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Dear Beechwood Elementary Families,

Welcome to Beechwood! BRIGHTER DAYS ARE HERE as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. I am beginning my seventh year as principal, and we are excited to welcome Mrs. Giles as our new assistant principal. We are honored to have your family as part of *our* family here at Beechwood and are looking forward to a great school year. “The Beechwood Way” continues to be a means to communicate our expectations for all Beechwood students and staff and deconstructs the meaning behind the statement: **wearebeechwood.**

Beechwood Independent Schools is proud to publish our next 3-year strategic plan, called the “Blueprint for Excellence.” The goals of this plan tie directly to The Beechwood Way and our elementary school-specific goals. This 3-year strategic plan was developed in conjunction with stakeholder input, and both School-Based Decision-Making Councils and the Beechwood Board of Education. The Blueprint for Excellence will be revealed in mid-August with a series of communications that will outline our vision and actions over the next 3 years.

The love of the community and the traditions that exist both inside and outside of these walls make Beechwood Schools unique and one of a kind. The staff here is second-to-none in building relationships with our families and students while maintaining high expectations for students P-12. At Beechwood Elementary, we feel that communication plays a vital role in student success. Please feel free to reach out to any member of our staff, with any questions you might have along the way. We look forward to a year filled with excellence, resilience, and growth for all students at Beechwood. We can’t wait to see all the kids back in the halls on August 18th!

Sincerely,
Zach Ashley, Principal and Emily Giles, Assistant Principal

The Beechwood Way

We design teaching and learning focused on students.

We build resilient learners and leaders who are fearless in the pursuit of excellence.

We are a uniquely intimate community developing globally competitive students.

wearebeechwood.

We are Learners

- We are fearless.
- We pursue excellence.
- We are resilient.
- We reflect and grow.

We are Leaders

- We are safe.
- We are respectful.
- We are responsible.
- We are proud.



Communication for 2021-2022

Infinite Campus emails will be reserved for:

- Important announcements
- Emergency communications

Newsletter and Weekly Announcements

- Posted on school website
- Emailed to Parents from School Account (Not Infinite Campus)

Please utilize the following links for all things Beechwood

- [District Website](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#) We recommend clicking on the Beechwood High School Calendar and Beechwood Independent School. Event Link Registration: [Instructions here.](#)
- [Beechwood Twitter](#)

Important Dates

21-22 Beechwood District calendar

August 3rd – Kindergarten Screenings

August 4th – SBDM Meeting 3:15pm

August 5th – Kindergarten Meet and Greet at President’s Park @ 6-8pm

August 16th – Back to School: K, 2nd, 4th @ 6-8pm

August 17th – Back to School: 1st, 3rd, 5th @ 6-8pm

August 18th – First Day of School

August 24th – 6th grade Open House @ 6-8pm

September 6th – Labor Day (No School)

October 4th-8th – Fall Break (No School)

November 1st – Conferences (No School)

November 2nd – PD (No School)

New Elementary TEAM members and Roles:

New Team Member

Emily Giles: Assistant Principal

New Roles

Jen Epplen: 6th grade Seminar

Stephanie Wessel: Special Education teacher

Heather Dickman: Reading Specialist

Karyn Vanover: Instructional Assistant

Other Information

Infinite Campus: Just a reminder if you have not completed your mandatory Infinite Campus update– ALL families (new and old) need to log in to Infinite Campus to update their information for 2021-2022. If you feel there is nothing to update, still go in and make sure all your information is accurate. **Important note: When you update information in IC, please make sure to include your current email address so that you receive communications from the school.**

REMINDER: ALL emails for parent/doctor absence notes should be directed to elem.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us

Devices and Fees: As we continue to move towards more digitally competitive school experiences with the implementation of technology, we will be redefining the school supply lists in order to streamline towards a more 21st

Century classroom while reducing the financial burden on families. Grade level supply lists can be found on the school website. [21-22 School Supply Lists](#)

All students will have the opportunity to participate in this 1:1 initiative as we consider the devices a classroom tool, no different than a textbook or graphing calculator. This device fee addresses costs for the year including insurance. Fees will automatically be generated into student Infinite Campus accounts.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that fees may be paid in installments throughout the year. Thank you for your patience and support with this transition.

New Students: If you have not completed your registration paperwork, please complete the required forms and return to the elementary school office or email: shaun.birindelli@beechwood.kyschools.us. Summer school hours calendar can be found on the school website. [Office Hours/Contact Information](#)

Parking Procedures: Please review the visitor parking and drop off / pick up procedures BEFORE the first day of school. These procedures and map can be found on our website. With the onset of construction, it is imperative the procedures are followed so that drop off/pick up runs smoothly and efficiently. If you are picking up Elementary AND High School, you must pick up on the HS side. The elementary will only allow for pick-up of Elementary students. If you need to pick up both, go to High School side. Each student will be receiving a new carpool tag within the first week of school.

[Traffic/Parking DETAILS](#)