



# 2024 - 2025

## Back To School Frequently Asked Questions



### Back to School Events

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<i>When is Meet and Greet?</i>	Meet and Greet is Tuesday, <b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b> . This is a time for you to bring your child and their school supplies, visit the classroom, meet the teacher (and new friends!), and learn more about the many opportunities offered this school year. Please follow the schedule below to assist with parking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 8:00-9:00am</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 9:30-10:30am</li><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 11:00-12:00pm</li></ul>
<i>When is Back to School Night (Open House)?</i>	Open House is a time for <b>parents</b> to visit the classroom and learn more deeply about the instructional program, volunteer opportunities, and classroom procedures. This is an <b>adult-only</b> event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm</li><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grades: Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm</li></ul>
<i>Is there a practice bus ride?</i>	The Kindergarten and First Grade Student-Parent Ride Along will be on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, during the student's morning route at the scheduled stop and pick-up time. Riders will be picked up & returned to their stop prior to Meet & Greet. No one will be allowed off the bus at school.
<i>How will I know my child's teacher assignment?</i>	Teacher assignments will be published in your <a href="#">ParentVue</a> account on Monday, July 29 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The process for determining class placement is lengthy and very collaborative. Teachers, specialists, counselors, and administration all work together to ensure the best learning environment possible. Help your child frame the start of a new year as an opportunity for new experiences, new friendships, and new learning.
<i>How do I know which supplies to buy?</i>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to find the current supply lists.
<i>How do I get connected with Mount Bethel Elementary?</i>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to view the Mount Bethel Webpage. Teachers and staff will utilize CTLS Parent to send regular communication. Website or App-based, this tool allows you to choose the delivery method, preferred language, and other customization tools. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for more information about CTLS Parent.
<b>School Operations</b>	
<i>What are the school hours?</i>	Doors open daily at 7:15am. When the tardy bell rings at 7:45am, all students are expected to be in the building and on their way to class. Our morning news broadcast begins at 7:45am. Instruction begins immediately after announcements. Our instructional day is from 7:50am – 2:10pm.
<i>What are the arrival procedures?</i>	Morning carpool begins at 7:15am. Arriving too early causes safety concerns on Karls Gate Dr. and Johnson Ferry. Arriving prior to 7:15am also prohibits our staff from coming to work safely. In order to increase our efficiency, we unload cars down the entire front of the school. Please always follow the directions of staff and safety patrols. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for more detailed information about arrival and dismissal.
<i>How do I find my child's bus information?</i>	Routing information will be available mid-July. The PM stop time may vary slightly depending upon actual bus dismissal from the school. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for routing information. Special education students who require transportation will be contacted by a transportation employee with specific bus stop information. Don't forget to download the <a href="#">HERE COMES THE BUS APP</a> to track your bus. Remember, all students 8 years old and younger must have an adult present at the bus stop.
<i>Can I walk my student to class?</i>	In order to develop self-reliance, we ask that all parents allow their child the opportunity to walk to the classroom independently. Each morning, we have all available staff in the hallways to assist students as needed. During morning carpool, please do not park and walk your child to the front door. This allows carpool to keep moving and everyone safe!
<i>What are the dismissal procedures?</i>	The front lane must remain accessible for emergencies and early dismissal of students. Do not begin dismissal lineup until after 1:40pm. All cars must display their student specific bar code to pick up a student. Walkers will be dismissed from classrooms after buses have left. Please check your bus routing information for approximate times.
<i>What if my child is tardy?</i>	If you bring your child to school after the tardy bell at 7:45am, you will be required to park your car, enter the building, and sign your child into school.

<i>What if my child is absent?</i>	Family vacations should be planned with the school calendar in mind to prevent children from missing classroom instructional time. When a student is absent, a written excuse and/or doctor's note must be received within 3 days upon returning to school. Please email <a href="mailto:mountbethelessupport@cobbk12.org">mountbethelessupport@cobbk12.org</a> any doctor's notes or excuse notes.
<i>What if I need to pick up my child early?</i>	Students must attend at least half the school day to be considered present. If this is a pre-arranged early check-out, please let the teacher know so preparations can be made. Students will not be called out of classrooms until parent arrivals. In order to ensure the safe dismissal of over 900 students, early checkouts end at <b>1:30pm</b> . Students will be released only to those authorized in ParentVue.
<i>What if I need to change how my child is going home?</i>	All changes must be made in ParentVue no later than 1:30pm. The front office cannot accept any changes over the phone, fax, note, or email. Teachers will dismiss students daily according to ParentVue.
<i>What is ASP?</i>	The After School Program (ASP) is a pre-paid program. There is a one-time registration fee of \$20.00 and the daily fees are \$10 per student. ASP runs from dismissal through 6:00pm. All students planning to participate in afterschool FACT clubs are required to register for ASP. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for more information about the ASP program.
<i>Are the school grounds available for use?</i>	Due to safety concerns, our school grounds are not open while children are present (7:15am – 6:00pm). Requests for Facility Use must follow the CCSD procedures and are approved on a limited basis.
<i>What if my child forgets something?</i>	During the school day, we only accept glasses, lunches, coats (if needed), and medicine. After dismissal concludes, our classrooms are closed to students and/or parents. Items forgotten in the classroom may be retrieved the next day.
<b>Clinic</b>	
<i>What if my child is sick or injured during the school day?</i>	Our school nurse is Lauren Huddleston, and she runs our clinic from 7:30am – 2:30pm. Please keep your contact information up-to-date in <a href="#">ParentVue</a> in case your child requires an early pickup.
<i>What if my child needs to take medicine while at school?</i>	In most cases, students are not allowed to transport medication themselves. If your child requires medication during the day, a parent needs to bring unexpired medication to the clinic and complete the Authorization to Give Medication form.
<b>Cafeteria</b>	
<i>How do I apply for Free or Reduced Meals?</i>	Families needing meals at the free or reduced rate must complete a family meal application to determine eligibility. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> for the link to the online application.
<i>Is breakfast available?</i>	Breakfast will be available for purchase from 7:15am – 7:40pm. The cost for breakfast is \$2.50 (\$0.30 for reduced program) for students. After the first month of school, the district Food and Nutrition Services will assess the ability to continue the program based on participation.
<i>How much does lunch cost?</i>	The cost for lunch is \$3.50 for students, \$5.00 for staff, and \$5.25 for guests.
<i>Can I send in Fast Food for my child's lunch?</i>	Fast Food is not permitted in the Mount Bethel Café. Homemade lunches can be brought in or lunch can be purchased in our café.
<i>Can I send birthday snacks for my child's class?</i>	If you wish to recognize your child's birthday at school, please contact our cafeteria to schedule a delicious snack. If you choose to bring in a treat, please contact your child's teacher to see if there are already treats coming in for the day. Treats will be dropped off in the front office to be delivered by staff. Drinks will not be permitted. One classroom treat per student. Please be considerate of any food allergies and <b>NO homemade treats</b> allowed.
<b>Visitors/Volunteers</b>	
<i>How can I volunteer or visit my child's classroom?</i>	Teachers organize all classroom volunteers individually. In order to maintain instructional momentum, we do not allow unscheduled visitors during the day.
<i>Can I join my child for lunch?</i>	Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any lunch visitors due to the limited space in our cafeteria.
<i>How can I connect with Mount Bethel parent organizations?</i>	Our PTA and Mount Bethel Foundation are essential parts of our school. Please connect with them to learn about all they offer! <a href="#">CLICK HERE for our PTA</a> and <a href="#">CLICK HERE for our Foundation</a> .

[More information can be found on our website.](#)