

Middleborough Elementary School  
2023-2024

**Dear Middleborough Mariner Families,**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year! We hope you're having a fantastic summer! This school year we look forward to the moments that matter with our students, families and staff. There is so much sunshine in the Middleborough community and we look forward to celebrating these moments with you!

We're ready to make memories on the first day of school, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. for students in Grades 1-5. Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students will receive information about arrival from their teachers.

This year, our theme is "  *Every Moment Matters* ".

**Middleborough Elementary Staff**

<b>Office Secretaries</b>	Tiffany Harris Rhonda Hans
<b>Preschool 3s/4s:</b>	Leah Wagner
<b>Pre-K</b>	Karla Hoerr
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Lauren Crum Lyndsey VanDevander
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Jordan Neff Rebecca Finnerty
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	Casey Batey Raleigh Krell
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	Hannah Currens Rachel Patek
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Rachell McDermott Susan Lauer
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Laura Tinker Our new 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher will join us soon!
<b>Special Educators</b>	Sandra Emmerich Our new special educator will join us soon!
<b>Special Areas</b>	Laura Ferrante (library media specialist), Kelly DeGrange (instrumental music), Susan Costello (physical education), Chris Porterfield (vocal music), Katherine Gonnella (art)
<b>School Nurse</b>	Valerie Dernetz
<b>School Counselor</b>	Caitlin Edwards
<b>School Psychologist</b>	Basya Isaacson-Klein
<b>Social Worker</b>	Mary Kate Brockmeyer
<b>Reading Specialist</b>	Gabriele Ferra
<b>Para-educators</b>	Rebecca Bohon Rebecca Feser Melissa Hughes Courtney Smith
<b>PTA President</b>	Maria Shea

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**Parent /Guardian Email**

All families should have at least one working email on file at the school. This will allow you to receive information on upcoming events, notices, and other important information. Please notify the school office if your email address needs to be updated or changes at any time this school year.

**TEACHER/CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:**

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back for the 2023-2024 school year. Your child's schedule will be available in FOCUS on Monday, August 14, 2023.

For directions on how to access the parent FOCUS portal please click:

<https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus>

The directions for creating a parent account if you have not already done so can be found here:

[https://www.bcps.org/tech\\_support/creating\\_a\\_parent\\_account\\_for\\_focus\\_schoology](https://www.bcps.org/tech_support/creating_a_parent_account_for_focus_schoology)

**ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL:**

Our arrival begins at 8:45 a.m. every day, with the school day starting at 9:00. All students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. must be accompanied to the front door by a parent. Children should not be sent to the building without an adult. We will begin dismissal at 3:45 p.m. All students who have not been picked up by 4:00 report to the office and contacts in FOCUS are called for student pick-up.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>Sneak a Peek</b>	Thursday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm to 4:00pm	Meet your teacher and see your friends! This event is for current students and their grown-ups.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of School (Grades 1-5)</b>	Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 3:45pm	Doors open at 8:45
<b>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</b>	Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half the class reports at 9:00 am Half the class reports at 1:00 pm.	Parents will receive individual appointment times from their child's teacher during the week of August 7.
<b>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</b>	Tuesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half the class reports at 9:00 am Half the class reports at 1:00 pm.	Parents will receive individual appointment times from their child's teacher during the week of August 7
<b>First Full Day for Kindergarten</b>	Wednesday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Students attend all day. Transportation is provided for students in Grades K-5.
<b>Back to School Night</b>	Tuesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-7:00 p.m.	More information to come. This event is for grown-ups.

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**TRANSPORTATION**

Bus stop assignments will be available the week of August 21. Homeroom teachers will confirm transportation at Sneak-a-Peek.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

All students accepted into our Pre-K program will be notified. Our Pre-K teacher will be in contact with the gradual entry schedule.

**VOLUNTEERS**

We welcome volunteers! All volunteers are required to complete Volunteer Training. Please contact Ms. Harris ([tharris13@bcps.org](mailto:tharris13@bcps.org)) and Ms. Hans ([rhans@bcps.org](mailto:rhans@bcps.org)) for questions regarding the training. You are required to complete the BCPS Volunteer Training before assisting in the classroom, chaperoning a field trip, attending a class event or class picnic. **Volunteer Training is required each school year.**

To complete the training:

- Visit [bcps.org](http://bcps.org).
- From the blue parents' tab, select Family and Community Engagement.
- On the left, select BCPS Volunteers.
- Complete the trainings and submit the documents to Ms. Harris and Ms. Hans ([tharris13@bcps.org](mailto:tharris13@bcps.org) and [rhans@bcps.org](mailto:rhans@bcps.org))
- Please call the school office with any questions, 443-809-0160.

**PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA):**

We encourage all our families to join our Parent Teacher Association. Without our PTA, students would miss out on fun events, News folders, student planners, and assemblies. Each year, our PTA provides the following to our students: field trips, assemblies, News folders, student planners for Grades 4 and 5, and family nights. They also support our staff throughout the year with appreciation events. Feel free to contact the PTA by email at [mespta313@gmail.com](mailto:mespta313@gmail.com)

We will continue to work closely with our Mariner families, our PTA, and our community to support our learners better than ever. We have many events planned for the coming months, and opportunities for everyone to get involved at whatever level works best for you.

We look forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks. If you have any questions related to school procedures, schedules, etc., we can be reached at 443-809-0160 or at the emails listed below.

Wishing you well!

Sharon Fischer  
Principal  
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Lauren Beck  
Assistant Principal  
[lbeck3@bcps.org](mailto:lbeck3@bcps.org)