



## **New Family Tip Sheet!**

Helpful hints for starting the year off right at Bonny Slope.

Welcome! We're happy for you to join the Bobcat Family!

### **The School-Day Logistics**

**When does school start/end each day?** For the 2022-2023 school year, school for kindergarteners through fifth graders starts at 8:30am and ends at 3:05pm.

More details will be coming closer to the start of school with additional drop off/entering the building logistics.

**What if my child can't remember where their classroom is the first week?** Never fear! They will get adjusted to the school layout very quickly. But there are staff throughout the hallways to help students who look lost find their way to class.

**How does car drop off work?** If you plan to drop off your child without parking, join the car line as you enter the parking lot. Make sure to stay alert for children and parents walking through the parking lot. At the top of the parking lot before the loop, follow the crossing-guard's instructions. Do not stop in the crosswalk. Always pull forward as far as you can before coming to a stop to let your child out. Have your child exit on the school side of your car and encourage them to exit as efficiently and as safely as possible. **Don't exit the car yourself.** Once your child is out of the car and the cars in front of you have started to advance, follow the car line around the loop and back out of the parking lot. AGAIN, make sure to follow the crossing-guard's instructions!!

**What if my child is late?** If your child comes to school after the school day starts, send them to the office where the office staff will sign them in, provide them with a tardy slip, and send them to their classroom.

**How do I tell the school if my child is sick?** If your child will miss school for any reason, call the Bonny Slope attendance line (503.356.2041) or email [bslp-attendance@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:bslp-attendance@beaverton.k12.or.us). You'll leave a message with your child's name, grade, teacher, school number and reason for their absence.

**How do I get my child at the end of the day?** There are four options for students at the end of the day. More details will be coming as we get closer to the school year.

- **After school classes or Student Stop (on-site after school care)**
- **Ride the school bus home**
- **Parent pick up 3:05-3:15**
- **Car pick up after 3:20**

**What if my child normally goes to Student Stop, but I want to do parent pick up some random days?** While it is always best to stick to a routine, some days require a schedule change. At the beginning of the school year, your child's teacher will ask about their "going home plans." The teachers do a really great job of keeping track of where the students are supposed to go at the end of the day. However, if your going home plans change, you need to notify your child's teacher (by email) before the start of the school day so they can make a note of the change. Of course, you'll also want to inform Student Stop that your child won't be there that day.

**What if my child has to leave early?** If you have to pick up your child early, its best to let your child's teacher and the office know in advance if at all possible. When you come to school to pick up your child, you'll go to the office to show photo ID and sign your child out. The office will then call your child out of class to meet you in the office. This needs to be done before 2:40 pm. After 2:40 pm we ask that you wait until dismissal to pick up your child.

## Snow Days

**What happens on snow days?** When weather is dicey, Beaverton School District (BSD) has three choices: (1) cancel school; (2) have a two hour delayed start (with snow routes); (3) have regular start, but put buses on snow routes.

The second and third options are tricky for Bonny Slope, however. That's because **EVERY bus route for Bonny Slope is considered unsuitable in the snow, meaning NO BUSES SERVE BSE when Beaverton designates snow routes.** We still have school, but the roads to BSE are considered too dangerous for bus transportation. If the weather report looks dangerous, then each family has to decide if they will drive/walk to school. If you choose to drive to school, please be patient when you are dropping off or picking up on a day with no bus service. Better yet, add all your neighbors as designated pickups, so your neighborhood can carpool.

**What happens if Beaverton School District announces that buses are on snow routes mid-day?** BSD will not provide transportation home when buses are on snow routes, even if those same buses took the kids to school in the morning. BSD will tell parents by 1pm if there's been a change of bus service

**How do we find out which snow day option BSD has chosen?** Parent Square reminders are going to hit you all at once-- texts, phone calls, emails. Don't worry, you'll know!

## Lunch and Snacks

**How does lunch work?** Each grade gets 20 minutes for lunch. That doesn't seem long for those little kindergartners, but they adjust quickly! Once the students arrive to the cafeteria, they can either grab the lunch they brought or get into the hot lunch line. Students do not have the option to heat up food. Water bottles are encouraged. At the beginning of the year, students are usually required to sit with their class. Over the course of this year, this requirement goes away as the students get used to the cafeteria lunch process.

**What if my child has a nut allergy?** Students with peanut and tree nut allergies sit at the nut-free table. Other students can join the nut-free table if their lunches are nut free too (in case a friend wants to join your child at the table).

**How does hot lunch work? Where do I go to put money in my child's lunch account? What if he forgets his code?** Visit [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) to create a hot lunch account for your student. You can add money to your student's account there and even set up automatic payments when the balance hits a certain point. To set up your student's account, you will need their student ID number. If you don't know that number, you can contact one of the BSE secretaries. The cafeteria staff and aides are really good about helping the younger

kids learn and navigate the system, but if you can help your child remember her student ID, it's helpful for everything.

**What about snacks during the day?** Your teacher will give you more info about how they want to handle snacks, but usually students bring a separate snack, not in their lunchbox, for a snack-time during the day, the timing of which depends on when they have lunch. The teachers usually request that you send only healthy snacks -- can you imagine all the kiddos hopped up on sugar during the day? Some ideas for healthy snacks include: fresh fruit, yogurt, vegetables, whole grain crackers, pretzels, popcorn, rice cakes, graham crackers, whole grain bagels, nut-free granola bars, and low-sugar cereals.

**Can my child bring a nut snack to the classroom?** Most teachers have nut-free classrooms, meaning the snack, eaten in the classroom, should not include nuts.

**How can I apply for free or reduced lunch?** You may apply at the link below.

<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition-services/meal-benefits>

## Visiting the School

**Bonny Slope is like a fortress! How do I enter the school?** After the first day of school, you won't be able to go beyond the Bonny Slope front office during school hours for any reason until you pass the Beaverton School District background check and have a covid vaccine card on file.. If you have questions about the background check process or to check if your check has cleared, please check in with the BSE front office.

Once you've passed your background check, if you would like to enter the school, you will need to first go to the front office and sign-in on one of the computers in the front office. This will require you to have set up an account on the Beaverton School District's volunteer management system, myvolunteerpage (MVP). While you are in the building, you must wear an identification badge at all times. If you come to Volunteer Orientation at the beginning of the year, you can have an official volunteer badge made and it will be hung right inside the door to the left of the computers. If you don't have an official badge, you can take a volunteer sticker to wear while you're in the school. When you leave the school, you must also sign out. This process is required so the office knows who is in the building at all times for security and emergencies.

**Can I start volunteering right away?** We love your enthusiasm and we'd love to get you involved as soon as possible. However, before you can enter the school during school hours for any reason, you must pass the Beaverton School District background check and have a covid vaccine card on file.. You may not volunteer unless you have a completed background check.

**When I'm at school, where do I go to the bathroom?** The Boys and Girls restrooms are for students only. Parents should use the single restrooms located outside the gym, near the first grade classrooms, outside the library or in the main office.

## Miscellaneous

**It's my child's birthday. Can I send cupcakes for all the kids in their class?** At Bonny Slope, we do not have celebrations for birthdays for individual students, but instead have a monthly birthday celebration for all students. During your child's birthday month, he/she will be invited to eat lunch with the principal. Yahoo!

