



August 19, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Bellevue Elementary School. We are expecting a terrific year ahead! Below are a few pieces of information for you to start the school year with:

*Planner -*

- Your child will be using a spiral-bound planner as a means of organization and communication. Please review and sign this planner *each day* for homework or reminders of upcoming information. Students' homework folder (yellow pocket folder) is placed in the planner and holds work needed to be completed. Your signature/initials in the planner space confirm that you oversaw homework completion or read reminders.

Is there a significant amount of homework in my 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom? Not typically; however, what I do encourage for continued growth is:

- Reading library book (20 minutes minimum). This can be done independently and/or with you or other family member.
- Practicing math facts (+, -, x, ÷) (10-15 min.). Flash cards or online sites (see my web site for links) are great ways to practice. Completing any assigned homework.
- Practicing words on weekly spelling list

*Snack -*

- I encourage students to bring a small, healthy snack to eat such as sliced fruits, vegetables, cheese, or whole grain snacks (no chips or desserts nor is there time to peel oranges or eat a whole apple). There is only 5 minutes for Snack, so think healthy but quick!

See district policy in regard to wellness and nutrition at

[http://www.blaineschools.org/files/\\_0GFD1\\_/58867cd7d5fc5db53745a49013852ec4/POLICY\\_602.10.pdf](http://www.blaineschools.org/files/_0GFD1_/58867cd7d5fc5db53745a49013852ec4/POLICY_602.10.pdf)

To adhere to this policy, I prefer to celebrate birthdays with a food that is not a sweet treat. Thank you for your creativity if you choose to bring a birthday snack to share with the class!

*Lunch and Recess -*

4<sup>th</sup> graders begin lunch at 11:<sup>30</sup>am, go to recess when sufficient lunch is eaten, and then picked up by me on the playground at 12:<sup>10</sup> to return to class. There is a 15-min. afternoon recess as well.

*Upcoming Dates -*

- Our first field trip, Wagons Ho, is Friday, September 6. Forms will be sent home soon for permission to attend as well as chaperoning opportunity.
- Picture Day Thursday, September 26

Our door is always open for a visit or volunteering. I truly am looking forward to working with your child this school year. I will be communicating through a weekly email, and anything classroom related – news, calendar events, downloadable assignments, what's-to-be-taught each week is posted to my web site which I encourage you to visit often. Link to my page at <https://www.blaineschools.org/Domain/408>

Also visit my Skyward online grade book! If you're not already signed up for Family Access, see Kelly in the office. *Link to Skyward through [www.blaineschools.org](http://www.blaineschools.org).*

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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