

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

As we stand on the threshold of a new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to each and every one of you. I hope that your summer was filled with relaxation, joy, and memorable experiences.

Our school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare to embark on another year of learning and growth. This year promises to be filled with new opportunities, challenges, and achievements. Whether you're a returning student or new to our school community, we are thrilled to have you with us.

Our dedicated staff has been hard at work preparing engaging lessons, enriching activities, and a supportive environment to ensure that every student thrives. The first day of school is well within sight, here are a few details you may be curious about:

First Day of School, September 3rd, 2024 - all students:

- Following Grade Level attendance, we will have a Whole School Assembly to begin the school year. Please note: our admin assistants will attend the assembly, so if you call the school leave a message and we will get back to you.
- Grade 7s will have a dedicated classroom space while we support accessing lockers and new school routines. They will have orientation activities embedded throughout their day, led by Mr. Schenk (Vice Principal). Grade 7s will be dismissed early on the first day to ensure they get to their buses without having to rush.
- New Bell Schedule Highlights:
 - First Warning Bell 8:40, Classes being at 8:45
 - Lunch Break 11:54 - 12:37
 - End of day Bell: 3:17, Buses leave as soon as they are able.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement is crucial in creating a positive and productive educational experience. We look forward to working together to support our students' success. You may be curious about how best to stay informed, below we have some suggestions for you:

Staying informed about what is happening at BMC:

- Email communication: You should have received an email from Buck Mountain Central School regarding Fair Notice and Hour Zero Safety Procedures. Please reach out to bm@wrps11.ca with any general requests for information or to inform the school office. With specific information requests or information to share, please reach out to individuals (teachers, administration, administrative assistants) as appropriate via email or phone at any time. If you don't know who you should be speaking with, the office staff can direct you to the best person to discuss things with. The office is open 8am - 4pm.
- Daily information is posted in **PowerSchool under the Daily Bulletin** - access this in the app or on the web portal.
- BMC Newsletters: we will aim to do these monthly, at the start of the month. They will be sent to email addresses and links will be posted to school social media sites and our school website. September's newsletter will be out soon.
- Social Media: Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram as we are posting frequently. Be sure to check out the weekly updates in our "Stories". The more you interact with our posts/stories the more information you will see from our accounts.

BMC Parent's Association:

- Our parent's association is a fundraising body that supports our students within and beyond the walls of the school. It is run by volunteers and we are in need of more participation.
- There is a meeting on Wednesday, September 4th @ 7PM Virtually. Here we will discuss elections and upcoming casinos and events.
- There is not a Parent Advisory Component to this meeting - an establishment meeting will be held later in September for Parent Council/School Council.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly via phone or email if you have questions or would like to get to know more about me as your school's leader. Let's make this school year one of growth, discovery, and achievement. Together, we can make it a memorable and impactful year for everyone.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Nicole Kress
BMC Principal
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2024 - 2025 Bell Schedule

Warning Bell 8:40 AM (5 minutes)
Directed Learning 8:45 a.m. - 9:13 a.m. (28 minutes)
Break 9:13 - 9:16 (3 minutes)
Period 1 9:16 a.m. - 9:54 a.m. (38 minutes)
Period 2 9:54 a.m. - 10:32 a.m. (38 minutes)
Break 10:32 - 10:38 (6 minutes)
Period 3 10:38 a.m. - 11:16 a.m. (38 minutes)
Period 4 11:16 a.m. - 11:54 p.m. (38 minutes)
Lunch Break 11:54 a.m. - 12:37 p.m. (43 minutes)
Warning Bell 12:37 p.m.- 12:39 p.m. (2 minutes)
Period 5 12:39 p.m. - 1:17 p.m. (38 minutes)
Period 6 1:17 p.m. - 1:55 p.m. (38 minutes)
Break 1:55 p.m. - 2:01 p.m. (6 minutes)
Period 7 2:01 p.m. - 2:39 p.m. (38 minutes)
Period 8 2:39 p.m. - 3:17 p.m. (38 minutes)
Buses Depart 3:17 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. (3 minutes) <i>CTS Floater Block</i>

- Buses leave the Buck Mountain Central School at 3:20 p.m.
- If the student arrives within the first 15 minutes of the period the teacher will need to mark the student as late.
- If the student arrives after the first 15 minutes the student will be left as an absent.