



Bunnell Elementary School



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Dear Parents:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well rested and ready for a new school year. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families and to welcome everyone back. We will continue to provide all students with a challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing school environment. I would like take this opportunity to encourage your participation in our School Advisory Council, Parent Teacher Organization, and as a school volunteer.

School hours will be 8:50 A.M. to 3:20 P.M. for the students and our office hours will be 8:15 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. daily.

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 22, 2010. (Remember “Staggered Start” for Kindergarten) School hours are 8:50 A.M. – 3:20 P.M. Students will enter the building at 8:30 A.M. and the tardy bell will ring at 8:50 A.M. Final dismissal is at 3:20 P.M. We ask that whenever an emergency arises and leads to a change in how your child is getting home, please discuss this change with your child the night before and provide this information in writing to the teacher (include any phone contact changes generated by the emergency information).

Staggered Start for Kindergarten: To help kindergarten students get off to a great start we will use the first three days of school to orient kindergarten students through various small group activities. During the Kindergarten Orientation Process **your child will attend orientation only one of the first three days of school, either Monday, August 22nd (last name initial A-I) or Tuesday, August 23rd (last name initial J-Q) or Wednesday, August 24th (last name initial R-Z).** All kindergarten students will attend their second day of school on Thursday, August 25th. This smaller group approach will allow the kindergarten teachers to work one-on-one with your child. If your child will be purchasing lunch on the staggered day, please send in \$1.75.

We will have labels ready for all kindergarten students to wear for the first few weeks until they remember their bus name. Students will be given the labels of the buses as they arrive or by the teachers if they are brought in by the parents. Parents/Guardians or authorized persons of kindergarten students must be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrives for morning pickup and afternoon drop off. If a parent/guardian of a kindergarten student is not at the bus stop, for the safety of the child, the child will be returned to school.

All student drop off will be in the car rider area.

The car rider area is located at 305 N. Palmetto Street. There is a one-lane entrance and a one-lane exit which is the entrance of the school on N. Palmetto Street. (**see end of letter for traffic pattern information**) If you anticipate picking up your child at anytime this school year please be sure to have a car rider number. Car Rider tags for 2011-2012 will be available in the cafeteria during “Meet the Teacher” on August 19th, from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. New numbers will be issued this school year. **You must get a new tag each year. (This year’s car tag color is green)**

To maximize our classroom time, all bus students, K through 6, will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3:20 P.M. Car Riders and Walkers at 3:10 P.M. Please judge your time of arrival at BES accordingly. Keep in mind that the first few weeks, dismissal always goes a little slowly. You can help us by memorizing your child’s car rider number with him/her. We will make every effort to get your child to your car efficiently, keeping the children’s safety as our first priority.

