



Blackwater Creek Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In preparation for the upcoming 2017 - 2018 school year, I wanted to let you know what the first week will look like at Blackwater Creek. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new kindergarten students and parents, and a welcome back to our returning students and families. I look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year of learning for your children.

The first day in session is **Tuesday, September 5th** from **8:30 to 10:00 am**. Please provide your child with a healthy snack for the first day. The students will be picked up and returned home by the bus, so please expect them home early on the first day.

Beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 6th**, students in **grades 1-5** will attend full days from 8:30 to 2:30. Please provide your child with a healthy recess snack and lunch.

Kindergarten students have the **option** of participating in **gradual entry**. In September, kindergarten students often find a full day very tiring and gradual entry allows them to slowly adjust to longer days at school. For the first week of school, kindergarten students may be picked up at 10:30 am. The second and third week, they may be picked up at 11:45 am. Beginning Monday, September 25th kindergarten students are expected to attend full days.

Please do not buy school supplies for your child. To save time and money for parents, it was decided at the last PAC meeting the school would order this year's school supplies. A note about the cost of the supplies will be sent home during the second week. The only three items needed the first week are:

- inside shoes that can be worn outside in an emergency
- stereo/computer headphones labeled in a Ziplock bag (The school has some extra sets, if needed.)
- spare change of clothing (including undergarments) labeled in a large Ziplock bag

Please find the attached **Draft 2017-2018 bus schedule** and note what time your child needs to be at their stop. In the afternoon, it is important that you meet your child at the bus stop. For safety reasons, the bus driver cannot drop off a child if there is no parent to meet the child. A confirmed bus schedule will be posted on the school website at the end of the first week.

The **school calendar** is also attached. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

If you have any questions about the first week of school, please contact me at the school or by email.

Sincerely,
Linda McLagan