



Bren Mar Park ES

# FAMILY HANDBOOK

**2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

## ***BACK TO SCHOOL***

- School supply lists are available on our [website](#).
- Teacher assignments will be posted in [ParentVue](#) and mailed on Tuesday, 8/15/23.
- FCPS Department of Transportation will communicate bus stops and times the week prior to school via text, email, and phone message.
- Open House and Curriculum Information Sessions will be held in individual classrooms on Friday, August 18th beginning at 9 am. You may bring school supplies to the classroom on this day.
- Please be sure to notify the school and your child's teacher of any health concerns. Required health forms are available [here](#).

## ***BIRTHDAYS***

- No edible birthday treats are allowed due to allergies. We encourage families who wish to celebrate their child's birthday to do so in other ways, such as providing non-edible treats.

## ***HEALTH & SAFETY***

- All students must receive the required immunizations prior to the start of school.
- Attendance is important; however, please keep your child home if he/she is sick:
  - A child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school
  - A fever is 100.4
  - A child vomiting or with diarrhea should stay home
- Please practice healthy handwashing (20 seconds with soap and water) with your child.
- Please teach hygienic coughing and sneezing practices (i.e. cough or sneeze into elbow).

## ***ID CARDS***

- Any individual picking up a child during the school day must provide a government-issued identification card with a photo. Please make it a habit to bring this to school each time you pick up your child, and notify other adults listed on the emergency care card of this requirement.

# ARRIVAL INFO

- Students should arrive to school starting at 9 am.
- Except for the first day of school, families are asked to not park in the neighborhood. Families who bring students to school should use Kiss & Ride to drop students off.
- Please do not park or drop off students in handicap parking spaces; these spaces are for use by those with handicap decals only.
- Students who walk to school will enter through the following doors:
  - Kindergarten - Classroom doors or Door 2
  - Grade 1 - Door 2
  - Grades PreK, 2-5 - Door 1
- Breakfast will be available for purchase. There is no free breakfast this year.
- Children should be in the classroom by 9:15 am.

# DISMISSAL INFO

- Students who walk to school will dismiss through the following doors:
  - Kindergarten - Classroom doors or Door 2
  - Grade 1 - Door 2
  - Grades PreK, 2-5 - Door 1
- Families who pick up students in cars should use Kiss & Ride to pick up students.
  - If you might use Kiss & Ride at any point this year, please complete this [form](#) for a Kiss & Ride card.
  - Kiss & Ride Cards should be placed in the front passenger window to help staff connect the right students to the right car.
  - You will not be able to pick up your child from Kiss & Ride without a Kiss & Ride card and/or ID.
  - Each family of Kiss & Ride students will be given 4 cards.

## BMP Website



## Helpful Links:

- [Attendance](#)
- [Bren Mar Park website](#)
- [Breakfast & Lunch](#) - Pricing and payment options
- [Free and Reduced Meal Application](#) - Apply for free or reduced meal qualifications
- [Here Comes the Bus](#) - Access timely bus information locations (FCPS Code 28982)
- [MySchoolBucks](#) - Online payment for meals, musical instruments, etc.
- [ParentVue](#) - Update contact and care information, bus information, teacher assignments, etc.