



BINNS ELEMENTARY

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Dear Binns' Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome our students and families back to the 2024/25 school year! This year again promises to be filled with exciting learning opportunities that will not only challenge your child but will also engage and motivate them to perform at their highest level(s). At Binns we are focusing on providing learning environments that maximize the potential for each student's individual success as well as ensuring that; each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

This year we will kick off the school year with an **Ice Cream Social/Open House** on **Monday, August 19st from 4:00pm-5:30pm.** (Please see the attached flyer) During this time students and parents will have the opportunity to meet many of the teachers. Please join us for this Binns Elementary signature event!

Class Lists/Teacher Assignments- A list of homeroom rosters will be posted on the front doors of Binns Elementary (The main front doors near the front office) on **Wednesday, August 14th.** These rosters will identify your child by their student number (this is found on the Parent Portal and is 7 numbers long), so please be sure to know your child individual student number prior to checking who your child's teacher is.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 will be Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Students can start entering the building for breakfast at 8:45 a.m. They will again this year eat in their classrooms from 8:45-9:00 a.m. **At 9:00 a.m. our instructional day starts.** We would like to invite parents to take their child to the classroom, meet their teacher, and then join me in the cafeteria for some important school related information at 9:20 a.m. This will include information regarding Title 1, 3rd grade reading guarantee, and other general information.

Attendance- As a result of H.B. 410, the way in which we process student absences has changed. Please watch for more information to be sent home regarding this law and how it affects you and your student.

We are pleased to have highly qualified teachers working at Binns. If you would like more information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher, please feel free to contact me.

Kindergarten assessments will take place on August 21st and 22nd. Teachers will call you before then to set up a time to bring your child in for testing. You and your child will only be here for about 20 minutes on your day for assessments. **Kindergarten Orientation will be on Friday, August 23th.** Kindergarten students will come only for their assigned time (see below). Please bring your child to the classroom at the designated time and plan to stay for a short parent orientation. Once the parent orientation is over, you will be able to hug your child good-bye, and they will have the rest of the designated time for teachers to show them around, help them get acclimated, do some fun activities, meet new friends, etc. You will need to pick up your child on the kindergarten playground by the back-parking lot (off of Briggs Rd.) at the ending time indicated below.

- **Kindergarteners whose last name begins with A-M will come only on Friday, August 23rd from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.**
- **Kindergarteners whose last name begins with N-Z will come only on Friday, August 23rd from 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.**

The Columbus City School District does not discriminate based upon sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, ancestry, familial status or military status with regard to admission, access, treatment or employment. This policy is applicable in all district programs and activities.

- Kindergarten students will not receive lunch on this day (8-23-24)
- **All kindergarten students will attend on Monday, August 26th for the full day.**

In an effort to have a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for our students, please assist us with the following procedures:

- **Arrival: All walking students and students in cars in grades 1-5** will enter the building through the front doors (on Binns Blvd.). **Kindergarten students and any siblings will be dropped off and enter the building from the back parking lot, accessed from Briggs Rd.** Students that ride a bus will also enter through the back parking lot doors. The front driveway is a one-way road; so, please follow the signs accordingly. **Cars can pull up to the sidewalk, drop off their child, and continue out the driveway. Parking is not allowed in the driveway or along the sidewalk. If you choose to park and bring your child to the door, you must park in a designated space or on the street in permitted areas. Please be mindful of other cars and children around you when driving through the school area.** For those walkers who need to cross Binns Blvd., please only do so at the cross walk.
 - **Students are not to arrive before 8:45 a.m. as there is no one on duty to supervise them. Please understand there is a window of time to drop off your student(s), anytime between 8:45am- 8:59am, this will ensure they get an opportunity to get breakfast and get to class without being tardy. (The closer it gets to 8:59am, the less traffic there is in front of the school.)**
 - **Tardy Students-** Any student who is tardy to school **must** be signed into the main office by a parent or guardian.
- **Dismissal:**
 - **Students who walk/ride a bike:** These students will be released through the East doors (located near back parking lot and cafeteria door) at 3:25. This is the location in which parents/guardians intending to meet their students will pick them.
 - **Students riding a bus:** These students will go to the cafeteria and will wait for their bus to be called. Students will then be escorted to the appropriate bus.
 - **Students in Kindergarten or Students with a Kindergarten sibling who get picked up from a parent/guardian:** These students will be released directly from the kindergarten classrooms. Please meet your student at the appropriate K door. (Located through the playground near the back-parking lot.)

Students getting picked up by a parent/guardian: Car riders will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Parents/Guardians will pull into the front drive of the school (accessed from Binns Blvd) and will begin to form a line using both pull through lanes of the drive. The first car in the drive should park at the crosswalk closest to the playground. Cars should line up in a double line using both lanes and students will be brought to your car. Parents/Guardians should remain in their cars until your students has arrived. This is the same process we have utilized for the past several years.

- **Changes to the manner in which students dismiss will not be made after 3:00pm.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these dismissal procedures. As always, we want to maintain a safe environment for all of our students.

Again, I want to express to you how excited I am to be at Binns Elementary and to once again be part of such a fantastic, parent supported, learning community. As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school (614) 365-5911 or email jgrant5769@columbus.k12.oh.us. Enjoy the rest of summer break!!

Sincerely,

Joel Grant, Binns Elementary Principal