



B³: Believe in Benteen's Brilliance!
Frederick Wilson Benteen Elementary
Friday, August 9, 2019

Purpose

- Welcome
- Meet the school staff
- Share important information about the school
- Learn about programs and initiatives for the upcoming school year
- Tour the building
- Visit your child's classroom
- Talk with your child's teacher

Frederick Wilson Benteen Elementary

- **Motto:** B³: Believe in Benteen's Brilliance
- **Theme:** We Are Benteen!
- **Vision:** Frederick W. Benteen Elementary School is a school that provides a world class education that prepares students of today to be leaders of tomorrow.
- **Mission:** Our mission is to provide a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that will prepare all students to be life-long learners and globally minded citizens, who are growing in academics, character, and leadership.

Look Who's New to Benteen!

Homeroom Teachers

Adriana Perez (1st)

Wykeshia Dent ((K-5))

Instructional Support

- Mr. Christian Padgett (Assistant Principal)
- Mr. Kareem Banks (ParaPro)
- Ms. Jasmine Dodd (ParaPro)
- Ms. Susana Acoltzi-Grounds (IRR/DLI)



Environmental Support

Mr. Fowler (Custodian)

Specialty

- Ms. Natasha Jenkins (Nurse)

Staff Introductions

2018-2019 Year in Review

- 2nd Highest Culture Score in Jackson Cluster on Gallop Employee Engagement Survey/Among top in district
- International Baccalaureate Candidate School/Implemented 2 IB Planners
- Increased partnerships
- Completed a successful launch of Dual Language Immersion Program for the 2018-2019 School Year
- 2018 CCRPI Score of 64.5
- 3 Star Climate School
- Increase in the % of students scoring in the proficient and above domains on GA Milestones in 3 out of 4 content areas.



International Baccalaureate (PYP)



• *Cluster Signature Program*

- IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.
- The IB PYP prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom.
- Frederick W. Benteen is starting our 3rd year as a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)
- Authorization Goal: 2021

Dual Language Immersion

- Dual Language Immersion is a form of education in which students are taught literacy and content in two languages.
- Target Language – Spanish
- Inaugural Cohort entering 2018-2019 (Kindergarten)
 - Currently in grades K-1
- Benteen will implement the Two Way Immersion Program where two language groups are schooled through their two languages.
 - Two Classrooms, Two Teachers, Two Languages, Every Day



Office of ESOL
& World Languages

Social Emotional Learning



- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) provides students, teachers and staff with skills needed to succeed in school work, and life. Through SEL, Benteen focuses on building and maintaining strong relationships, supporting positive school culture and promoting student engagement through the Second Step curriculum.
- All staff will participate in training during preplanning as well as additional training with the SEL Liaison/Coach throughout the school year. Second Step curriculum is implemented daily for maximum of 30 minutes each morning.
- The skills learned in the curriculum are practiced throughout the school day to build student competencies in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

Student Expectations & Rules

- Read and become familiar with the Student Handbook & Code of Conduct
- Attend school daily & Be prepared for class
- Know and follow school rules and instructions
- Inform school staff about any dangerous behavior or bullying that occurs at school, on the way to and from school, or in the community
- Treat everyone in the school community with respect
- Respect school property, community property, and the property of others

Attendance/Tardies

- Students may report to school as early as 7:30 a.m.
- The instructional day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.
- Students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. must secure a tardy pass from the main office and **must be signed in by a parent, guardian, or adult bringing student to school.**
- Students who are absent must provide an excuse upon their return
- 2019-2020 Attendance Rate: 94.9% (decrease by 0.3%)



Celebrations

- Classroom celebrations of a party-type atmosphere are to be limited.
- Celebrations of learning that highlight and demonstrate concepts learned are appropriate.
- Classroom parties for special events/holidays (Holiday/End of Year) are approved and denoted by the administration.
- ***Birthday Celebrations:***
 - Student celebrations such as birthdays may be conducted in the cafeteria as an extension of the class lunch period and in lieu of recess time. PreK ONLY during their afternoon snack time.
 - The parent may bring light refreshments to the cafeteria and the students can enjoy refreshments at the end of their lunch.
 - Birthday celebrations are not to take place in the classroom.

Cell Phone Policy

- Unless otherwise directed by school staff or teacher, cellular telephones and other personal electronic devices must be out of sight and turned off during the school day, during the lunch break.
- Students are prohibited from placing or receiving texts/phone calls/emails during the school day. In the event a parent needs to make contact with his/her child during the school day, parents are encouraged to contact the school's front office to request to speak to or deliver a message to their child.
- Possession of a cellular phone at school is a privilege, not a right, and if your child's possession of a cellular phone is deemed to interfere with the educational opportunity of your student or other students, this acknowledgement form can be revoked without warning.
- All staff members have the right to confiscate mobile phones when used in violation of the Code of Conduct and policy JCDAF and its implementing regulation.
- Any confiscated phone that is not retrieved by the end of the school year in which it was confiscated may be donated to a local charitable agency or organization.

Cell Phone /Electronic Devices on Buses:

- Students shall not use any electronic device during the operation of a school bus without the use of headphones or ear buds.
- Any electronic device that is distracting to the bus operator or may interfere with the bus' communication equipment is prohibited.
- Electronic device includes but is not limited to: cell phones; tablets; iPads; iPods; or any other electronic device.
- Students may not use any electronic device to video or audio record while on school provided transportation vehicles.

Medicine

- The Atlanta Board of Education is committed to the health and safety of its students. Medication and/or medical procedures required by students should be administered by a parent/legal guardian at home. Under exceptional circumstances, prescribed medication and/or medical health-related procedures may be administered by the school principal, his/her designee, the school nurse, or self-administered by the student per written physician's orders and written parent/guardian authorization.
- The parent/guardian must complete and sign the Administration of Medication/Medical Procedure form to acknowledge that the school assumes no responsibility for medications or procedures that are self-administered.
- School nurses or other employees may administer auto-injectable epinephrine to students upon the occurrence of an actual or perceived anaphylactic adverse (allergic) reaction by the student, whether or not such student has a prescription for epinephrine.
- School nurses or other employees may administer levalbuterol sulfate to students upon the occurrence of an actual or perceived respiratory distress, whether or not such student has a prescription for levalbuterol sulfate.
- Any school employee who in good faith administers or chooses not to administer these medications to a student in such circumstances shall be immune from civil liability, pursuant to Georgia statute.

Immunizations

- In response to ↑ number of measles cases and the risk of other communicable, yet preventable, diseases @apsupdate will strictly enforce immunization requirements as a condition for enrollment. Students not in compliance = withdrawn Friday, August 9.
- The Official Code of Georgia provides for only two types of exemptions from immunization requirements:
 - Medical: Medical exemption for a vaccine should be submitted on the advice of a child's physician. Medical exemptions must be submitted each year.
 - Religious: For a child to be exempt from immunizations on religious grounds, the parent or guardian must provide the school with a notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization (DPH Form 2208). The affidavit does not expire and can be found online.

Arrivals

- Between 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m./last bus leaves the front driveway is for buses and staff members only.
- Please drive down Cassanova Street and turn around and drop student off at the entrance of the driveway.
- Park along Cassanova Street and walk students to the building
- Park along Cassanova Street and walk students to the crossing guard who will help students across Fungston Street.
- Encourage students to always walk/cross the street where there is a crossing guard.
- Please do not open the door on Fungston Street and let students out unless you are parking and walking them safely across the street.

Early Dismissal

- No Early Dismissals after 2:00 p.m.
- Please do not go to your child's classroom for early dismissal. Office staff will call the classroom and request the student(s) to report to the office.
- All students receiving an early dismissal must be signed out by a parent/guardian or an authorized person, as identified on their enrollment paperwork.
- Please try to schedule all doctors and dentists' appointments after school hours.

EARLY
DISMISSAL



Dismissal

- The school day ends at 2:30 p.m.
- Dismissal information should be on record with the student's homeroom teacher.
- Please notify the office, **in writing**, if there are changes in your child's dismissal.
 - *No child will be dismissed outside of their normal dismissal method without written/electronic notification.*
 - *If there is an emergency, please notify the principal and/or assistant principal.*
- Students are to be picked up no later than 2:45 p.m. except for after-school tutorial or extra curricular activities.
 - After school tutorial students are to be picked up no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Students who are picked up late will be placed in the Preferred Care After School Program. The parent will be **charged a fee** for each student as a drop in. Repeated late pick ups will result in an address verification request or social worker referral.

Dismissal



Transportation Zones/Zonas de Trapaortacion

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| Zone 1 Pre-K Inside Classroom | Zona 1 Pre-K Dentro de la escuela Benteen |
| Zone 2 Car Riders Cassanova Street | Zona 2 Despedida por carro Cassanova Street |
| Zone 3 Walkers/Day Care Vans Cafeteria | Zona 3 Despedida a pie y a las guarderias Escolar Cafeteria |
| Zone 4 End of Front Parking Lot Bus Riders | Zona 4 Despedida por Autobus La salida al final del Estacionamiento delante de la escuela |
| Zone 5 After Care Program Cafeteria/Escolar Cafeteria | |

Information for Field Trips Chaperones

- **Must have a volunteer/background form on file.**
- **You are responsible for a group of students on the field trip (5 to 8 students).**
- **Must give at least 24 hour notice if you are interested in chaperoning on a field trip.**
- **Please make sure to adhere to the dress code policy for parents.**
- **Please help remind students that they should not have cell phones.**
- **Cannot bring additional children.**
- **Approved chaperones may ride APS transportation.**

Curriculum and Instruction

- Georgia Standards of Excellence will be taught in all core content areas in grades K-5.
- Specials will be provided to include art, music, Spanish, Writing Lab, and PE.
- Homework will be given daily and sometimes on Fridays.
- Grades will be given during mid-semester and final semester periods. You may access your students' grades via Parent Portal in Infinite Campus.

Testing and Assessment

- Students will be given a series of district and school level assessments throughout the year
 - STAR Assessments
 - Benchmark/ Bi-weekly Assessments
- All students in grades 3- 5 will take the Georgia Milestones Assessment
 - Designed to increase expectations for student learning
 - Requires students to EXPLAIN their answers and think critically
 - Includes a writing component at every grade level within ELA
 - Will cover content in language arts & mathematics for 3rd – 5th grades and science and social studies for 5th grade only.
- All English as a Secondary Language Students will take the ACCESS assessment.
- Kindergarten students will also complete the GKIDS Inventory.
 - DLI students will take all standardized assessments in English

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING

Benteen School Uniforms

- Uniforms should be worn Monday through Thursday
- Gym shoes, loafers, flats are acceptable. Slides and flip flops are not acceptable.
- Friday is Free Dress Day! Students may wear denim or jeans and a school appropriate shirt.
- Uniforms are to be worn on all field trips, unless specified.



Benteen Student Uniform Attire

Acceptable Uniform Tops include:

- Navy Blue/Light Blue Polo or T-Shirt (long or short)
- Yellow Polo or T-Shirt (long or short)
- White Polo or T-Shirt (long or short)
- Benteen T-Shirt



Acceptable Uniform Bottoms include:

- Navy Blue shorts and pants
- Khaki shorts and pants
- Navy Blue or Khaki skirts/skorts
- Navy Blue or Khaki Jumpers





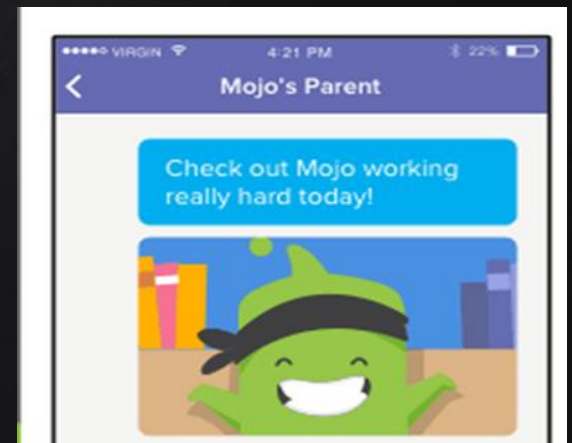
Parent/Visitor Dress Code

All persons entering the building must adhere to the Dress Code Policy outlined for the school.

- Tank tops, shorts, dresses, skirts more than two inches above the knee, midriff tops that expose the stomach, see through tops, “spaghetti” strap tops, t-shirts with profanity, baggy pants that fall at the hip, sheer/ see through dresses, pajamas, house shoes and hair bonnets are not allowed.
- Parents/visitors who violate this policy will be asked to leave the building.

School & District Communication

- Access important information about your child's academic progress and attendance via Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- All Homeroom Teachers communicate via ClassDojo for behavior and class announcements.
- Follow us on Social Media:
 -  [@APSBenteen](#)
 -  [@BenteenElementarySchool](#)
- Please be sure to download the APS app.
 - Locate pertinent information about the school and district level activities.
 - Obtain information regarding school closings due to weather and special holidays.



Conferences

- Parent-Teacher conferences are held each reporting period.
- Please look for your child's report card and meet with the teacher for ideas on how to support your child's learning.
- Please make an appointment to talk with your child's homeroom teacher periodically throughout the year.
- Conferences cannot be held during instructional time.
- Pop up visits are allowed with administrator approval, but parents are not allowed to disrupt the learning environment.



Classroom Visits

- In an effort to build and maintain a healthy parent/school connection, during the first week of school, only, K-5 parents are allowed to walk their children to class. At the start of the second week of school, students will transition to their normal processes.
- Per PreK required operating procedures, PreK parents must sign their students in with the teacher in the morning if they do not ride the bus./van
- When bringing supplies for your student's class please alert the office staff, who will contact the teacher to come retrieve the items from you in the parent center. Depending on the time of day, the teacher may come up or the parent liaison will deliver on your behalf.
- For holiday/End of Year parties, parents will sign in and deliver materials and depart quickly so instruction will not be interrupted.

After Care

- Not managed by the Benteen
- Provided by an approved provider/Preferred School Care
- \$35/week per child
- Students start on homework, have structured play time, and receive a snack.
- If you are interested please sign up in the lobby

Are You Interested in Before Care?

- We are exploring the feasibility of offering before school care for the 2019-2020 school year
- If you are interested please be sure to complete the survey in the lobby
- We need at least 15 students to attempt this endeavor
- Price will be provided later
- Possible drop off as early as 6:45 a.m.

Weekly Communicator

Starting the 2019-2020 school year the school will send home weekly communicators one day each week. These folders are for school announcements/flyers and will not be used for daily classroom paperwork. During the 2019-2020 school year the weekly communicators will be distributed every Wednesday and should be returned on Thursdays.

2019 - 2020 Clubs

- Band
- Chorus
- Cub Scouts
- Dance Program
- Girl Diamonds
- Girls on the Run
- Girl Scouts
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
- Orchestra
- Soccer in the Street

What Parents Can Do To Help ?



- Get your child to school everyday.
- Provide a comfortable study environment at home.
- Communicate with your child's teacher regularly.
- Ensure that your child has the proper supplies for learning.
- Assist in making sure that all homework assignments are completed and accurate.
- Support the school's efforts and be an active and valuable part of the planning process.
- Join the PTA

Be An Active Part of The School!

Parent/Teacher Association
(PTA)

Volunteer



GO Team

PARTICIPATE!

Dates to Remember

- August 10th -Back to School Bash @ GA World Congress Center August 12th – First Day of School
- August 27th – First PTA Meeting
- September 2nd – Labor Day
- September 9th – Grandparents' Day Lunch
- September 15th – Start of Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 11th – After School Tutorial Begins

Table Directory & Guests

- Families Ties
- PTA
- Parent Liaison
- Band/Orchestra Interest
- Preferred School Care
- Passion City Church (Gym)
- Cub Scouts
- Girls Scouts
- Parent Center
- School Nurse

Administrative Team

- ▶ Dr. Andrew Lovett, Jr., Principal
- ▶ Mr. Christian Padgett, Assistant Principal
- ▶ Ms. Aiesha Khan, Instructional Coach
- ▶ Mr. Gerard Latimore, IB Specialist
- ▶ Ms. Lorraine McFadden, RTI/SST Specialist
- ▶ Dr. Lenice Horton, Counselor

▶ **Front Office Phone** (404) 802- 7300

WE ARE...



Question and Answer Time

