

Boulder Elementary School

2018 OVERVIEW 2019

We are excited to work with your child this year! Although we will not see you as much as we see your child, you are a big part of our school. We want you to feel that you are a key player in your child's education, which is why it is important that you are familiar with the way our school operates. Quality education is a team effort.

ABSENCES

This year will be fast paced due to the amount of curriculum we will be covering. It is important that all students are present and on time for school as the lessons and hands on experiences are the most valuable learning opportunities. Students should be seated and ready to begin class by 8:30 AM. Students that are absent will be marked excused for illness, death of a family member, an approved school activity, or any other reason established by the district. Parents/guardians must notify the school with a written note, email, or by telephone. The school must be notified by 9:00 am on the day of the absence if from illness or death of a family member or prior to absence if a planned event, appointment, or other. Additionally, students must complete missing class assignments and homework.

Students will have 4 school days to make up missed assignments from unplanned absences. Every effort will be made to give time during school however some assignments will need to be completed outside of school.

Students will be marked Tardy after 8:35, five minutes after the start of the school day. Students who arrive 30 minutes later will be considered in attendance for half the day. Students who are dismissed 30 minutes or more prior to school dismissal will be considered in attendance for half the day.

Please make every effort to inform the school of any planned absences as soon as possible. Arrangements will be made so that your child is able to complete assignments while away from school. Depending on the length of time, it may be necessary to have a conference prior to your child's absence.

After 10 consecutive absences students are required to be un-enrolled and will need to reenroll when they return. Extended un-enrollment may require the completion of homeschool paperwork.

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Please do NOT pass on verbal messages to teachers or have unscheduled conferences at arrival, dismissal, or during the school day. It is important that our time be fully dedicated to the students therefore prior arrangements need to be made.

Daily: Please check your child's B.E.E. Book, specifically the Home Connections Log, Monthly Calendar, and Left at Home Folder.

School Website: Here you will find the calendars & events, newsletters, and other documents. This will be updated frequently. www.bes.garfk12.org

Boulder Buckaroos Bulletin: The digital newsletter contains updates, news, and events.

Telephone & Email: Please know that it is often difficult to be reached by telephone and email during the school day, however please expect a response within 48 hours.

Conference: Elizabeth is available to meet upon requests by email, telephone, or the Home Connections Notebook.

DISMISSAL

Students are dismissed outside unless weather or extenuating circumstances arise.

Students are dismissed to parents/guardians unless notice is given in a note, email, or over the telephone prior to dismissal.

Kindergarten Dismissal

Mon.-Thurs is 1:30 pm

Friday is 11:30 am

1st-6th Grade Dismissal

Mon.-Thurs is 3:30 pm

Friday is 11:30 am

DRESS CODE

Student's attire needs to not interfere with their or other students' academic learning and physical activities. This includes, but not limited to daily energizers, physical education, dance, and recess.

Students need to wear suitable footwear. BES recommends students wear sneakers, attached sandals, or active wear boots.

Students are discouraged from footwear that may cause difficulty while running. Heels and flip-flops are not acceptable footwear for school.

B.E.E. Books

Bring Everything Everyday (B.E.E.) Books are student binders that keep parents up-to-date on what is going on in school and for students to complete assignments at home. They come to school every day and go home every day.

PLEASE go through your child's BEE Book with them daily. Check the monthly calendar and the two-pocket folder, keeping papers in "LEFT at Home" and return those in "RIGHT back 2 School".

Use the Home Connections Notebook to schedule a meeting, inform dismissal changes, ask general questions, and leave comments.

Snack

Students will be given time to eat healthy snacks brought from home, these may be sent daily or a stash of non-perishable items may be left in their backpacks.

Often snack will be eaten in the classroom while students are working therefore snacks need to be easily eaten, students must be able to open themselves, and that won't make a mess on papers (ie: NO Cheetos, Doritos, spoons, etc.)

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school to have in the classroom. No other drinks are allowed except during lunch.

Medical

Please do NOT send students to school that are ill or have been ill in the past twenty-four hours.

It is the parents' responsibility to alert the teacher if their child is on medication, if medication needs to be administered while the child is at school, or has a health issue that the school should be in the know.

All medications and supplements need to be given to the teacher directly and not stored in book bags, or lunches. Parents must also complete and turn in a Medication Authorization Form prior.

The district policy is that children not attend school if they have had any of the following in the past twenty-four hours:

- Fever of 100°F or higher without the use of a fever reducing agent
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Strep throat (must be taking an antibiotic for at least twenty-four hours before returning to school)
- Bad cold with runny nose and/or cough
- Pink Eye
- Head Lice

Computer Use

Students may only use approved websites while in school that are on the "Student Links" page of our school website, www.bes.garfk12.org, or approved by a teacher.

Students have the ability to use a personal Chromebook and/or Kindle Fire with the purchase of a \$20.00 insurance policy that needs to be completed by both the student and a guardian.

A list of usernames and passwords are kept in your child's BEE Books.

Homework

Homework supports students' accountability of their learning, time management, and study skills. It is intended to be practice, preparation, and extensions of lessons and skills being taught in school.

Homework creates an opportunity for parents to be involved in their child's learning and witness their progress throughout the year.

When students are absent, they are to complete and turn in homework and other assignments when they return to school if it is a planned absence, otherwise they will have four days.

Homework is factored into quarterly progress reports (Characteristics of Successful Learners).

In addition to assigned homework, students are responsible for making up any missing and incomplete work outside of the school day.

Information and specific homework assignments are kept in your child's B.E.E. Book as well as available online (Homework Overview).

If you have any questions regarding the format or individual assignments, please ask!

Remember that it does not support your child's growth to verify assignments that have not been completed accurately and with quality.

Suspension & Expulsion

A student may be suspended/expelled for participation in any of the following prohibited behaviors when it occurs in a school building, in or on school property, or in conjunction with any school sponsored activity:

- Possession/use of alcohol, tobacco, or any controlled substance.
- Possession of a weapon
- Threatening Behavior
- Destruction of school property
- Bullying
- Gang Participation
- Indecent Exposure
- Hazing
- Theft
- Harassment
- Cheating
- Habitually Disruptive Behavior
- Swearing