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School Hours: 8:25—2:35

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Things to Remember:

- Bottle/Can Drive (every Friday by the flagpole)
- Beargrams - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.
- Items can be left at the main office for your child i.e. snack, sneakers, money, etc. Minimal distractions in the classroom are requested after 8:35 AM!



Bailey Beargram

Early Dismissal

We will have an Early Release Day on the following day:

Thursday, Oct. 22—Early Release Day #1 (Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.)

PRE-K STUDENTS **WILL** BE IN SESSION IN THE AFTERNOON ON OCT. 22ND!!

Important PM Pick-Up Reminder!!

First of all, we encourage parents to park in a parking space and walk up to the crosswalk to pick up your child. Please remind students to use the crosswalk. The buses are still exiting when school is dismissed and can present parents a potentially dangerous situation. **Secondly**, we have two lanes for afternoon pickup after school. The first lane (closest to the sidewalk) is the pickup lane --- parents should not park in this lane or on the sidewalk – it causes traffic to backup. The far lane (closest to the parking lot) is the drive thru lane. This lane must keep moving at all times. Again, thank you for your help in keeping our children safe!

Students Arriving Late to School

If your child comes into school after the normal arrival time (after 8:35 am), **for any reason**, we ask that you sign him/her in at the office and say goodbye at that point. This process usually allows for a smoother and quicker transition to the classroom. Thank you for your assistance in helping your children be more independent and for minimizing interruptions in the classroom.

Spirit Day - 10/22 - “Orange & Black Day”

Our next Spirit Day will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. Our theme will be orange/black. Show your school spirit by wearing orange and/or black!

Fall Festival & Picnic - Friday, October 23



Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Bailey/Oak Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd from 6 - 8 PM at Bailey Avenue. There will be free games and activities, a bake sale, a raffle for mums, pumpkins **and a BIKE!!** **Tickets for the bike raffle will be on sale from Oct. 19 - 22 after school. There is one bike for each school - Bailey Ave. and Oak St.

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Halloween is Approaching

As Halloween approaches, we would like to inform everyone of our theme this year: "Cultures from Around the World". We strongly encourage students to wear costumes from "Around the World" in coordination with our Reading Incentive Theme. This will provide us with an opportunity to make Halloween an educational experience where teachers and students can learn about and discuss different cultures from around the world.



Preparations are underway for our Halloween celebration on October 30. Students should bring their costumes to school and plan to change during their lunch period on Friday. We will have a parade in the gym at 1:00 pm. Each class will parade in the gym as other classes and parents watch. We are requesting that students wear only NON-Violent costumes. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to our practice of not allowing violent, frightening costumes and toy weapons in school. This would include any blood, fangs, vampire, ninjas, Freddy, or any costume or attire that could be perceived as violent or scary. In addition, please avoid scary or excessive makeup. If students do come to school with violent costumes or excessive makeup, parents will be called immediately and alternative arrangements will have to be made for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

We Are Looking For Slightly Used Costumes

The Plattsburgh Green Committee is looking for "slightly used" Halloween costumes for trade or give away. The City of Plattsburgh will have a display in the Old Base Gym on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Anyone willing to trade or donate their slightly used costumes can drop them off in Mrs. McCartney's room (room 24) prior to Oct. 24th. Recycle and give to a needy child! Thank you!

"In the book of life,
the answers aren't in
the back!"

~Charles Schultz

Luncheon Schedule - Please Post

Classroom	Lunch time
Ms. Cook	11:10
Mrs. Flynn	11:15
Mrs. Higgins	11:20
Ms. Donnelly	11:25
Mrs. Sawyer	11:30
Mrs. Adams	11:30
Mrs. Bullis	11:45
Ms. McGill	11:40

Classroom	Lunch time
Mrs. Jackson	11:35
Mrs. McCartney	12:05
Mrs. Ashline	12:00
Mrs. Regan	11:50
Mrs. Defayette	12:15
Mrs. Megarr	12:20
Mrs. Dillman	12:10



The above schedule is your child's assigned lunch time. Please post this schedule for easy access. Parents are welcome and invited to attend lunch with their child on the 1st FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at Bailey. As always, we would ask parents to purchase the school lunch with your child, or bring a healthy meal from home. For your convenience, I have included a Parent Luncheon Order Form (pg. 6). On the first Friday of the month, if you would like to eat with your child and purchase the pizza meal supplied by our cafeteria, **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN THE MORNING OF YOUR VISIT.**

If Your Child is Absent - Please Call School

If you know your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, PLEASE call and tell us! We have voice mail. Parents can call and leave a message before or after school hours regarding their child's absence or tardiness. This should make it easier for parents to call at their convenience. Also, if you have any changes to your child's after school arrangements, please call BEFORE 2 PM, as this will enable us time to deliver the message to your child's teacher before the end of the day.



CVES Classrooms Have Direct Extensions!

FYI: If you are trying to reach one of the CVES classrooms, you may do so without contacting the main office. Simply dial the Bailey Avenue phone number : 563-2410 and when prompted, use the extension of the teacher you wish to speak with. CVES classrooms are the ONLY classrooms with direct extensions!

Melissa Adams	x. 1331	Donna Sawyer	x. 1334
Laurie Ashline	x. 1336	Deb Conroy	x. 1333





Perfect Attendance

As a result of the increased vigilance related to the H1N1 Flu virus, we have temporarily suspended recognition of Perfect Attendance in our Beargram for this school year and possibly next. It is very important that we remain sensitive to those students who do exhibit flu symptoms as we do not recommend that students attend school when they display flu symptoms such as, fever, cough, etc. Thank you for your support and understanding.



4 B Announcements

Thank you to all of the parents who have been sending in the 4B notes acknowledging their child for following the 4B's at home:

- 1) Safe 2) Respectful 3) Cooperative 4) Responsible

I can't tell you what it means to your child to have his/her name and 4B note read on the announcements in the morning! Keep them coming!

Dates to Remember in October

- Oct. 21 FSA Mtg. @ Oak Street; 7 PM
- Oct. 22 Early Release Day - Bailey Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
- Oct. 22 Spirit Day - Orange & Black
- Oct. 23 Fall Festival @ Bailey 6-8 PM
- Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!
- Nov. 11 No School - Veterans' Day
- Nov. 19 End of Marking Period
- Nov. 24 Spirit Day - Theme TBA
- Nov. 25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break



The Bailey Team

- Mrs. Diane Thompson, Principal
- Mrs. Avis Mesec, Principal's Secretary
- Mrs. Jacqueline Bracy, Registered Professional Nurse
- Mrs. Tracey Giroux, Child Advocate
- Mr. Sheldon Cullen, School Psychologist