



August 4, 2008

Dear Fort Belvoir ES Families,

Welcome all new and returning families to Fort Belvoir Elementary School. We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. The staff and I are looking forward to another energetic, positive and productive school year. To help get the school year off to a good start, please make note of the following information:

Welcome Back and Happy Birthday Picnic

We are so excited! It is our 10th birthday and we want everyone to help us celebrate, and we want to welcome all our new families to our school, as well! We will have moon bounces, food, music, clowns and who knows what else! So come on out on **Saturday, August 23, 4:00-6:00 pm** on the school grounds!

Class Assignments

- Class assignment lists will be posted on the school cafeteria windows on **Thursday, August 28th at 10:00am**

Attend Kindergarten Orientation

- Kindergarten students and parents attend on **Thursday, August 28th from 11:00am to 12:00pm.**

Attend New Student Orientation

- New students in Grades 1-6 on **Thursday, August 28th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.**

Attend Open House

- Returning students and parents **Grades 1-6 on Thursday, August 28th from 2:30pm to 4:00pm.**
- Meet your child's teacher/visit the classroom
- Classroom parent/volunteer sign-up
- Purchase lunches in Cafeteria

Bus Schedules

- Bus schedules will be available at Open House. Please review your child's bus schedule to make sure he/she is aware of the correct bus number.

Purchase Lunch

- Put money on your child's Food and Nutrition Account through **MyLunchMoney.com**. Student lunch: \$2.40, Breakfast: \$ 1.50.
- Even if you don't put money on the account, please sign up so you can monitor your account at no cost. You will even receive an email when your account is low.

Attend Back-to-School Night

- **Monday, September 8th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** Grades 3, 4, 5 and K (Blanco, Wright, Conley, DeVille, Sturtz)
- **Tuesday, September 9th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** Grades 1, 2, 6 and K (Leblanc, Tumbarello, Edwards, and Benton)

Communicate with us

- Email the staff by using the following pattern: firstname.lastname@fcps.edu
- All parents will automatically be enrolled in Keep In Touch. More information about **Keep In Touch** will be forthcoming.

School Supplies

- A list was sent home in your child's report card. You can pick up an extra copy in the school foyer, or visit our website at <http://www.fcps.edu/FtBelvoirES/>

Early Release Days

- Students will be released at 12:30 pm on six days during the school year for teacher training. Below are the early closing dates:
 - September 24
 - October 31
 - December 12
 - February 13
 - March 20
 - April 15

The Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application is mailed to all households. If you should need a copy, you may come by the school to pick one up. Remember to only report your base income. Do not include your housing allowance if you live on post.

We are eagerly waiting the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2008**. Please note our school hours: **9:25am to 4:00pm**. Students participating in the breakfast program may enter at **9:05 am**; all other students may enter the building at 9:10 to proceed to their classrooms. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious possession, your child.

Sincerely,

Jane Y. Wilson