

1-13-2023 BES Weekly Update

Hello Parents and Guardians!

Here are a couple of updates for Belmont Elementary School ...

1. No School 1/16 and 1/27 - Please remember that we will not have school on Monday, 1/16 due to the holiday, or on Friday, 1/27, which is a teacher workshop day.

2. Update on the Addition - The two-classroom addition is almost complete. I am so happy that we are fortunate enough to regain space for special education and Title I interventions that was lost when we moved to full-day kindergarten in 2015. We hope to be able to move into the classrooms on Friday, 1/27, and begin using them with students on Monday, 1/30. The Pre-K classroom will be moving to one of these new classrooms, which are equipped with bathrooms. I will send out additional information regarding changes to pick up and drop off once we are certain we will have access to the new area. Please continue with the current plans until you hear from me. Some of our special education teachers will be moving to the other new classroom, and our Title I team will be moving into the current Pre-K classroom.

3. Remote Learning Days - Hopefully, you all had the opportunity to read Superintendent Tursi's email regarding school cancellations this winter (sent Tuesday, 1/10). He now has the option to call a remote learning day or a traditional snow day, if we have to cancel school for inclement weather. Please see our remote learning schedule for Belmont Elementary School below. Students in grades 1-4 will be able to bring their Chromebooks home with them to log on to sessions with their teachers. Although kindergarten students do not have individual Chromebooks, they will have the opportunity to log on to sessions with their teacher from a home computer as well. Pre-K students will access their activities through See Saw. Additional information on how to access online sessions and other resources will be forthcoming from classroom teachers, and all teachers will be available via email until 3pm on remote learning days to answer any questions you may have.

BES Schedule:

9am Each teacher in grades K-4 will host a morning meeting online. This time should also include a review of the work that students should be completing for the day.

10am Teachers in grades K-4 will host an ELA (reading/writing) session online.

11am Teachers in grades K-4 will host a math session online.

Specialists will provide a choice board to the classroom teachers to share, so students can select an activity for the special they are scheduled to attend in school that day.

12pm Lunch Time

1pm Students will need to complete any work assigned earlier in the day. Teachers will remain available via email, but they will also be meeting with their teams online.

If you have any questions about the general schedule, please feel free to reach out to me. Teachers will be sending additional information home with students prior to the first remote learning day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

- Ben Hill