

Hello Parents and Guardians!

Here are a few updates from Belmont Elementary School.

**1. Last Day of School for Pre-K and K** - Monday, June 19th, will be the last day of school for Pre-K and K students. Miss Melissa will be sending information home about the Promotion Celebration for 4-year-olds soon. Kindergarten teachers will be screening incoming kindergarten students who will be starting at BES in the fall on 6/20 and 6/21.

**2. Last Day of School for Grades 1-4** - The last day of school for students in grades 1-4 will be Thursday, 6/22. We will follow an early dismissal schedule on this day, beginning at 12:30pm.

**3. Grade 4 Promotion Celebration** - The Grade 4 Promotion Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th at Belmont Elementary School at 6pm. The ceremony will be held outside on the field, weather permitting. All students will continue to be in school through Thursday, 6/22.

**4. Class Assignments for Next Year** - Each spring, we work through the process of assigning students to classrooms for the following year. That process is complicated and considers many variables to help us place students. Please know that the team of people working on the process includes classroom teachers, school counselors, special education teachers, specialists, and others ... all of the people who know how our students feel and perform while at school. There are a handful of parents each year that wish to provide input regarding what you believe your student needs. Although we do not take requests for specific teachers, I welcome you to send me an email at [bhill@sau80.org](mailto:bhill@sau80.org) with the subject "STUDENT NEEDS" by Friday, May 5th with your thoughts on what your student needs in a classroom and/or teacher. I will communicate your input to the team during the assignment process. Thank you!

**5. Tigers on a Hike** - Our Tigers on a Hike program for students in grade 4 will begin in late May, with the first hike scheduled for June 1st. Permission slips will be sent home soon, but here are the tentative dates for hikes:

1. Hike 1 - 6/1 Rain Date 6/2
2. Hike 2 - 6/6 Rain Date 6/8
3. Hike 3 - 6/12 Rain Date 6/14.

**6. NH-SAS (State Testing)** - Grade 3 will be participating in the NH-SAS (New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System) during the week of May 15th, while grade 4 will be participating in the NH-SAS during the week of May 22nd. Students will complete assessments on Tuesday through Thursday during these respective weeks, in order to avoid lengthy days of testing. Please make plans to have students get to bed early and eat a healthy breakfast on assessment days, so they are prepared to do their best. The data from the assessments will be used by teachers to better understand student needs, and it will also be sent home to families. Although

I encourage all students to participate in these assessments, if you wish to opt out, please email me at [bhill@sau80.org](mailto:bhill@sau80.org) with the subject "OPT OUT" and let me know that you do not want your child to participate.

Happy Spring! Have a wonderful week, everyone!

- Ben Hill