

B E R K S H I R E L O C A L S C H O O L S



### Berkshire Elementary Principal 2022-2023

*Communication*

*Collaboration*

*Creativity & Innovation*

*Critical Thinking & Problem Solving*

*Civic Responsibility*



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Dear Berkshire Elementary Families,

I am excited to welcome our students back to school this year in our new Pre-K-12 building. I have a passion for hands-on learning and literacy that I will utilize as we commit to providing an exciting and innovative learning environment that stimulates the development of valuable critical-thinking, collaboration, decision-making and inquiry skills.

Our mission is to maximize each student's potential as an individual and as a responsible citizen. The new facilities feature a variety of learning spaces to facilitate Project -Based Learning and S.T.E.M. teaching which are both high yield strategies for developing all students' career and college readiness skill sets. My background as a graduate of Ursuline College's Educational Leadership Program, recipient of a Master's Degree in reading instruction from John Carrol, and my 20+ years in the classroom have contributed to a strong commitment to the students, families, and partnerships within the district and to our district's mission.

The student day at Berkshire Elementary is 8:00 a.m.-2:40 p.m. Hot breakfast will be available in the cafeteria from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There will be a cold breakfast cart in the elementary wing as well during this time. Please refrain from dropping your child off prior to 7:30 a.m. as there is no supervision available. The morning drop-off takes place via a car line at the elementary entrance side of the building. We are unloading cars starting at 7:30 a.m. Please

wait in the car line until we motion your car. When it is your child's turn to get out of the car please exit promptly.

At pick-up, we will begin organizing students in their zones (prior to MS/HS dismissal) by calling elementary to their car pick up zones by 2:25 p.m. Please have your school issued car tags visible for the teachers helping facilitate pick up. To avoid gaps and longer pick up times, please pull all the way forward when moving through the line and when motioned by staff.

**Picture Day this year at Berkshire Elementary is Wednesday, October 19th.**



**Conferences this year are October 10th, October 12th, and February 16th (4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.)**

**CLASS FEES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Each family is encouraged to complete our online free/reduced fee/lunch form on the Berkshire Schools website.

K-4 fees are \$55.00.

Please make sure payment is paid by September 30, 2022. Checks can be made payable to Berkshire Board of Education. Fees can also be paid through the Infinite Campus Portal.

**HANDBOOK/FORMS:**

The On-Line Registration (OLR) program on Infinite Campus will allow you to quickly and easily update and submit many of the required 'annual' forms such as the Emergency Medical Form, FERPA, photo release, handbook acknowledgement, computer/internet usage, Free/Reduced meals, etc. Remember we need your emergency contact information current. You can do this through your IC account portal available at [www.berkshireschools.org](http://www.berkshireschools.org). Remember, parent login is first initial, last name. The default password is badgers001 upon first login. For help, contact Melissa Malkus at [melissa.malkus@berkshireschools.org](mailto:melissa.malkus@berkshireschools.org) or call 440-834-3380 ex 2101.

Our [BES Student Handbook](#) can be viewed online. Please read and refer to the information as needed. It includes protocols for absence, birthdays and other details that you might want to know. Also, our [district website](#) contains event calendars and other key district information including a lunch menu tab on the right of the homepage.

Title One Literacy funding is based on our free and reduced lunch registration. Please register if you think that you may qualify.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to maintaining a strong partnership with us.

Sincerely,

*Principal, Joy Christopher-Reed*