



Bellmoore Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that there will be a Service Dog in our school assisting one of our students, beginning **October 4th, 2020**.

This Certified Service Dog is a highly trained working dog. The rights of the Service Dog Team are protected under the Human Rights legislation.

Autism Dog Services is the organization that provided the student with the service dog, and they, along with the student's parents will assist with helping the student to integrate the Service Dog into the school routine. The following Code of Conduct must be followed by staff, students and visitors at all times:

- 1) The Service Dog working in the school is identified by a silver and red working jacket. The Service Dog is working at all times while on school property, while in or out of jacket.
- 2) Staff and students are encouraged to speak to the student/handler about his or her Service Dog.
- 3) Students, staff and visitors must respect the service dog and student and refrain from distracting the service dog in any way. Please do not:
 - Talk to or make sounds to or at the Service Dog
 - Touch the Service Dog or Service Dog equipment
 - Feed the Service Dog
- 4) The Service Dog relief area designated by the principal is for the use of the Service Dog only.
- 5) Read and obey signage posted at each entry door regarding the presence of a working Service Dog.
- 6) All visitors must be made aware of the presence of a working Service Dog.

We welcome the Service Dog Team into our school community.

Thank you for your understanding, support and interest.

Sincerely,

The Bellmoore Administration Team