



Greetings Bellevue Elementary Families,

**Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!** We hope you enjoyed the summer, and your children are ready and eager to start the new school year! On behalf of the administrative team, we are beyond excited to welcome back all of our families this school year.

First of all, join me in welcoming our new Vice Principal, Jontea Florence. She come to us with 10 plus years of combined academic and supervisory experience. Rest assured that we both have the best interests of your children at heart. We will make sure they are taken care of and educated to the fullest extent. We look forward to working with you all this year.

Our first day of school will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our school start and end times have not changed and will continue to be from 9:15am-3:45pm. Our doors will open at 9:10am for students, and dismissal will begin at 3:45pm. **There will be no early release after 3:15pm.** If you wish to pick up your children early, please call to notify the office and arrive before the 3:15pm cut off time. Please contact the front office with any questions you have about school hours, drop off and pick up times.

Our Welcome Back Event will be held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00pm to 3:00pm. It will be an outdoor carnival style event with food, fun, backpack giveaways, family resources and more. Our Kindergarten Orientation and New Student Orientation. Our Curriculum Night will be on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Stay tuned for more details! We will also be continuing the before school program, which will begin around the mid to end of September and will operate from 7:30am to 9:10am each day. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the start date of the program.

If your family has recently moved, please contact the main office at (315) 435-4520 as soon as possible to ensure that busing and transportation are set up correctly for the beginning of the school year. It is extremely important that we always have current contact information on for each student. Also, if you have a need for your child to be bused to and/or from a different address than the home address on file, then a new Child Care Request form must be filled out every school year. Please have the new form filled out and into our main office as soon as possible. We want to ensure busing is set up before the first day of school.

An additional letter will be mailed out shortly with more information specific to individual student schedules, teacher assignments, arrival, and dismissal procedures. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through the beginning of the school year. As always, please reach out to the school if you have any questions. We will see you for our first day of school on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 am. We are so excited to see our Bellevue Bees for the 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely,

*Lessie M. Williams*

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Principal