



HAILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FAMILYHANDBOOK
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GENERAL INFORMATION

District Philosophy

Mission

The mission of Blaine County School District is to inspire, engage, educate and empower every student.

Values

Balancing rigorous, evidence-based instruction with an environment of collaboration, compassion, humility and inclusion to help every student succeed at the highest level.

School Philosophy

Mission

It is our goal that your child feels safe, supported, engaged, challenged and prepared, as a whole child, with the skills and character to achieve and be successful in school, career, college, and community.

Moto

Be safe, be kind and be responsible.

Grades: Pre-Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Mascot: Comets





Contact Information

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OUR SCHOOL

We think of Hailey Elementary as the “Heart of Hailey”. Our school welcomes every child and member of our community with an open heart and a big helping of LOVE.

We invite families to be actively involved in their child's education and feel welcome, supported, safe and valued. Together, we can help your child discover and develop to their fullest potential. We want school to be a positive experience for all students. One way to be more actively engaged is to join our POP Squad (Parents on the Playground) or read our monthly parent “Comet Tale” Newsletter.

Academic Achievement

Homework

Minimal homework is required in elementary school. Your child will be expected to read nightly and may occasionally bring home a small amount of homework. If your child is not reading yet we would like you to read to them at home as much as possible. We encourage you to read to your child in any language—especially your primary home language.

Grading

The grading system at Hailey Elementary School is in accordance with the District Policy 684: Grading and Reporting. Final grades are recorded at the end of each trimester. Wherein letter grades are earned at fourth and fifth grades, achievement is measured using a performance rubric for preschool through third grade.

The school district provides a web-based service that allows parents and authorized family members to view attendance records, schedules, discipline issues, grades, assignments, and progress reports in PowerSchool.

Outdoor Education & Community Partnerships

Outdoor education and our community partnerships are highly valued at BellevueHailey Elementary School. We incorporate the outdoors as much as possible. 5th graders go on a 2-night camping trip to the [Idaho BASE Camp](#), 4th graders participate in Wagon’s Ho. All students in 3rd-5th grade participate in our Winter program by skiing, Nordic skiing or ice skating at the Sun Valley or Campion Ice House ice rink.

Our school works closely with other community organizations such as the Hunger Coalition, Hailey Public Library, Latinos in Action (WRHS), The Sage School, Wood River Land Trust, Environmental Resource Center to provide enrichment opportunities for our students.



School Hours

7:55am	Warning bell rings
8:00am	Morning preschool and K-5 school begins
10:50am	Morning preschool dismisses
11:40am	Afternoon preschool begins
2:30pm	Afternoon preschool and K-5 school dismisses
1:??	Early Dismissal on Wednesdays



If your child is ill or absent, parents are expected to call the office in the morning to report and excuse their absence.

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children anytime. Please check with the office to find out what time your child eats lunch before coming in and check in at the office when you arrive. Fall and Spring are especially nice times to come eat with your child, we sit outside in the bright sunshine. We also have Lunch Buddies that join us to eat with our students.

Drop Off & Pick Up

When arriving in the morning, students are to go directly south of the school to the playground or to breakfast in the cafeteria. Students should not arrive before 7:30am, as we do not have supervision on the school campus until that time.

Classrooms have been assigned a spot outside for kids to meet. When the 7:55 bell rings, students should go directly to their green dot on the playground.

Expected Behavior

At Hailey Elementary School, students are expected to follow The Comet Way: Be Kind, Safe and Responsible (KSR). Students who demonstrate difficulty following The Comet Way will be removed from the situation and complete a problem solving form with Mrs. Olsen in the RTC to encourage positive behavior.



The expectations are taught and practiced at the beginning of each school year by all staff during our "Comet Cruise" Expectation days. Throughout the year we continue to practice and reteach the expectations. Students who go above and beyond our expectations are recognized at a monthly assembly called the Meteor Monday Assembly. We give our Comets of the Week Awards, our month character traits awards, have a staff Minute to Win It Challenge and sing our school song. Teachers and staff hand out tokens and Comet Tails to students who are showing the Comet Way on a daily basis. These are collected for a schoolwide reward.



One way to help keep students regulated at school is through the support of our Comet Crew (coming soon in late Spring 2023). Our Comet Crew consists of two special therapy dogs, Bernie and Oscar. They will join us daily for an allotted amount of time with their handlers. They will be utilized in a variety of ways, from visiting classrooms to being reading buddies to helping calm students who are having a rough day.

Parent Teacher Association

We encourage all parents and staff to become actively involved in Hailey Elementary School and their children's education. Hailey Elementary has a Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) which has been very beneficial to our school. The PTA is made up of caring parents who support our school teachers, staff and kids. The PTA organizes events, purchases materials, and promotes communication between the school and parents. Events and purchases the PTA have sponsored include:

- WagonsHo! (4th grade)
- Ski Week (3rd through 5th grades)
- Family nights
- Jog-a-thon
- Bingo nights
- Welcome Back Event
- Spirit wear
- Library books
- Teacher grants
- Classroom snacks and supplies
- Playground equipment
- And more!

For more information, please email HaileyPTA@gmail.com.

