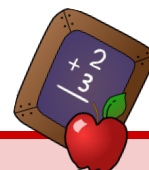




We are excited to welcome your rising kindergartner and family to Bethesda Elementary! We have included helpful links, dates, and steps in getting your child ready for Kindergarten. We look forward to having you join us at B.E. next year! (This handout and more information is also available on our PTA website at www.bethesdaelementarypta.org.)

Key Dates for Rising Kindergarten Families: (updated 6/3/2020)



NOW! Complete 2020-2021 Required MCPS and B.E. forms.

- Complete [MCPS Registration Survey](#) online to request MCPS registration forms.
- B.E. "Keep in Touch" form is available on the school website at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bethesdaes/

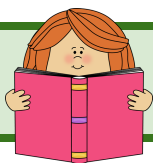
Email the required forms and documents to the B.E. Front Office

([Maria P Velasco-galey@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Maria_P_Velasco-galey@mcpsmd.org)) to initiate K registration.

At a minimum, 4 of the 8 required forms (B.E. Keep in Touch, MCPS 560-24, MCPS 345-17, MCPS 565-1) and the 3 verification documents (copy of the student's birth certificate, proof of residency - lease/tax bill, and enrolling parent's driver's license or passport) are required to start registration.

Sign up for updates about the school year, play dates, and more!

- Join our school directory/email list-serv. Enter your information & select "Incoming K" (<https://join.atozconnect.com>)
- Join our private parent PTA facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/bepta)
- Check out our BE PTA website for more information (www.bethesdaelementarypta.org)



MID-JULY - Check the [B.E. school website](#) for the 2020-2021 B.E. Parent Handbook



TBD - MID-LATE AUGUST - Attend a PTA-sponsored Kindergarten Play Date! (Parent(s) + Child)

- [Join our school directory](#) & our [PTA parent facebook group](#) for more info!

Date/Format TBD - Late August - Kindergarten Information Event (Parents)

Date/Format TBD - Late August - B.E. Open House (Parent(s) + Child)



MONDAY, August 31 | B.E. First Day of School

FAQ:



Want to get involved?

- Please [join our PTA](#) at **Bethesda Elementary School**. There are many ways to support the amazing program at B.E. Email bethesdaelemPTAvp@gmail.com for more information!

Want to get updates and important information leading up to 2020-2021 school year?

- Make sure to join our school's directory & email list at <https://join.atozconnect.com>! Fill in your family's information and select "Incoming K" as your child's grade and you will start to receive B.E. PTA emails including info on "Back to School" information and more!
- Check out the PTA website for more helpful handouts, [community listservs](#), and more info (<http://www.bethesdaelementarypta.org>)



What is Kindergarten Parent Information Night? (format/date TBD)

- Kindergarten Parent Information Night is when Lisa Seymour (Principal), Stacey Heintze (Assistant Principal), Marissa Fried (School Counselor), and the PTA will present to guardians on: What you and your children can expect the first week of school, ways to communicate with school staff, expectations, snack procedures, volunteer procedures, how to report changes to your child's transportation plan, after school activities, birthday recognitions, how to label items, and homework.



What is Open House/Meet your Teacher? (format/date TBD)

- Open House is a time for you and your child to see the classroom and meet the teacher. It is not an appropriate time for parents to conference with the teacher.
- TBD - Letters will be sent to all families welcoming them back to school and informing them of their class assignment. However, if the welcome letter does not reach you in time for Open House, there will be staff available to assist you when you arrive. You will need to present your ID to the staff member before he/she can give you the name of your child's teacher. During Open House, feel free to drop off student supplies in their classroom.

Helpful links:

Registration related forms:

MCPS Required Registration Forms (7 forms): www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/kindergarten.aspx

B.E. "Keep in Touch" Form: tinyurl.com/BEKeepInTouchForm

MCPS Proof of Age, Identity, Residency & Immunizations:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/proofs.aspx

Information about Bethesda Elementary School:

B.E. PTA Website: <http://www.bethesdaelementarypta.org>

B.E. School Website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bethesdaes/



Questions?

Don't hesitate to reach out to the B.E. PTA. Email the B.E. PTA president at bethesdaelemPTApresident@gmail.com