



BANNOCKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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August 2020

Dear Bannockburn Families:

Welcome back! We are so excited to see our students bright eyes and beautiful smiles online as we begin the school year in a virtual online learning community. No one wants to start the new school year online but, together we will do right by our students by creating a welcoming environment where every student will thrive.

The first day of school is Monday, August 31, 2020. Our virtual school hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Please see a more detailed schedule below. Bannockburn ES school office hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please be sure to welcome our new Attendance Secretary, Mrs. Lakisha Morris. Please contact Mrs. Morris at lakisha_s_morris@mcpsmd.org for student attendance and registration matters. We are so happy to have Mrs. Morris on our Team.

On or before 4:00 pm on Tuesday August 25, 2020, you will receive a virtual postcard from your child's homeroom teacher. Our **Virtual Sneak-a-Peek Open House will be online, Thursday, August 27, 2019.** We will have two grade levels at a time. Please see the specific grade level times below. Your child's teacher will list the Zoom log-in on the virtual postcard. Students need to log into Zoom from their mcps.net account. We invite all of you to join the Zoom visit to give you and your child an opportunity to visit your child's virtual classroom, meet your child's new teacher, and their new classmates. **Kindergarten parents** are invited to a Zoom Parent Information meeting at 12:00 p.m. immediately prior to the kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek. This meeting is for parents only.

On Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 6:30 pm. we will hold a Parent Information Webinar on Zoom for all parents; whether you are returning, new, or kindergarten parents. We extend a huge Bobcat welcome to our new families. We want your transition to the Bannockburn community, especially in this virtual environment, to be a positive and meaningful experience. New families, please consider joining the PTA to connect with Bannockburn families and stay engaged.

ParentVue Activation

Parents will be sent, directly from MCPS, information for the new Synergy Platform for ParentVue. It is important that you check your information and carefully make any needed updates or changes. The information in your ParentVue is what we use to communicate with you.

BANNOCKBURN ELEMENTARY 2020 – 2021 ONLINE SCHEDULE DRAFT

School Day Hours: 9:00 am – 3:15 pm

M, T, Th, F Morning Session 9:00 – 11:30 am

M, T, Th, F Afternoon Session 1:00 – 3:15 pm

Wednesday Morning Session 9:00 – 11:30 am

Wednesday Afternoon Session 1:00 – 3:15 No live classroom instruction, small groups as needed

Monday - Friday 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Universal Lunch/Wellness

Complete schedules will be shared after the BOE approves the MCPS draft on August 25, 2020.

Important 2020 Fall Dates

- **Sunday, August 23**, MCPS will be sending, via Connect-ed, ParentVue information to all parents and log-in information with student ID#s to new students and kindergarten students.
- **Tuesday, August 25**, Board of Education (BOE) approve first semester online schedule.
- **Tuesday, August 25, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Additional Distribution Day** for Chromebooks and Instructional Materials
- **Tuesday, August 25**, Bannockburn Teachers send, via email, a virtual postcard welcoming their new students.
- **Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m., Parent Information Webinar for all parents**, returning and new, are welcome to join Dr. Zaks and me for the most updated information.
- **Thursday, August 27, 12:00 - 12:45 pm Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting.**
- **Thursday, August 27, Classroom Virtual Sneak-a-Peeks** Zoom log-in will be sent to parents in the virtual postcards from homeroom teachers. Please be sure to log students on using their mcpsmd.net account.
 - ❖ **1:00 – 1:40 Kindergarten & 5th Grade**
 - ❖ **2:00 – 2:40 1st Grade & 4th Grade**
 - ❖ **3:00 – 3:40 2nd Grade & 3rd Grade**
- **Friday, August 28, 9:00 am – 12 pm Additional Distribution Day** for Chromebooks and Instructional Materials.
- **Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 pm Virtual Back to School Night (BTSN)**

Grade Level Teachers for 2020-2021

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
Ms. Katherine Albert	Ms. Shannon Baarman	Ms. Donna Bardin
Ms. Amanda Holder	Ms. Nicole Hammond	Ms. Sarah Kershner
Ms. Nicole Miller	Ms. Lauren Rardin	Ms. Julie Shombert/Ms. Amy Patton
	Ms. Stacy Siegal	

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Ms. Carly Fox	Mr. Greg Leyva	Ms. Grace Heim
Ms. Colleen McCawley	Ms. Diana Nam	Ms. Sarah Killory
Ms. Jardine Walsh	Ms. Caroline Snelson	Ms. Michaele Rea

On behalf of the entire Bannockburn staff, we are ready to work together to create a meaningful, engaging, and fun virtual learning experience for our students. Nothing about starting a school year online is easy, but, that will not hinder our dedication and commitment to your children’s academic and social emotional well-being. We are ready and will continue to build our capacity to meet this unprecedented challenge. Your support and flexibility are greatly appreciated as we navigate new technology and instructional strategies to meet the needs of our students. The Bannockburn Team looks forward to partnering with you to create a successful and memorable elementary school experience, whether it be online or in-person. Thank you for entrusting your children to us.

Sincerely,

Kate Bradley
Principal

Sweta Zaks
Assistant Principal