

WELCOME BACK!

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Seriously!

Note from the PTO President

Hello Brandywine Springs Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation!

While we've been off, the administration and staff at BSS and the PTO Board have been working hard to make sure that this coming school year is the best it can possibly be.

Construction on our building continued all summer and I am very excited to see all the changes and updates to our building! I am most looking forward to seeing our library, which is undergoing a huge renovation that was made possible by the generous donations of our BSS families and contributions from RCCSD. Our parents, teachers and community supporters really help make our school the BEST!

In addition to a new library and a new lobby, I am very excited to meet and welcome several new teachers and new staff!

This will be my 3rd year on the PTO Board and my 1st year as PTO President. I'm thrilled to be working with this incredibly capable and supportive PTO Board, and the parent volunteers and teacher champions that help us all year long. We all volunteer our time to make sure our students have a wonderful and engaging school year at Brandywine Springs!

Best,
Kira McDonnell
PTO President 2016-2017

2016-PTO Board Members

President – Kira McDonnell

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Laura Milligan (Kn-2)

Sarah Bloom (3-5)

Megan Hagedorn (6-8)

PTO Communication Information

Email: bsspto@gmail.com

PTO Website: <http://brandywinespringspto.digitalpto.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrandywineSpringsSchool/>

General Meetings: Please join us for our General Meetings throughout the school year. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend. Children are also welcome if you don't have childcare. **PTO members** (see membership form) are encouraged to vote at PTO meetings on budget items to help guide the direction of the school.

Additional Information

Teacher Assignments will be provided by August 24.

Meet Your Teacher from 4-5pm on Thursday, August 25. School will be open until 6pm if you would like to catch up with friends and find your classroom!

Student Athlete Physicals are due to the nurse by 9/1 if your 6th-8th grader is interested in trying out for any of the school sports teams. You can find a link to the forms on our PTO Website.

Classroom Supply Lists are all posted on the PTO Website.

School Hours are 8:45am-3:30pm. Please make sure your student arrives on time. Also note that from 3-3:30pm the school is locked to allow the teachers and students to get ready for dismissal. If you need to get your student early from school please make arrangements to pick them up **BEFORE** 3pm.

Transportation Information is mailed directly from the School District to you.

Forms: Included in this Back to School Packet are PTO Membership forms, Volunteer and Committee information, and the School Directory form. Please fill out all of the forms completely and either bring with you to the Meet Your Teacher Night or return them to school with your child the first week.

Visitors: During school hours, all school visitors will need to provide a photo ID and sign in.

Parking: You may only park in the school's designated spaces. There is NO school parking in the Church Parking Lot. Overflow parking is located at Delcastle Park behind the school. Please **DO NOT** park in any of the **ASSIGNED/RESERVED** spots.

Save the Date & Mark Your Calendars

8/22 New Parent Orientation 6-7pm

This event is full of great information for incoming Kindergarten families, as well as ANY new families

8/25 Meet Your Teacher 4-5 pm

Family Social 4:30-6:00pm

For more information about this event, visit the PTO website and PTO Facebook page

<http://brandywinespringspto.digitalpto.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/BrandywineSpringsSchool/>

8/29 Grades 1-6 First Day of School

We are looking for volunteers to help our new students in the morning and afternoons the first week.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ca8a72fa1f85-back>

8/30 Grade 7 & 8 First Day of School

8/29 & 8/30 ****Kindergarten** - Only students last name A-L attend

On 8/29 and 8/31, please join the PTO Board and other parents in the Faculty Lounge for the Welcome Back Coffee & Social at 8:45am

8/31 & 9/1 ****Kindergarten** - Only students last name M-Z attend

9/2 & 9/5 No School - Labor Day Weekend

9/13 No School - Teacher Inservice

9/15 Elementary School Curriculum Night

K-2nd Grade: 6-7pm

3rd-5th Grade: 7:15-8:15pm

9/19 Middle School Curriculum Night

10/10 & 10/11 School Picture Day

We are making every attempt to be as paperless as possible this year. Please make sure our school has your email address and check the PTO website and Facebook page frequently for updates!

Stay updated through the PTO website and the Brandywine Springs Facebook Page.

RCCSD calendar can be found at: <http://redclay.schoolwires.net>

****Kindergarten** has a staggered start. Half will go to school Monday & Tuesday and the other half will go Wednesday & Thursday.
All Kn Students attend Tuesday 9/6