



# Bellmoore Elementary School

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August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Bellmoore Families,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a wonderful summer. Staff have been preparing for the first day of school. Please look for communication from your child's teacher as your child begins the school year and please reach out to them directly with specific questions about their daily routines, if needed.

## First Day of School

Grade 1-8- Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kindergarten Students- full day September 4<sup>th</sup> (JK orientations on September 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## Bell Times

Morning entry 9:15am

Dismissal 3:35pm

## Attendance

Approved absences, lates, and early departures are recorded through the School Messenger system by parents and caregivers. Please contact the main office if support is needed to access the system.

## Entry and Exit

Grade 1-8 Students will be met and dismissed by their teachers out on the back playground.

Due to our extremely high number of students, we ask that adults walking their child remain at the perimeter of the asphalt and/or field.

Kindergarten students are handed off 1:1 to a known adult in their designated area.

## Visitors

All visitors must check in at the office. Due to the number of people in the building, limited visitors will be permitted into the building. Our office administrators, Mrs. DiBartolo, Mrs. Vengopaul, or Ms. Rounce will be able to assist you upon your arrival.

## Agendas

All students in Grade 1-8 will be provided a school agenda free of charge. All K-3 students will be provided a zipper carry pouch (important bag). These will be distributed during the first week of school.



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## Bus loading/unloading

The front of building is the designated bus zone. Vehicles are not permitted in this area.

## Parking Lot

The parking lot is for staff only and will be blocked off throughout the year. If a special circumstance pass is required, please contact the main office. Active transportation (walk/bike) is encouraged.

## Pets on Property

Pets are not permitted on school property during arrival, dismissal and during the school day. Bellmoore is extremely busy, if you still plan on bringing your pet, please keep them with you on the sidewalk and under your immediate care.

## Birthday Celebrations

Cakes, cookies, candies, cupcakes and other confections that are not pre-packaged are not permitted in classrooms for birthday celebrations. As per Ministry Policy, there are designated days allotted for celebrations. Please speak to your child's teacher with any questions.

## Medications and Plan of Care

Please see the attachments and contact your child's teacher with relevant information regarding your child. Any medications administered at school require paperwork to be completed by the doctor. Documentation is available through the main office.

## School Communication

Bellmoore school wide communications include: Bellmoore School Website (subscribe to news feed), School Messenger, X (Twitter), Instagram, and classroom educators.

## HWDSB Cell Phone Policy

**Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8** must have their devices stored out of view and powered off (or on silent mode) **throughout the full instructional day (school day)**, including nutrition breaks unless permitted by the educator.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we begin the 2023/24 School Year!

Sincerely,

Suzana Milinovich, Julia Hayes, Carmine Chiappetta and the Bellmoore Staff



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## School Day

<b>Yard Supervision</b> 9:00 -9:15am
<b>Period 1</b> 9:15-10:15am
<b>Period 2</b> 10:15-10:55am
<b>Nutrition Break 1</b> 10:55-11:35am
<b>Period 3</b> 11:35-12:25pm
<b>Period 4</b> 12:25-1:15pm
<b>Nutrition Break 2</b> 1:15-1:55pm
<b>Period 5</b> 1:55-2:55pm
<b>Period 6</b> 2:55-3:35pm
<b>Yard Supervision</b> 3:35-3:50pm

**\*\*Students not in Umbrella Care are only to be on school property during these supervised times and must leave the premises at dismissal time\*\***