

Welcome to Burr Elementary School!

Home of the Polar Bears!



Please welcome...

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PTA President

<http://www.burrpta.org>

Please welcome...

Rosanne Young

Kids Care Director

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Ten Things To Know Before the School Year Begins

1. Infinite Campus (IC)

- A lot of school communication is through IC.
- You need an activation code to set up an account. You can get this through the main office.
- On the Fairfield Public Schools website there is a link under Parent Resources for Infinite Campus.
- Include e-mail and text as contact preferences.

2. School Hours

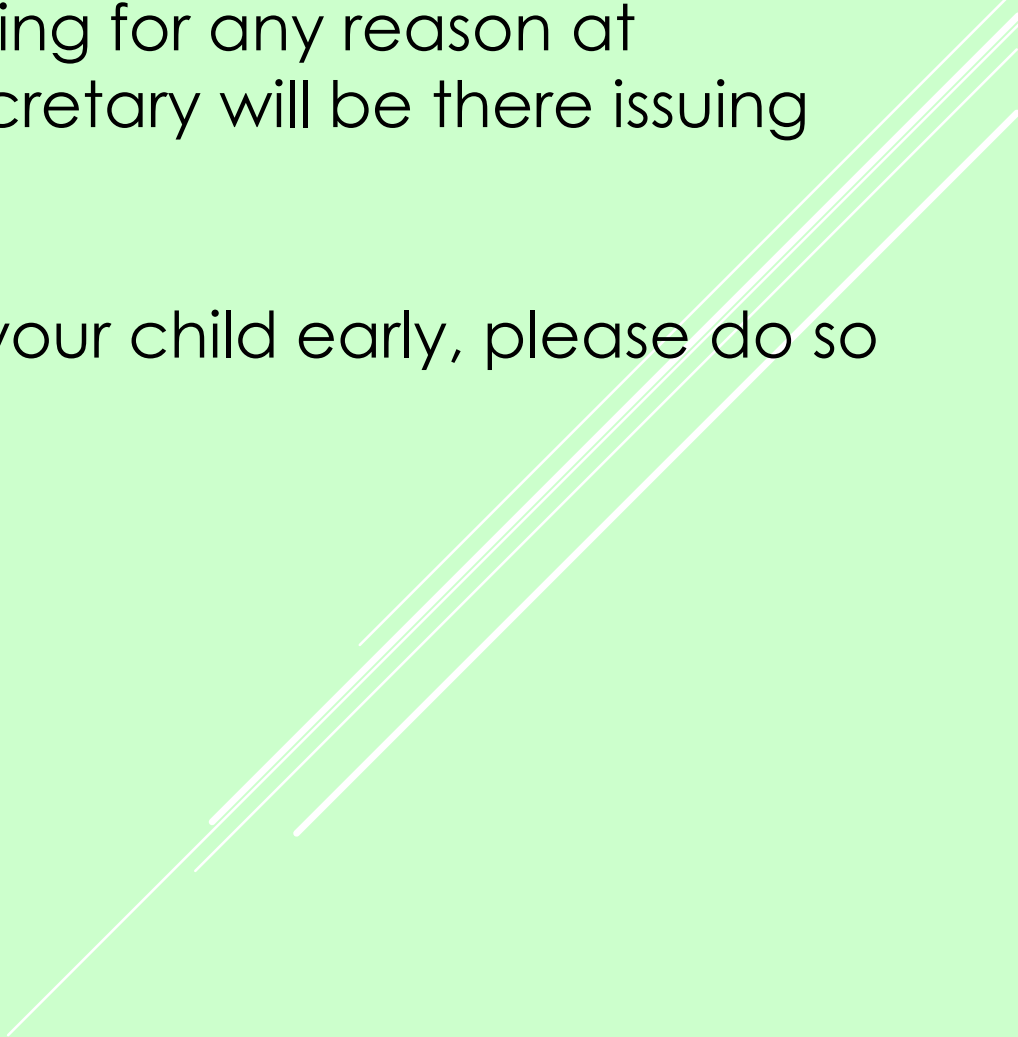
- School hours are 8:55-3:30.
- The doors open to students at 8:45.
- Dismissal begins at 3:25.
- After 8:55 is considered tardy.
- Shortened days end at 1:40. Lunch is served on these days. Check the district calendar for shortened days. We typically send out reminders as well.
- A-E schedule for specials (not Monday-Friday). See calendar on website.

3. Arrival

- The building is open to students at 8:45.
- Students can be driven to school or take the bus.
- Parent drop off is in the front of the school (left.)
- Bus drop off is in the back of the school (right.)
- If dropping your children at school, please pull up to the drop off area and follow the directions of the staff members in charge.
- If you are visiting Burr, please enter the building after 9:00 and report to the front office desk.

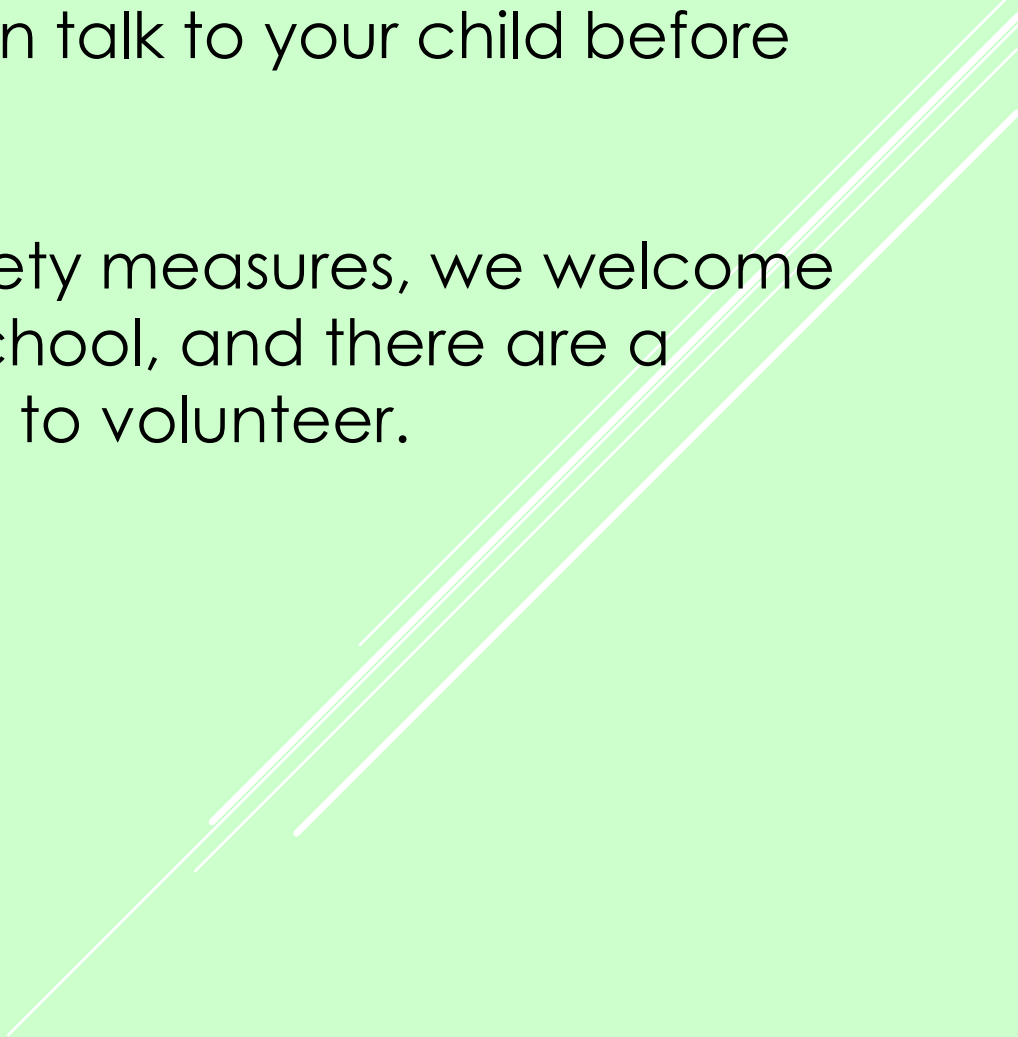
4. Dismissal

- Students can be picked up or take the bus home.
- Pick ups occur in the cafeteria beginning at 3:25. Park your car in the back of the building and enter the cafeteria beginning at that time.
- If you (or your designee) are picking up your child, please write a note to the classroom teacher. We discourage e-mails or calls to teachers during the school day. If you have a last minute change of plans, please call the main office.
- If you (or your designee) will be picking up your child on a regular basis, please put that in a note to your child's classroom teacher, and we can issue your child a permanent pick up pass.

- There are adult staff members in the cafeteria checking notes and monitoring dismissal. If you need to enter the building for any reason at dismissal, the school secretary will be there issuing guest badges.
 - If you need to pick up your child early, please do so before 3:00.
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5. Safety

- Burr School is locked between 9:00 and 3:25.
- There is an electronic buzzer system in the front of the building. Please buzz in before entering the building. Office secretaries will ask you why you are visiting Burr.
- Once you enter the building, please report directly to the front office. You will need to sign in and will be issued a visitor badge.
- There is an Oops Cart in the front of the building for any items that your child might have forgotten.

- We practice lockdowns 3 times per year. They are announced, so you can talk to your child before each lockdown.
 - Despite all of these safety measures, we welcome your presence in our school, and there are a variety of opportunities to volunteer.
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6. Cafeteria / Food

- Students have the option of buying lunch everyday or bringing a lunch.
- Lunch is served on early dismissal days.
- If your child is buying lunch, we recommend you set up an electronic account through food services. The link is located on the Fairfield Public Schools website under Parent Resources.

<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/default.aspx>

- Fairfield has a new food allergy policy. Students should come to school with a nut free snack. No food is allowed for birthday celebrations.

7. Bus Transportation

- Your child's bus number can be accessed through Infinite Campus.
- Bus routes will be listed on the Fairfield Public Schools website.
- Burr uses IC to communicate with parents when a bus is delayed or there is an issue.

8. Communication

- *Burr Basics* – the 2015-2016 family handbook will be attached to the school website and sent through IC – most likely next week.
- Burr Buzz – PTA
- Burr Website <http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/burr/> - Includes teacher pages.
- Burr PTA Website
- Infinite Campus – District, school and class portals
- Monthly school newsletters

- E-mail jbluestein@fairfieldschools.org
- Burr main phone number 203-255-7385
- Burr nurse phone number 203- 255-7389
- Burr Cares Postcards
- Teachers communicate in a variety of ways including through class newsletters, phone calls, e-mail, Twitter, and their individual websites (which are connected to Burr's website.)

9. Important Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, September 2– Kindergarten Warm Up at 10:00
- Thursday, September 3 – First Day of School
- Thursday, September 3– 9:15 – Tears and Cheers in Cafeteria
- Thursday, September 10– 4:00 - Ice Cream Social
- September – Picture Day
- Wednesday, September 16 – Open House 6:30 PM

10. Get Involved!

- Volunteer in classrooms (math facts, writer's workshop, field trips, classroom coordinators.)
- Volunteer in the library. Judy Salemmme is Burr's library media specialist.
- Serve on PTA committees.
- Look for Watchdogs.
- Serve on School Improvement Committees – (School Climate Team, safety Committee)
- Attend PTA events – including Principal's coffees and parent book club.

Questions???



And Now Let's Take a Tour...