

Kindergarten Parent Handbook



BARTON CREEK ELEMENTARY
2018-2019

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to the Kindergarten program at Barton Creek Elementary! This handbook is designed to give you important information that you will need to know about the **first day** and **first few weeks** of school. Please read it thoroughly.

Please fill out the Parent Questionnaire and Bluejay iPad Contract located at the end of the handbook and return as early as you can, but please no later than **Wednesday, August 22nd** (you can send via email or return a hard copy). We'll also have hard copies available at Kindergarten Orientation and the Lemonade Social.

Thank you,

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First Day Checklist

- Set your child's Dismissal Defaults online

<https://www.eanesisd.net/parents/smarttag>

- Backpack labeled with child's first and last name
- Snack packed **separately** from lunch and labeled with child's name - **nut free**, please
- Lunch from home OR purchase in cafeteria
- Flip top water bottle labeled with child's name (water only)
- Parent Questionnaire & Bluejay iPad Contract filled out for teacher**
- School hours are 7:40-2:50
- Your child should go directly to their **classroom** on Wednesday, August 22nd. Be prepared to leave your child with their teacher in the classroom.
- Beginning the second day - if arriving between 7:20-7:35 students go to the cafeteria until being dismissed to go to their classroom.
- A good night's sleep and a healthy, hearty breakfast! And don't forget to have your child use the bathroom before leaving the house!



Important Information

Transportation Home - It is imperative that your child's teacher knows how your child is getting home each day. **Please set your child's default dismissal and make any changes through the SMART Tag System before the first day and throughout the school year. We must send them home according to the Dismissal System.**

CAR: Follow the light blue line. You will be given a sign at lemonade social to display in your car at pick-up.

BUS: Students will be dismissed straight to assigned bus from class.

OFF SITE AFTER CARE: Students will go to designated waiting areas in the school for pick up.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY: Students will go straight to their designated area.

EASY CARE: Students will go to the cafeteria for Easy Care sign-in.

PARENT WALK UP (SIDE EXTERIOR): Park in Visitor Parking (green area), proceed to the side entrance near gym/cafeteria, and wait outside until child is released to you.

Please note a Kindergarten teacher will accompany students to each of those areas every day after school. Also, per district policy, students are not allowed to ride a bus that is not their assigned bus. If you wish to set up a play date for your child, please arrange a different mode of transportation.



Arrival- On the first day of school, please walk your child to the classroom upon arrival. Beginning on the second day of school, August 23rd, students arriving before the first bell rings (between 7:20-7:35am) will report to the cafeteria. If they arrive after the first bell (7:35am), they can walk straight to class. If arriving after 7:40am, students will need to stop in the office for a tardy slip before proceeding to class.

Backpacks- Each day your child will be responsible for bringing things to and from school. Please send a labeled backpack with your child that is large enough to carry a lunch, snacks, folder and books. Your child's Blue Daily Folder should also remain in their backpack every day. We will use it to send home student work.

Snack- Each child will need to bring a healthy snack to school each day. Snacks should be small enough to fit in a baggie or small reusable container. If the snack requires a spoon or fork, please send one with your child. Make sure the snacks are labeled with your child's name, and pack it separately from lunch to avoid confusion. We suggest nutritious snacks such as apple slices, raisins, carrots, pretzels, granola bar, crackers, etc. **ALL Kinder classrooms are NUT FREE. Please inform the nurse of any food allergies immediately.** For this reason, we do not allow students to share food with each other, and we do not keep extra snacks for them if they forget theirs.

Lunch- Please provide a healthy lunch for your child each day by either sending a lunch with him/her or adding money to their account in the cafeteria or through skyward. You can find more info on lunch accounts at bce.eanesisd.net > Quick Links > Online Payments > Student Meals & Fees. If you send a lunch, please send a labeled lunch box or sack. Please use containers that your child can open and close independently. Please also note that students' lunches in K-2 should not contain items that need to be reheated in the microwave. Please also include a drink in their lunch, as their water bottles stay in the classroom.

Water Bottles- Please send a labeled, flip top water bottle, that can be opened independently, with your child each day. It is important that your child drinks water throughout the day and it is helpful if the water bottle is reusable. Only water is allowed in the classroom as a drink. We have a filtered water dispenser in the hallway water fountains for them to refill as necessary. Please note they will not bring this water bottle with them to lunch.

Assemblies- School wide assemblies will be held on Fridays in the cafeteria beginning at 7:40am. This is a time for the students, faculty, and staff to come together and celebrate BCE! Parents are always invited to attend as well. Other special assemblies will occur throughout the year and we will provide plenty of notice regarding these.

Parent Questionnaire

Please note this form is used solely between teacher and parent. If your child has any health issues, allergies, etc. please contact the school nurse, Marilyn Sansom, to complete required paperwork.

Please return Parent Questionnaire to school by Wednesday, August 22nd.

Student Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Way Home on 1st Day of School: _____

Birthdate/Age: _____

Name of Preschool Attended: _____

Health/Diet Information: _____

Parent's Name:	Parent's Name:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email:	Email:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please send weekly updates to this email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please send weekly updates to this email

Address: _____

Siblings/Ages: _____

Other Languages Spoken at Home: _____

Goals for your Child at School: _____

Parents' Professions and/or Areas of Expertise (occupation/hobby/interests...
how can we utilize your expertise in the classroom?):

Any Additional Information: _____

Permission to share for "Class Directory" (Please check all that you give
permission to share. This will be shared with all Kindergarten classes):

- Child's Name
- Parents' Names
- Parents' Phone Numbers
- Parents' Email Addresses
- Please don't share any of our information

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



Bluejay iPad Contract



I will use clean hands when using the iPad.



I will always use an iHug with two hands to carry the iPad.



I will make sure to plug the iPad in when I see this.



I will only use and download apps my teacher **approves!**



I will keep food and liquids away from my iPad.



I will be responsible and make smart choices while using the iPad.



I will use my voice, not my hands, to help others.



Child's name printed: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

School Nurse FAQs

Marilyn Sansom, R.N., B.S.N.

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Phone: (512) 732-9185 Fax: (512)

Website: <http://bcenurse.weebly.com/>



732-9185

Hello, Mrs. Smith?
Your daughter just
fell off the monkey
bars!

How do I contact the school nurse?

(512) 732-9185 Please save my direct phone number to your contacts so that I can reach you quickly in case of emergency.

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Who should I notify if my child is ill?

Enter the absence in the Smart Tag system. An absence remains unexcused until a note is received through Smart Tag. A doctor's note is required for absences longer than 3 days.

When can my child return to school after an illness?

- **Fever:** Temperature less than 100.0° F for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- **Vomiting:** Can tolerate food and liquids without recurrent vomiting, typically 24 hours after the last episode.
- **Diarrhea:** Diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea-suppressing medication.
- **Common Cold:** Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-suppressing medication.
- **Strep throat:** On antibiotics and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-suppressing medication.
- **Flu (influenza):** Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-suppressing medication.
- **Pink eye (bacterial or viral conjunctivitis):** A doctor's note is required unless symptom-free.
- **Head lice:** After treatment. Please allow the school nurse to re-check your child before she/he returns to class.
- **For a complete list of school exclusion requirements for communicable diseases:** www.dshs.state.tx.us.
- **Cough, extreme congestion, & fatigue without fever:** Keep your child's comfort in mind. Sick kids need rest.
- **If symptoms develop during the night:** Keep your child at home until you are sure she/he is symptom-free.



What if my child needs to take medication at school?

- Parents bring medications to the school nurse. **Students in K-8 are not allowed to carry medication to school.**
- State law prohibits school nurses from administering "stock" medications to students, (e.g., Tylenol, Advil).
- Complete an "EISD Medication Permission" form for the medications you bring. It will be valid for **2 weeks**.
- If medication must be kept in the clinic longer than 2 weeks, your child's doctor must complete the "Physician Authorization" portion of the Medication Permission Form or an EISD care plan for anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes or seizures.
- Bring medications in the original containers (boxes or bottles) with dosing instructions on the label. Do not bring medications in blister packs, baggies or syringes without the original label and dosing instructions unless you intend to personally administer it.
- Prescription medications (including inhalers) must have a pharmacy label with the child's name, drug and dosing instructions.
- Pharmacists can print a duplicate prescription label if you discarded the original or need an extra bottle labeled for school.
- Sample medications must have a doctor's note with the child's name, medication name & dosing instructions.
- **Medications must be picked up on the last day of school or be destroyed (state law). Please create a reminder today!**



Chronic Health Conditions: **Asthma**, **Anaphylaxis**, **Diabetes**, **Seizures**, **Heart Conditions**, **Cystic Fibrosis**, etc.

- Please contact the school nurse if your child has a chronic health condition or a vision, hearing or mobility impairment.
- **Asthma**, **Anaphylaxis**, **Diabetes** and **Seizure** care plans are available on the website and in the nurse's office.
 - Ask your child's doctor to complete and sign a care plan for your child's condition(s) **every year** during the summer.

- Bring the care plan and your child’s medications to the school nurse **before the first day of school.**
- Doctors & parents can authorize self-carry & self-administration of asthma, diabetes & anaphylaxis meds on the forms.
- An **Individualized Health Plan** or “IHP” is also required for students with chronic health conditions.
 - IHPs are completed by a parent and the school nurse to create an individualized plan of care for the child.
 - IHPs are available on the website and in the nurse’s office. They are updated annually and modified as needed.
- **Medications must be picked up on the last day of school or be destroyed (state law). Please create a reminder today!**

What if my child is ill or injured and cannot participate in PE or Recess?

- Send all requests for PE and recess excuses to the school nurse with the reason for the request.
- A doctor’s note is required if your child will miss more than 3 days.
- Students in casts, splints, slings and crutches will need a doctor’s note to resume activity in PE.

