



Birch Grove Primary School



Mr. Swanson says.....

September 2018

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! The first week of school was filled with excitement from students, parents, and all the staff here at Birch Grove. I am very excited to be your principal and I am looking forward to a very successful and positive school year!

Here are a few school reminders that are very important for you to review and become familiar with as your child begins the school year.

Student Handbook

The 2018 -2019 handbook can be found on the Birch Grove Website at <http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/> If you are unable to access the website please call the office at 860-870-6750 and we will provide a hard copy for you.

Digital Backpack

To help eliminate the endless supply of notices that are sent home each week, we will use the Digital Backpack System. Notices from our school will be placed on the Digital Backpack and the BGP link to the Digital Backpack will be sent to the home/work e-mail of all BGP students through the Superintendent Bulletin every Monday.

Office Reminders

PLEASE send in a note if you are picking up your child at the end of the day. Calling and interrupting classrooms is disruptive to the learning process.

During arrival and dismissal times please walk with your child **on** the sidewalks and **in** the crosswalks. Cars need to stop and do not pass the bus when the red lights are flashing **even in our parking area**.

School starts at **8:50 a.m.** and the doors open for students at **8:30 a.m.** If you arrive before 8:30 a.m., please wait with your child in the lobby until the busses start to unload.

Please **silence your cell phone** in the building. The ringing is distracting to students and disrupts the learning environment.

Any transportation changes require that you fill out a new form and there will be a **3-day** wait before changes can be implemented.

If you drop off your child between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8:50 a.m., a staff member will greet you near the first parking lot to the right off the driveway in the rear of the building. Your child can enter the school through that door and you will not need to sign them in.

Since we have a no food policy for birthdays and parties, we recognize student's birthdays during the morning announcements and students visit the office for a birthday surprise from the principal.

Anyone interested in volunteering needs to complete the online application. Once the background check is approved, you will be able to volunteer in the school. Here is the link to the online form <http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=22805215>

Sept. 10—TEPTO Meeting - 7PM at BGP

Sept. 18 & 19 School picture day

Sept. 25 Kindergarten Curriculum Night (parents only) 6:30—7:30

Sept. 28 Ice Cream Social at Tolland Intermediate School 6– 8PM

Sept. 29 Cider Mill Road Race

Oct. 2 - Grade 1 Curriculum Night (parents only) 6:30—7:30

Oct. 3 Grade 2 Curriculum Night 6:30 —7:30

Oct. 4 Principal's Breakfast 9:15-Main Office Conference Room

With your help, the staff at Birch Grove School will work hard to provide your children with the best school experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Mr. Swanson (x30903).

Have a great year.

Grade Level News!

Each grade is working on the following...

Preschool

- Daily routines
- Making new friends

Kindergarten

- Establishing routines
- Community helpers

Grade 1

- Language Arts— Theme 1
- Math - tally marks and building number sense
- Classrooms are working on building communities and developing daily routines

Grade 2

- Language Arts—Silly stories Unit 1- skills: story structure, prediction, fantasy/realism

School Wide

PBIS— Establishing common expectations and earning GROW cards.

Health Center Update

Remember to call the Nurse's voicemail by 9:00 am to report your child's absence. Please clearly state your child's name, teacher, and reason for absence. Children must be fever, vomiting, and diarrhea free for 24 hours, without the use of medication, before returning to school (please refer to the Student Handbook for more information).

The nurse has asked if students could have a change of clothes in their child's backpack. We have little to no supply of boys and girls shorts and underwear in the health office.

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Dressing in layers is a good idea or pack a jacket in their backpack.

Be sure to send in a healthy snack and one that is safe for your child's class (fruits and veggies are always a good choice!) Please feel free to contact the nurse at (860)870-6755 for any medical updates, questions or concerns.

Theme of the month is ~~~ Being an Eaglet ~~~