

What's New at Burden This Year.....

2018-2019 was a fabulous year at Bill Burden Elementary, and we learned a ton! Here are a few changes to some policies you might have been used to if you are a returning Burden family member. Many of these changes were made out of student safety concerns or in response to our Parent Survey from last spring. If you have any questions or wonderings, please feel free to call the office. We are happy to hear from you! Welcome back Panthers!

- Walkers and bike riders will only be dismissed from crosswalks. There is no longer any parent pick up of walkers from the building. Gray walkers will be escorted to the crosswalk at Quarry Ln. and purple walkers will be escorted to the crosswalk at Stonewall Pkwy. Making the decision for your child to be a walker is a family decision and should be for students who are comfortable and have practiced their routes home. You are welcome to meet your child at the crosswalk, but all walkers are now considered independent, and we will not be checking family tags.
- Electronic communication between home and school will have a set schedule for all grade levels, as well as campus eNews. If you do not receive an email communication on a weekly basis each Thursday, please contact our office for support. Families may request paper copies of communication through your child's teacher.
- Commercially prepared baked goods are now allowed as a means to celebrate student birthdays with the class. We will celebrate student birthdays with these edible treats during the **last 15 minutes each Friday**. **You must coordinate with your child's teacher 1 week prior to bringing goodies** in order to accommodate for students with food allergies. You are welcome to bring a non-edible treat (pencils, stickers, books, etc.) to celebrate your kiddo's special day. The office will also be announcing birthdays to all students this year.
- Lunch visitors are welcome after the first 2 weeks of school. Beginning on August 28, you are welcome to eat with your child. We will now have a special table for parents and their child. This is not a time that other students can join, but reserved for parent and child only.
- Morning Meeting is returning on Friday mornings. This year, as students are celebrated for different reasons, you will be notified 2 weeks before, so you have plenty of time to make arrangements to attend if you are available and cheer on your child's accomplishments.
- Our PE and specials classes will be on a 6-day color rotation. Teachers will be sending home information about what specials class your child will attend each day. We will update you each week with our digital newsletters about what color the day is and what grades have ENCORE (Additional Specials Class) coming up each week. As a general rule the schedule will run as follows:
 - Monday - 4th Grade Encore
 - Tuesday - 3rd Grade Encore
 - Wednesday - 2nd Grade Encore
 - Thursday/Friday - Kinder and 1st grade will alternate because of morning meeting, newsletters will contain dates each week for these grade levels.

Special events may cause this to change at times, but we will let you know those dates in advance.