool will also be entering and exiting from the main entrance.

Occasionally "walkers" are trying to head back into the building to get something while the bus students are being dismissed. Please remind your child that they should have everything they need before leaving. If they forget something and need to return to the building, please do so after the buses have left.