

Birch Grove Primary School Parent Update



November 28, 2022

Dear Families,

[These are dates to note December:](#)

December-

12/7-12:55 dismissal for teacher professional development

12/9-Wear Your PJs to School- see below

12/23-12:55 dismissal for winter break

12/25-1/2- NO SCHOOL FOR WINTER BREAK

Wear your Pajamas to School – December 9, 2022

We are excited to raise money for kids battling cancer at Connecticut Children's! We look forward to joining with other schools and businesses across the state to honor patients who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses.

We hope you will consider making a donation in honor of the young patients who turn to Connecticut Children's for hope.

[Click Here to donate online](#) or bring \$1.00 to school to wear your pajamas to school

Please note: Free meals for all students will end on December 23, 2022. Starting January 3, 2023, all meals will revert to pre-pandemic paid status.

Please use this [link](#) for breakfast and lunch meal prices for students and [free and reduced-price meal application information](#).

Spirit Days [at Birch Grove Primary School](#)

Lost and Found- Please check to see if your child has anything in the lost and found:



Supply List - [click here](#)

Transportation of Students-

Special Transportation Form - [click here](#)

If you require special transportation busing, outside of the routes to school and back home, please see the “Special Transportation” form quicklink on the front page of our website.

Bus Stop Release Form - [click here](#)

First Student Bus Company requires a signed bus stop release form for each student. Please see the quicklink on the front page of our website. Bus routes will be available prior to the start of school on the Tolland Board of Education website.

Parents/guardians who are planning to pick up students at the end of the school day are expected to communicate with the office staff, at the latest 1 hour prior to the end of the school day. Parents are expected to communicate one of these ways: send a note in with their child, call the office at 860-870-6750 or send an email to ebarkus@tolland.k12.ct.us and smcdonald-burns@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Every Day Pick Up Form-

If you are planning to pick up on a consistent basis (daily or a certain day of the week, every week), please complete the Everyday Pickup Form located on the Birch Grove Primary School website under “Quicklinks”, prior to the first day of school with the pick up information. All adults who have permission to pick your child up from school (including parents, if applicable) must be listed. Link: [BGP Student Pickup Form](#)

Bus Route Information- Follow this link to the front page of our website, then click on the blue “Bus Route” for the latest bus route information. [2022 -2023 Bus Routes](#)

Valet Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures - Please follow the link to review the procedure for valet drop off and pick up. **Parents are expected to have identification visible to the BGP staff as they enter the pick area.**

Arrival, Dismissal, Video	Traffic Flow Picture
BGP Drop Off and Pickup Procedures 2022-2023	Family Handbook

School meals (one breakfast & one lunch/day), are available to all students at no cost at the start of the school year.

New Students - If your student is new to the district (all kindergarten students, new first and second graders), please review the attached document on how to sign on to Unified Classroom. Tolland Public Schools uses PowerSchool’s Unified Classroom online parent portal to allow you access to your student’s current grades, attendance, and other

information. Wherever you have online access (home, work, public library, etc.), you can view information on your student.

<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/resources/powerschool/parents>

Google Classroom - All students will receive an invite to the teacher's google classroom page. In your student's email account, there will be a code for your child to have access and join the classroom's page. **Please do not reset passwords for your child's account.**

Click here for additional information. [Family and Student Resources](#)

Here are additional resources for your review:

[Superintendent Bulletin](#)

Please contact our main office with any questions or concerns at 860-870-6750.

Sincerely,

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