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Dear Parents and Students,

It is with excitement that I welcome you to Bing Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year! We hope you find the information helpful in preparing for this very exciting new adventure.

School begins Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The school day is from 7:40 AM to 1:55 PM, with each Monday being an Early Release Day, with dismissal at 12:55 PM. In the mornings for student safety and supervision, student drop off begins at 7:10 AM. The parent car drop-off and pick-up area is located through the gates on Hartford (behind the school). These gates will be locked at 7:40 AM. Any child who arrives to school after 7:40 AM must report to the Main Office to receive a tardy pass.

Effective Tuesday August 10th, adults will not be permitted to walk their children to class due to student and staff safety and health priorities. We will have staff members available to ensure that all students get to their classrooms.

We are a NOT a mandatory uniform school. However, if you would like your child to wear the uniform, our uniform colors for tops are navy blue, goldenrod, hunter green white or spirit shirts, and blue jeans, or khaki shorts, pants, dresses or skirts for the bottoms. Please send students to school in closed toed shoes for safety inside and outside the building. For our students in Kindergarten, it would be helpful to also send a change of clothes in the event of an accident during the school day.

In the afternoon, students who are not bus riders must be picked at 1:55 PM on Tuesday- Friday, and 12:55 PM on Mondays. Kindergarten bus riders must have a green tag attached to their backpack, and an adult must be at the bus stop for the child to be released from the school bus. Please ensure you or another parent or guardian is listed on your child's emergency card and at the stop on time each day. Kindergarten students who are not picked up at the bus stop by a parent or guardian will be returned to the school. Transportation changes will not be taken over the phone for student safety. All changes in transportation need to be written in a note to the classroom teacher and signed by the legal parent or guardian.

Please join us for "Meet the Teacher" on Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. This evening is designed to give you and your child a chance to see your child's classroom and meet the teacher. We will have information about ways to get involved through groups like PTA, SAC, and other volunteer opportunities.

Safety of our students, parents and faculty are our top priority. In the event you need to sign your child out early from school due to an appointment, **you must report to the Main Office, show a valid government issued identification and be on the child's emergency card.** Please sign out before 12:25 PM on Mondays, and 1:25 PM on Tuesday- Friday. In the event your child needs to miss school for an illness, please call the Attendance Line at 813-744-8088 ext. 1 to report your child's absence.

I am very much looking forward to working together to make this school year the best experience for you and your child. In the event you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 813-744-8088.

Sincerely,

Bing Elementary Administration Team