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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello!

It is with great energy and enthusiasm that I welcome everyone back to Buckley School! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy their summer vacation with family and friends.

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to all our new Buckley families. My name is Matthew Daly and I have the pleasure of being the principal at Buckley School. It is my hope that your child grows and explores at school each and every day.

This time of year is truly exciting. It is a time where your child is reuniting with friends and classmates. It is a time that your child will meet their new teachers. It is also a time that our staff is excitedly preparing their classrooms and ready to greet our new friends. Please know that all the enthusiasm and energy truly adds to Buckley's already high energy!

I would like to take this time introduce and welcome several new faculty to our school. We have many new staff with our addition of two district programs. Specifically, we welcome the following new faculty;

Ms. Nicole Dickison
Ms. Joan Corwin
Ms. Jessica Norton
Ms. Chanel Curtin
Dr. John Mariani
Mrs. Jennifer Giroux

Pre-School
Special Education
Special Education
STEM Teacher
School Psychologist
Speech and Language Pathologist (full time at Buckley this school year)

Mrs. Jennifer Giroux	Speech and Language Pathologist (full time at Buckley this school year)
Ms. Vicki Brodeur	Paraeducator
Ms. Kristine Wood	Paraeducator
Ms. Mary Engelbrecht	Paraeducator
Ms. Sharon Mulligan	Paraeducator
Ms. Kristen Akeley	Paraeducator
Ms. Christine Shellito	Paraeducator
Ms. Nuzhat Ahmed	Paraeducator
Ms. Christine Dukes	Behaviorist
Joseph Whaley	MELC
Lynn Good	Paraeducator
Meghan Gotta	Special Education
Nicole Stickle	Music (Band)
Jennifer Breault	Enrichment Teacher
Danielle Nardone	Social Worker
Kimberly Gimilaro	Specialist
Sarah Patrylak	STEM Teacher (she was a grade 1 teacher at Buckley last school year)

In addition to the above, Buckley School is a community where school and home work closely together in order to assist all students. I want to thank everyone for all that you do for our school and all our students! I look forward to strengthening our partnership. As a friendly reminder, our Mission at Buckley School is the following:

The Mission of Buckley Elementary School is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all that is strengthened by home and the community. Students are encouraged and supported in academics, arts, physical, social and emotional growth with the intention of fostering a lifelong desire to learn.

Once again, thank you for working closely with Buckley School.

We have been very busy with our school building during the summer. To begin with, we have had new front doors installed to welcome everyone! We have also painted and decorated our cafeteria. When you stop by, please take a look. It looks great! Also, we have renovated two of our storage closets. These will allow us to create a book closet and additional storage space.

I have included a calendar that outlines the letter day that we use for our specials, the lunch menu for August and September as well as the arrival/dismissal procedures.

Please note that during the first few days of school, we will be reviewing our Positive Behavior Intervention Program expectations (**PBIS**). Specifically, we will remind students of the ways to demonstrate Being Safe, Being Responsible and Being Respectful in many of the areas of our school including the hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria and playground. We reviewed these expectations for the buses as well. Throughout the first few days, our students will receive instruction clearly defining what our rules look like in these areas. We will also model these expectations. We will review these expectations throughout the school year.

During the 2015-2016 school year, we will be focusing on improving our efforts for a stronger parent school partnership. With this in place, I will be looking to create a Parent Advisory Group. Please look for more information in mid to late September. In addition, we will continue to focus on our reading instruction as we increase student independent reading stamina and building our classroom libraries. In math, we will continue with our small group math instruction and we will utilize a new resource, envision 2.0 in order to support our students. Lastly, we have 2 staff who will teach Science and support our classroom teachers in math. These **STEM** teachers will be focusing primarily on science instruction.

The month of September is very busy here at Buckley School. With this in mind, I have highlighted a few important events for you to place on your calendar.

September 10	Cook Out and PTA meeting
September 15	K-2 open house
September 16	3- Open House
September 17	U.S. Constitution Day which will take place on September 17th, 2015. We will celebrate by having students dress in red, white and blue and we will have a special announcement made during the morning.

I look forward to working together in order to provide a wonderful school year for your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matthew Daly

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August 25, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardians,

At Buckley School, we have procedures for dropping off and picking up your child. The purpose of this letter is to remind everyone of these procedures.

If your child is in grades 3-5, please utilize the back parking lot via Barry Road for both drop-offs and pick-ups. As a guide for the back parking lot area off Barry Road, please follow the protocol outlined below:

- **Please park on the right hand side.** Please pull all the way down. After picking up your child, please make a loop to exit the parking lot. Please drive slowly and watch for children.

If your child is in grades K-2, I am asking that you utilize the front of the building specifically, the circle for drop-off and pick-up. Please remember not to double park your car in the circle during the morning or afternoon. **If there are no spots available, please do not continue to move around the circle as this is dangerous with students getting into cars.** Instead, please use the parking lot in the back of the building or off Barry Road. Please continue to use the protocol outlined below:

- Please park on the right hand side of the circle.
- Please **DO NOT** stop in the middle of the circle to drop-off your child. Also, please do not park on the inside of the circle
- Please walk your children to and from the building after parking your car.
- Please drive slowly and watch for children.

Please note that if you are picking up your kindergarten child, please do so by the upper playground, by the kindergarten doors.

In our continued effort to provide a structured and safe environment here at Buckley, please first stop by the main office when visiting and pick up a **Visitor Sticker**.

Also, if you are picking up your child early or are changing the normal routine with respect to drop-off/pick-up, please write a note to your child's teacher and the main office. This will insure that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding your child.

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Hey Everybody!

Ms. Julie & I would like to welcome all our new staff and new students to Buckley Cafeteria, and "Welcome Back" our returning friends. Please make it a point to stop by the kitchen to introduce yourself, and say "Hi"! Just think, we only have **180** days left to this school year. Don't worry it goes by fast.

I'm sure many parents and/or guardians have heard all about the many new food guidelines. Our director has been working very hard to keep ahead of all the changes. A good nutritional guideline is very important to a child's life. A good balanced nutrition can help with learning, applying, and remembering what they've learned. These will help throughout their lives. I'm hoping that parents and/or guardians encourage all of our students to try our new food items.

Here at Buckley we try to encourage everyone to at least try a piece of fruit, vegetable or a new food that they may not have had before. Please encourage your student to try some of the new choices that we will be offering this year. I hope this continues throughout the school year.

You'll probably notice this newsletter is very similar to last year's September newsletter. It contains a lot of important information about breakfast and lunch meals, prices, what's considered an extra, etc. We also have some new meal offerings.

Price Change: As everyone knows, the price of everything keeps going up. The Office of Food and Nutrition has done its best to keep our prices down. This year the price for a student lunch is **\$2.05** for a full-priced meal and 40¢ for reduced meals. The adult meal is **\$3.25**. The Manchester Public School District participates in the National School Lunch Program that allows families meeting federal income guidelines to receive free or reduced price meals for their children. Applications are sent home at the beginning of each school year. All students who might be eligible are encouraged to apply. Families need to submit an up-dated application each year.

Breakfast: We will continue the breakfast program. It has been quite a success. Any student who walks to school should get to school near the beginning of breakfast (8:35 am). This will give the students arriving by bus, possibly late, a good chance to get in & out for their breakfast, as we all try to work together. The price for breakfast is \$1.00 for full price and 30¢ for reduced price. I think we offer a very good selection for everyone. Students who get free lunch can also get free breakfast. The offerings for breakfast include assorted box cereals, bagels, muffins, danish, assorted juices, canned or fresh fruit, yogurt, cheese and milk. We also offer an egg and cheese bagel sandwich on Fridays. Extra breakfast sandwiches are \$1.25. To be considered a breakfast meal, the student needs to take 3 different components; one from the grain group (cereal, bagel, muffin, or donut); one from the fruit/juice group and one from the protein group (4 oz. yogurt or 1 oz. of cheese and milk). It's a great deal for the price. Remember breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It's your jump start for the rest of your busy day. **Breakfast is served from 8:35 am – 9:00 am.**

Lunch choices: Our lunch choices are the same as they have been in the past. The lunch choices are: Hot Meal of the day, Deli Sandwich of the week, Chef's Salad, Bagel & Yogurt, and now Hummus & Pita Chips. To be considered a lunch meal, the student must take a least 3 different components of the meal although we offer 5 different components. They are **protein** (meat, cheese, yogurt or hummus); **fruit** (assorted juices, fresh fruits, or canned fruit); **vegetables**; **dairy** and **grains**. We try to encourage the students to select 4 components from different food groups. Last year we had many new food items. This year we should have many more new food items. Remember to at least try one of these new items, you might like them.

Here are few more things to remember. Bottled water is not included with the meals, but can be purchased. The prices for some of the extras are as follows: Extra protein \$1.25, Extra fruit, vegetable or milk 40¢, Bottled water 50¢. A student can also purchase a whole second meal which consists of at least 3 components. That is a lot of food for them to select and try to finish in the 20 minutes they have for lunch time. Please discuss this with your child. I'm not sure what grades have a snack time, so please discuss this with the child's teacher. Hopefully if you're packing a snack it will be something healthy such as fresh fruit, or maybe a cheese stick. Just something to help a young child make it to their lunch time.

All-day Kindergarten students: This may be a very confusing time for these very young students. We will all help to make their new lunch experience as good as possible. Parents/guardians/older brothers and sisters can help these kindergartners practice remembering and entering their 5-digit ID numbers on the keypad.

Food allergies: It is **very important** for us to know if any of our students have any food allergies. Please make sure to fill out the form as soon as possible and return it to our school nurse. It's also important to let the nurse know of any changes of allergies. Some people actually outgrow an allergy or they may have to adjust the amount consumed each day. These changes are important for all of us to know. This information is entered into our computer system. Parents/guardians are welcome to contact the Office of Food and Nutrition at 647-3462 for complete information regarding ingredients and food label information. We also need to know of any food restrictions for religious reasons.

ID Numbers: Does everyone remember his or her 5-digit ID number? It's the same number you had before summer vacation even if you were at a different school in Manchester. We know some students will need help remembering their number. I'm sure it was not a priority during the summer. We can help you as long as needed. All of us will do our best to help you learn your ID number. At the end of this letter I will include a diagram of the keypad so older brothers, sisters, Mom, Dad or other friends can help the younger ones practice. Practice, practice, practice! Outside help is always appreciated. Remember to use the green button after entering your number.

Returning Meal Envelopes to the Cafeteria: When sending the Meal Envelope with money for meals, water, etc., it's important to include the student's first and last names (please—no nicknames). Be sure to include his or her 5-digit ID number. If you are sending a check you can make it out to Buckley Cafeteria. It helps if you include the student's 5-digit ID number on the check. **Please** make sure the envelope is sealed.

EZSchoolPay.com: The Office of Food and Nutrition offers an online meal payment service. This is a program where parents/guardians can go online to make payments to their child's/children's account using a MasterCard or Visa credit card. This is a secure system that many parents/guardians have used. This is also a great way to check your child's account. It also lets you know of last year's balance which gets carried over to this year, (whether it's a positive, or negative balance). I hope you find this helpful.

Allowable "Money on Account" Purchases: It's very important for all parents/ guardians to discuss with their child/children what the students are allowed to purchase with their "Money on Account". Many students see other students purchasing extras and sometimes they don't realize that a grownup needs to give permission to the cafeteria before we can sell extra food items—especially at breakfast and lunch time. The student meal envelope has a box on which the parent/guardian may check "MEALS ONLY". If this box is checked, we are not allowed to sell extra food, milk or water to their child/children. If the student wants to still purchase extras, they can pay for it with cash on hand.

Remember we do not monitor what the students purchase although we sometimes ask them if they need the extra milk, fruit, etc. It is also important that the students realize that they have a total of 20 minutes to go through the lunch time and eat their meals.

Remember to come by for a visit during Open House. Our younger students like to show how they have learned their ID#. You can also check your child's account. We'd also like to see you at the cook out.

Keep in touch: As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to stop by or call us at 647-3306. We are available from 8:00 am – 10:30 am or after lunch is served, from 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm. You can also call the Office of Food and Nutrition at 647-3462. The office is open from 8 am – 4:00 pm every school day.

Please note: If you want to stop by the kitchen, you need to go to the school office and get a Visitor's Pass. We are all working to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Keep this Newsletter: I know this newsletter contains a lot of information. Please keep it in a special place for the entire school year to use as a reference for information. Let's all enjoy this new school year!

Sincerely,

Dale Schuetz

Cafeteria Manager

THE 5-DIGIT KEYPAD

Write in your ID # to
help you practice →

Pressed Numbers Appear Here		
7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
Clear	0	Enter

Red Button
Erases The
Last Number

Green Button
Sends
Information to
The Computer

REMINDER!

The School Day officially begins at 9:05am.

The first bell, allowing students in the building, rings at **8:55am** and the last bell, at **9:05am**, is the beginning of the school day. If a student comes after that time, they should stop at the Main Office to obtain a pass.

Thank you!

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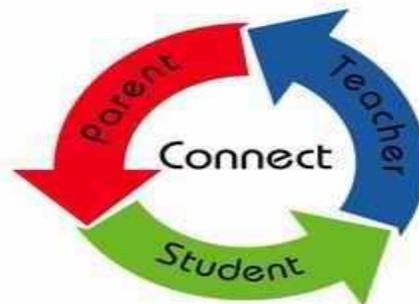
Buckley Open House

Who: **K-2** Buckley Bobcat Families

When: September 15, 2015

- The evening will begin at 6:00 in your child's classroom.
- Please take the time to meet your child's teacher and explore the classroom.
- The evening will end at 7:30.

We hope to see everyone there!



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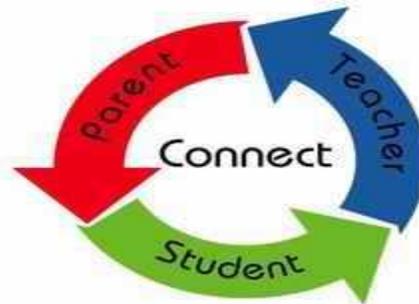
Buckley Open House

Who: **Grade 3-5** Buckley Bobcat Families

When: September 16, 2015

- The evening will begin at 6:00 in your child's classroom.
- Please take the time to meet your child's teacher and explore the classroom.
- The evening will end at 7:30.

We hope to see everyone there!



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Buckley School PTA News and Events

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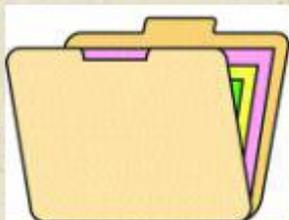
Our first PTA meeting of the year will be held Thursday, September 10, at 6:30pm outside in the back parking lot!

We will hold our meeting during the Welcome Back Cookout which will start at 5:30pm in the back parking lot.

We'll have lots of details on our Fall Fundraiser, Dine Out Nights, and Book Bingo events. As usual, Mr. Daly will update us on what's going on in school. This is a big meeting and one not to miss!

MARK YOUR CALENDER

There are so many events that our PTA volunteers have been planning this summer. This year will start with the Welcome Back Cookout.



PTA PACKETS

The PTA will be sending home packets of information that parents and guardians should take time to look through. In addition to the calendar of events, the packet will include information on becoming a PTA member as well as volunteer opportunities. These are the two best ways to become involved! Membership gains you voting rights at meetings and gets you on our email list. We will also be looking for volunteers to help organize and run events. We would not be able to function without our volunteers.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Start snipping those Box Tops now! The PTA is planning our fall collection. It is just another way to raise money for our school.

