



The Ellis Edition

419-484-5010

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Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

What an amazing thing it is to see your child begin their academic career. I am so pleased that you have chosen Bellevue City Schools for your child. There are two things that the staff at Ellis prioritize above all else; Safety and Learning.

I would like to point out our routine for student drop-off and pick-up. **Between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. the alley running alongside Ellis School will be a one-way north bound thru alley.** You can enter the alley from Louise Ave. The Bellevue Police Dept. has advised us to have vehicles enter Louise Ave. via Kinney Street.

Students should exit their vehicle on the passenger side to alleviate crossing the alley. Only the student should exit the vehicle. A staff member will greet them and see them safely into the building. If you would like to walk your child to the building, you will need to park on the street. The buses will be drop off students in front of the school on Ellis Ave. The staff workday begins at 7:50 a.m. **For your child's safety we ask that you do not bring them to school prior to 7:50 a.m.** The tardy bell rings at 8:10a.m.

You will be asked to designate if your child is a car rider, bus rider, or walker. PLEASE select a method that will be used 5 days a week. It can be very confusing for kindergarteners to have changes in their routine. Help us set them up for success.

We begin dismissing all students at 3:05 p.m. **Between 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. the alley running alongside Ellis School will be a one-way north bound thru alley.**

If you are picking up your child from your vehicle, you should enter the alley from

Louise no earlier than 3:00 p.m. Have your child's "name sign" visible and staff members will begin escorting students from the front porch to the vehicles.

If you plan to walk to the building, then your child will be a "walker" and you should plan to meet them by the flagpole in front of the building. I will also be serving as the Ridge School Principal. If you have any questions or concerns, I'd be happy to speak with you.

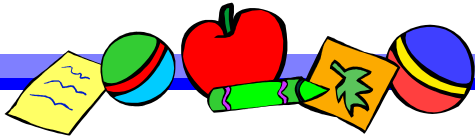
Ridge 484 - 5030
Ellis 484 - 5010
Yours in Education,

Mrs. Shannon Turner
Ellis & Ridge Principal



Calendar of Events

- Mon. Aug.29- First Full day for all Kindergarteners
- Mon. Sept. 5- No School- Labor Day
- Mon. Sept. 26- No School/ Teacher's Prof. Development
- Tues. Oct. 4- Fall Picture Day
- Wed. Oct. 12- Parent/Teacher Conf. PM
- Thurs. Oct. 13-No School – Parent/Teacher Conf
- Fri. Oct. 14 - No School
- Fri. Oct. 28 - End of 1st Nine Weeks



Ellis Staff

Principal- Mrs. Turner
Secretary – Mrs. Eberle

1st Floor

Kdg. Rm. 101 - Mrs. Danhoff
Kdg. Rm. 105- Mrs. Dziak
Kdg. Rm. 106- Mrs. Raifsnider

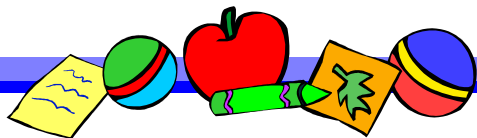
2nd Floor

Kdg. Rm. 221- Mrs. Jarvis
Kdg. Rm. 222- Ms. Kinderman

3rd Floor

Kdg. Rm. 331- Mrs. LaPata
Kdg. Rm. 332- Mrs. Cramer

Special Ed. Mrs. Vogel
Title I- Mrs. Musser
Counselor- Mrs. Sabo
Speech- Mrs. Pickens
Student Aide- Mrs. Baptista
Student Aide- Mrs. Burkhardt
Nurse- Mrs. Shaw
Nurse- Mr. Branham
Physical Ed.- Mr. Kowaleski
Art.- Mrs. Lucas
Music- Mrs. Weilnau
Cafeteria Breakfast/ Lunch – Mrs. Berkey
Cafeteria Lunch- Mrs. Chandler
Cafeteria Lunch – Mrs. Neil
Cafeteria Monitor- Mrs. Ringle
Custodian- Mr. Mosel



Picture Day

Picture day will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Fall pictures must be paid in advance. Your child/children will receive an envelope with package options a couple days prior. Checks can be written to Ripcho Studio.



Target Stores

Take Charge of Education

Here's all you have to do to help raise funds for Ellis School through the Target Stores. Enroll at any Target Store and use their RED card when making your purchases. Target will donate 1% of every purchase to Ellis School. It's that easy!



School Fees 2011-2012

School fees are now due. Payments can be made by cash, check or money order. Checks should be made payable to Bellevue City Schools. Overdue fees from last year are also due at this time.

Kindergarten \$30.00



Lunch Information

Breakfast Price- \$1.30

Lunch \$2.10

Milk .50

Snacks- .30

Ice Cream- .50



Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels

We will be collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels this year. There will be boxes for each by the office for you to place them in. We are looking for a **few volunteers** who would like to be in charge of this worthwhile fund raiser. Please call the office if you are interested in helping.



Dress Code & Flip Flops

Shorts may be worn to school from April 1st - November 1st. Sleeveless shirts or blouses must be worn in good taste. Flip Flops are not to be worn to school for the safety of your child and others. Sandals may be worn as long as they have backs on them. Thank you in advance for following the school rules.



Traffic Flow

Keeping our children safe is a high priority to us at Ellis. Should you allow your child to ride his/her bicycle to school, they will be considered a "walker". Please remind them that they must walk their bicycles when they are on school property. This ensures the safety of both riders and walkers. Please refer to the principal's corner in this newsletter for important instructions regarding the drop off and pick up procedures this year at Ellis.



Building Security

Please report to the office upon your arrival. If you are going to stay for any length of time, you will need to sign in and out. You must stop by the office even if you are just dropping something off to your child. I will also be glad to deliver the item to your child for you. Thank you so much for helping us to keep our children safe and uninterrupted throughout the school day.



Create daily routines to foster a successful kindergarten year

Routines make life smoother for everyone in the family. Following routines will build good habits that can last throughout your child's school career.

Before school, have your child:

- ❖ Wake up at the same time each day.
- ❖ Make the bed or pull up the covers.
- ❖ Eat Breakfast
- ❖ Get dressed and brush teeth.

After school, have your child:

- ❖ Empty the book bag and show you important papers.
- ❖ Unwind and eat a healthy snack.
- ❖ Complete homework, if any. Take 10 minutes to read together.
- ❖ Play. Encourage outdoor play and limit television viewing.

Before bed, help your child:

- ❖ Put packed book bag near the door.
- ❖ Pack a lunch if needed. Put it in the refrigerator.
- ❖ Choose clothes for tomorrow.
- ❖ Take a bath, if it's bath night, brush teeth and put on pajamas.
- ❖ Read a story before bedtime.

Newsletter Change

This year we will be offering the monthly newsletter in 3 different ways. We are cutting down on paper cost and would like to know how you would like to receive your monthly newsletter. Please mark the appropriate box below that best fits your needs and send it back to school with your child as soon as possible. If we do not receive this form back we will assume that you will be accessing your newsletter on our website.

Email attachment:

Email Address:

Paper Copy- It will be sent home with your child.

I will access

www.bellevueschools.org

Child's Name _____

Teacher _____