

# Bear Family Newsletter-August

## Important Upcoming Dates

- August 22nd- Open House 3:00-5:00 pm
- August 26th- First Day of School
- August 26th- Staggered Entry Kinder Last Names (A-F)
- August 27th- Staggered Entry Kinder Last Names (G-L)
- August 28th- Staggered Entry Kinder Last Names (M-S)
- August 29th-Staggered Entry Kinder Last Names (T-Z)
- August 30th-Kindergarten Open House 8:00-10:00
- September 2nd- Labor Day- No School
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## PTA/Volunteering:

We need your help! Complete the volunteer form for Cumberland County Schools at <https://www.ccsvolunteers.com/>

If you completed this form last year or served with PTA, the form needs to be completed each year. Thank you for your continued support!

We are looking for "Room Parents" this year. We are hoping to have one or two parents for each classroom teacher. This parent may help support with lunch duty, reading groups, and more. Fill out the [Google Form](#) if you are interested.

[Staff Amazon Wishlists](#)- Consider helping a teacher :)

## Art:

Hi, My name is Kimberly Bakhakh your art Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year. I'm excited to introduce 3D printing this year to all grade levels (more information to follow). Let the adventure begin World Class Artist! Be sure to check the newsletter and Class Dojo through the year for updates and information.

## Media:

Hello, my name is Mrs. Lewis and I am your library teacher for this school year. I'm excited for this school year and all that you will be learning during your media resource. Not only will we learn how to navigate the library and find information, we will also learn through creating with STEM and our makerspace. Don't forget to read each night at home! I'll see you soon!

## Music:

Hello, my name is Ms. Florit and I will be your music teacher for this school year. Music is one of the best things we can do to express ourselves. That's why we are really excited to start this school year singing new songs and learning how to take care of the different instruments we have in the music room. We'll learn a lot and while we have a lot of fun!

## PE:

I am ecstatic to be Physically Educating our students this year. This is year 5 of education for me, and my second year at Baldwin! We had a phenomenal year last year, learning a lot of concepts, having a lot of fun, and ending the year with an exceptional field day. This year we will be developing our motor skills, movement patterns, communication, teamwork, movement concepts, health-related fitness, and our personal/social responsibility through games, activities, lessons, and physical activities. I am excited to continue a successful PE program here and continue to help students develop an appreciation for Physical Education. I am excited for a great year and I hope our students, staff, and community are as pumped as I am.

### **Kindergarten:**

Welcome to Kindergarten!!! We will follow the posted staggered schedule for the first week of school. Where we will get to know each student and go over ABC's, 123's, shapes, and colors. We look forward to meeting all families at our Kindergarten Open House Aug, 30, 8-10am. All of Kindergarten students first day with their classes is Sept. 3.

### **PreK:**

Welcome Pre-K Families! We are so excited for the school year .We can't wait to meet you all! The Parent Meeting for Prek will be held Aug.19th ,1pm.We will conduct home visits Aug. 19th-22nd. The first two days of school will be staggered entry for Pre-k ,Aug 28th all students will attend. We are look forward to a great year!

### **Second Grade:**

Welcome to Second Grade! We are beyond excited about "Exploring the Galaxy of Learning" with you this school year. We cannot wait to meet you all at Open House. You are also more than welcome to bring your school supplies to Open House. Here's to an amazing school year that will soar beyond the stars!!!

### **First Grade:**

Welcome first graders and families! We are over the moon to meet you all at Open House! You are more than welcome to go ahead and bring your school supplies. We know this year is going to be out of this world! We hope you have had an amazing summer and are ready to work hard and have the best year!

### **Third Grade:**

Welcome to third grade! We are so excited for the new school year and we are looking forward to partnering with your family. Here are a few important things to know as we start the school year. Please make sure you sign up for class dojo, and make sure that your child's teacher has all of your updated contact information. If you are not attending open house please reach out to your child's teacher to let them know how your child is getting home on the first day of school and for the school year. We look forward to taking this journey of learning together through third grade this year!

### **Monthly Mental Health Tip:**

Take 30 minutes to go for a walk in nature - it could be a stroll around your neighborhood, or through a park. Research shows that being in nature can increase energy levels, reduce depression and boost well-being.

### **Fifth Grade:**

Join us as we BLAST into a new learning adventure in 5th grade! We are excited to meet all of our new students and guide them as they finish their last year, in elementary school, strong. Together, we hope to create a community of eager learners and prepare students for middle school. We know with the support from home, we can work together to make this year successful. We look forward to meeting you at open house. Your 5th grade team- Mrs. Champagne, Ms. Griffin, Mrs. Hawks, and Ms. Smajdek

### **Fourth Grade:**

Welcome to the new school year, families of Fourth Grade! We are excited to see everyone at the Open House. We can't wait for your child to join us for an amazing year filled with development and learning. We're thrilled about a fantastic year of experiences, knowledge, and memories. We are grateful that you have trusted us with your child's education. Let's have a tremendous year in fourth grade!