



**Welcome to
Kindergarten**

Information Guide

Frank A. Berry School

Anna H. Rockwell School

2023-2024

*“Our Primary Purpose is to
Improve Student Achievement”*

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

The first day of school is scheduled to be Monday, August 28, 2023 and is a full day of school for all students in Grades K-2. Our school day starts at 8:55 am. Dismissal time is 3:30 PM at both Berry and Rockwell school.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL HOURS FOR MY KINDERGARTENER?

(Times are subject to change per the superintendent)

Regular School Day - 8:55 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Early Dismissal Day - 8:55 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Emergency Early Dismissal Day - 8:55 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

2 Hour Delay - 10:55 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

3 Hour Delay - 11:55 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT DAYS SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION OR WHAT DAYS ARE EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS?

The district calendar can be found on the web-site - www.bethel.k12.ct.us

WHEN WILL I KNOW WHO MY CHILD'S TEACHER IS?

Teacher assignments will be available in the Parent Portal in August. You must complete all of your School Forms in the Parent Portal before you can view your child's teacher.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT BUS MY CHILD WILL TAKE?

All bus runs will be posted on our website before the first day of school.

Our web-site is www.bethel.k12.ct.us If you have any bus related questions, please contact the bus company at 203-748-8091. Your child's teacher will convey other bus details to you during orientation.

All students in grades K-2 were routed to and from your home address. If your child is taking the bus home from school everyday, you do not have to fill out the form below!

Fill out this form if your child is going to be parent pick up, after school care or going to another location other than your home on a regular basis (ie: Kindercare or private child care location). You will need to enter the address and phone number.

If your child is taking the bus home everyday, you do not need to complete this form (later, there will be a change to dismissal form for random changes such as a doctor's appointment that you need to pick up).

YOU MUST FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD.

Please complete and submit this form FOR EACH CHILD no later than Friday, 8/18/23 by 12:00 pm.

[ROCKWELL PERMANENT DISMISSAL FORM](#)

BERRY PERMANENT DISMISSAL FORM

Per BOE policy 3541C – *“Single day changes of bus assignments will not be permitted from grades pre-K through 3 unless the change is necessitated by an emergency. In these cases, parents/guardians must notify the school and the bus company of the change.”*

Students will not be allowed to change buses for “play dates.”

NEWSLETTERS:

Both Berry and Rockwell schools send weekly newsletters via email to all households. These newsletters contain important information and are our link between home and school. If you do not receive your school’s newsletter when the school year begins, please notify the office (Berry – 203-794-8680 or Rockwell – 203-794-8690).

IF I NEED TO PICK MY CHILD UP FROM SCHOOL INSTEAD OF HIM/HER TAKING THE BUS THEN WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE?

We encourage all parents to have their child take the bus to and from school daily. If something comes up and you need to pick your child up please fill out the Change to Dismissal Google Form by 10:00 daily. If it is after 10:00 please contact the office (Berry 203-794-8680 / Rockwell 203-794-8690) before 1:45 PM.

This will be emailed out prior to school opening.

DO I NEED TO CALL THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR TARDY?

Yes, each school has a designated 24 hour attendance only phone number for absences and tardies.

Berry School – 203-794-8680 (Option #1)

Rockwell School – 203-794-8692 (Option #1)

Please call before 8:20 A.M.

WHAT SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL MY CHILD NEED?

A general list of school supplies for both Berry and Rockwell is in your welcome packet. They will also be posted on our schools websites @ www.bethel.k12.ct.us
Click Berry or Rockwell School.

SHOULD I PACK A SNACK FOR MY CHILD EACH DAY?

Yes, students will have a daily snack in their classroom. Please pack a healthy snack that your child can manage independently.

HOW DOES MY CHILD BUY A HOT LUNCH FROM SCHOOL?

Our district uses the online system, **mySchoolBucks**, for parents to make deposits to manage their child’s lunch account online! Make payments! View account balances! No more forgotten lunch money! Get through the serving line faster! Spend more time with friends and have more time to enjoy meals! You will receive your child’s student ID# to set up the account over the summer along with your teacher assignment.

Please visit the website at: www.myschoolbucks.com.

Money deposited into **mySchoolBucks.com** will typically arrive at the school the same day. You can set your low balance settings to remind you when it's time to add more money. Should you encounter any problems with **mySchoolBucks.com** and need online support, you may dial 855-832-5226. You may also contact Amanda Riley, General Manager, at vianesa@bethel.k12.ct.us or (203) 794-8722, for questions about the Food Service Program.

BACKPACKS:

Each day your child may have notes or projects to transport to and from school. It is essential that your child have a backpack to ensure that things get to the proper place. Label backpacks on the inside with your child's name. A large backpack allows the children to get projects and media books home without being damaged. **Wheeled backpacks are a safety and storage problem and are prohibited.**

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Inquiries regarding the Bethel Public School's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

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