



August 30, 2024

Dear M.V. Beattie families,

Return to School: September 4th (early dismissal gr. 1-6) 8:07am – 11:06 am. *Kindergarten classes begin their “gradual entry program” on Thursday Sept. 5th. Kindergarten parents should have received a schedule earlier this week. If you haven’t received an email for your Kindergartener – please call the school.

School Supplies

We are continuing the practice of purchasing school supplies for every division, so once again we have each of our classrooms (K-6) supplied with everything that your child will need (aside from shoes and backpacks). There is a \$35 fee that covers the cost – which also means that you won’t have to hit Walmart and other supply stores!

School Class Lists

We are no longer allowed to post class lists in public places, so **our team will be contacting families prior to Monday Sept. 9th to welcome children into their new classes. We are hopeful that students will attend their 2024-25 class on Sept. 9th.**

What happens when a child becomes ill at school?

We will follow our past practice of moving the child to the “sick room” in the office, and call home to have someone come and pick up the child. *Children who become ill at school will NOT be able to ride the bus home.* Both adults and children should not attend school until they are symptom free. Staff who become ill will immediately need to go home, and will follow the same procedure. *We also know that some students may have different “baselines” – so, if your child has always had a “chronic cough” during the winter months, we wouldn’t expect to treat it as if it were a COVID symptom. We need to trust each other to react appropriately to these signs. The last few years has taught us about the importance of community! The awareness of only attending school when we are healthy protects our community. Wild Cat Nation is thankful that our families and staff remain consistent staying home when sick.

Drop Off/Pick Ups

We ask for your support in safe arrival. Please watch posted speed limits and look for excited Wild Cats! Students should arrive close to the bell and leave/be picked up shortly after dismissal.

Breakfast/Lunch Programs

We will continue to provide snack and lunches for those in need. It would be helpful if families can let us know if a child will be needing a lunch – though we will always make more to cover our bases if someone shows up empty handed. Please reach out to me, it is our goal to ensure M.V.B. students have stigma free access to good food. ❤️

Recess/Lunch Times

Students continue to be discouraged from sharing or trading food or personal supplies of any kind. Thank you for keeping the candy at home.

Parent Volunteers/Meetings

At M.V. Beattie, we have been very fortunate to have many parent and community volunteers. Think about joining the P.A.C. and be sure to find them on Facebook. First P.A.C. meeting is September 16th 5:00 in the N.O.L. room.

Donations

We are looking for hockey sticks and good quality running shoes.

Lastly, we are fortunate to have a great team who will always go out of their way to create a great learning environment, and we will continue to bring our positive attitude and optimistic outlook. We are excited to embark on a new year of learning, growing and laughing. Wildcat Pride is alive and well! Please remember that my door is always open. I look forward to working alongside you in your child's education.

Regards,

Mishel Quaal

Principal