

Belington Elementary 471 Morgantown Pike, Belington, WV 304-823-1411

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Mission: ALL students will "EXCEL" academically, emotionally and socially.

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE: Welcome to 2023-2024 school year at Belington Elementary School! We are excited about the learning opportunities waiting for our students. BES staff members have been working hard through the summer to make certain that we have everything ready for our students to have the best year ever. We welcome and encourage parent involvement. We are proud of our students and staff at BES and look forward to embracing the challenges of the new school year.

ATTENDANCE: School attendance is critical for student success. Research shows that children who attend school regularly have a higher school success rate. When your child has missed 5 unexcused absences they will be referred to the county attendance director. **10 TARDYS** will be equal to one absence. If your child has to be out of school send an excuse upon their return. **Make up work:** Students, who miss for any reason, are required to make up missed assignments. Make up work needs to be completed within two days of returning to school.

EDUCATIONAL leave has changed please refer to county Website for more information.

Student drop off 7:00-7:30-- --double doors (15) on the side of building. After 7:30 all students will need to be signed in at the front office (back doors will be locked) **Student Pick up 3:00-----** Double doors on the side of the building. On two hour delays students are to be dropped off at door 15 from 9:00-9:30 and picked up at 3:00.

HARASSMENT: Harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Any discrimination on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap will not be tolerated. (A complete copy of harassment policy 2300 is available on the Barbour County Website (<http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools>) or you may request a hard copy from the office)

STUDENT EXPECTED BEHAVIORS IN SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS Policy (8400) (4373) Standard highlights are:

- Standard 1—Self awareness and self management
- Standard 2—Social awareness and interpersonal skills
- Standard 3—Decision making and responsible behaviors
- The code may be read in full at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschool/ElectronicManual4373New.html>

Highly qualified teachers: Schools who receive Title one funds must inform parents if their child is assigned a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks that is not yet "highly qualified" under the terms and criteria outlined in the NCLB Act.

Visitors: Even though there are some scheduled and invited times, parents are welcome to visit anytime. If you wish to have a conference with any staff member please call to make an appointment. Planning in advance helps prevent disruption to the classroom. After the beginning of the day the doors will be locked and you will need to be buzzed into the front office, sign in and obtain a visitors pass.

STUDENTS and the media: At BES we are proud of our students and all of their accomplishments and we sometimes like to share news of these accomplishments through newspapers, website, television and other publications. If you DO NOT wish to have your child's accomplishments made available to the media, please inform the school in writing so that we may have that on record.

PESTICIDE application notification: BES adheres to an integrated Pest Management plan in accordance with Title 61, series 121 rule of the WV Department of Agriculture. If you want to be notified when pesticides are used please notify office in writing of your request. **ASBESTOS management plan:** In October 1986 Congress enacted the Asbestos hazard Emergency Response Act. Under this law, each elementary and secondary school is required to inspect and develop an Asbestos plan and it is available for review on the County Website <http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools>.

GRADING: The purpose of the student grading system policy is to communicate student progress in meeting the West Virginia & Barbour County Schools' Content Standards and Objectives.

PK-K

Above Mastery = 90 - 100

Mastery = 80 - 89

Partial Mastery = 65 - 79

Novice = 64 - 0

1-4

A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 59 - 0

CELL PHONES: During the instructional day (before starting time and after dismissal time) cell phones and electronic signaling devices must be in a locker, backpack or purse, hidden from view and turned off. Any cell phone or other electronic signaling device that is visible is considered in use and will be subject to confiscation by the school administration. Any cell phone or other signaling device that rings or vibrates at a prohibited time or location is considered in use and will be subject to confiscation by the school administration.

BELINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be free from bullying, harassment and intimidation of any kind. (A copy of the complete policy (8420) is available on the Barbour County Schools website <http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools> or can be obtained by notifying the office)

TRANSPORTATION: If a student is to ride a bus other than their usual bus they must have a bus note. Parents need to make these arrangements prior to students coming to school. If there is an EMERGENCY the secretary will take a message for bus changes (please keep these to a minimum).

CAFETERIA: Lunch and breakfast are served each day in the school cafeteria. Menus are sent home at the beginning of the month. Meals are billed on a monthly basis and prompt payment is appreciated. If a lunch bill would go unpaid your child may be excluded from graduation activities.

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS: Assignment books are provided for each student at the beginning of the year. These are to be used as a communication tool between teachers and students and their parents. Assignment books should be checked daily/regularly by **parents and teachers**.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: At BES we are committed to open and clear communication. All parents are given the opportunity to participate in their child's education and strongly encouraged to do so. These are a few of the opportunities: Parent-Teacher conferences, PTA (Parent-Teacher Association), LSIC (Local School Improvement Committee), Parent Volunteer, Parent Workshops, Assignment Book communication.

CURRICULUM: Students at BES are taught using West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives appropriate for the grade level to which the student is assigned. There is emphasis on reading and math with social studies, science, the arts and physical education playing significant roles. Student progress is assessed using WV summative assessment (3-4), Running records, Phonic quick screen, Spelling inventories and informal math assessments. Results are sent home when they are available.

Other policies related to BES can be found on our county site <http://www.wvschools.com/barbourcountyschools>. They include multicultural policy 7500, Technology policy 7500 (acceptable use), Search and seizure policy 8510, Communicable disease policy 8700 and Medication Administration policy 8710, Procedures for collection maintenance and disclosure of student data (ferpa) policy 8900, Title one parent involvement policy 9100, Citizens appeals policy 9200, Visitors to the schools policy 9600. Parent's right to know teacher qualification. These policies are available on our website or if you request a hard copy please let the Belington Elementary School know and we will gladly print you a hard copy.