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Welcome back to
school!



You are cordially invited to our

"MEET YOUR TEACHER DAY"

AUGUST 20TH

4:30-5:30PM

We look forward to meeting you!

****Please bring your
school supplies with you****

4 R's

Responsibility

Respectfulness

Resourcefulness

Responsiveness

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

- Due to a large increase in bank fees, BGA will no longer be able to accept credit card payments. Please see Jodi in the business office with any questions. We apologize for this inconvenience.
- The school office will be open from 7:45AM to 4:30PM Monday-Friday. If you need help with any school-related issues, Marcia will be happy to assist you. Any financial issues may be discussed with Jodi. Her office is located on the first floor in room 112.
- To report a child's absence, please call the school by 9:00am. Please do not use email to report absences.
- All teachers now have a BGA email address. Those will be listed on the website shortly. You may contact them through this email address with questions or concerns about your child. Please remember to also visit the classroom pages regularly for updates.

MEDICATIONS

In your registration packet, you were given our medicine administration form. The parent, as well as your physician, must complete this form. Please note: **This is for both prescription and over the counter medications.** (We will be able to accept a fax from your doctor's office.)

A parent must bring the medication to the office. Medications cannot be left in your child's backpack.

We will be unable to accept written notes for medication administration.

****All nebulizer treatments must be administered by a parent/guardian.****

HOW TO CONTACT US

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

In our effort to be ecologically conscious, our monthly newsletter, What's Blooming, will be posted on our website for your viewing. The newsletter will be available for viewing after the 1st of each month.

Please check the website often for changes and updates at BGA.

We can't stress enough how important it is for parents to read the monthly What's Blooming publication. In this, you will find updates of events, meetings and special activities. We don't want your child, or you, to miss out on this information, so please visit our website monthly for your updates.

Schedule for Arrival and Dismissal of Students

The door you will use for arrival and dismissal is based upon which classroom your child is in.

AM EXTENDED DAY - Hours are 7:00 - 7:50AM. Children arriving for morning extended day should come to the Jefferson Street door. You may park in the loading zone to drop off your child. Ring the doorbell, and our staff will greet you.

ARRIVAL FOR NON-EXTENDED DAY STUDENTS IS 7:50—8:00 AM

Jefferson Street Door:

- Children with the following teachers: Kay & Kris

Evans Street Door:

- Children with the following teachers: Gayle, Meghan, Kathy & all 3 day a week children

Please do not leave your car parked in either loading zone. There will be staff members at each door and children are asked to walk into the building alone. If you wish to accompany your child into the building, please park on the next block. Jefferson Street and Evans Street are only for parents that are having their children walk into the building by themselves. Do not leave your vehicle in our loading zones to come into the building.

If you arrive after 8:00 AM, you must come into the building with your child at the **Evans Street door. Parents must sign in their child at the school office, and then escort them to class. The Jefferson Street door will be locked at 8:00 AM and teachers will not leave their classes to answer the doorbell during school hours.**

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DISMISSAL FOR NON-EXTENDED DAY STUDENTS IS 3:00 PM FOR FULL DAY EARLY LEARNERS AND 3:10 PM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.

Jefferson Street Door:

- Children with the following teachers: Kay & Kris

Evans Street Door:

- Gayle, Meghan, Kathy, all 3 day a week children & Kay's half day children

Please do not leave your car parked in either loading zone. There will be staff members at each door, and children are dismissed when the teacher sees the parent/guardian. If you wish to accompany your child out of the building, please park on the next block. Do not leave your vehicle in our loading zones to come into the building.

Early Learners not picked up by 3:10 PM and Elementary/Middle School students not picked up by 3:15 PM will be sent to the Extended Day Program. Parents should use the Jefferson Street door for pick-up.

PM EXTENDED DAY - Hours are 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Children should be picked up at the Jefferson Street door. You may park in the loading zone to pick up your child.

Please Note: To help the flow of traffic in the loading zones, parents should pull all the way to the corner of Evans and Jefferson streets to allow as many parents as possible when dropping off and picking up their children. ***Please do not leave your car.*** If traffic is congested on Evans Street, please pull around the corner onto Jefferson Street. **Do not park in the apartment lots across from the school on Evans Street; this is private parking for the apartment residents.**

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC

It's time to start thinking about the All-School Picnic. You won't want to miss this annual event! It is a GREAT opportunity to meet the other children from the school, their families, and teachers. So mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

WHEN: Saturday, September 18th
4:00-6:00 PM

WHERE: Maxwell Park

FOOD: This is a POTLUCK.
Last names starting with A-F, please bring a dessert to share.
Last names starting with G-Z, please bring a main dish to share.
Please bring table service for your family.



ADDRESS: Parkside and Gregory Street, Normal

HALF-DAY PICKUP

Please be prompt when picking up your children from the Half-Day Program. Children are dismissed at 11:30.

There is a charge of \$10 for every 5 minutes thereafter that time, which will automatically be added to your account.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Would you like a break from packing your child's lunch? Our hot lunch program is offered every Friday (**or on the Thursday prior to any Friday when school is not in session**) that school is in session for full day students. At a minimal cost, you may order your child cheese pizza, carrot sticks with ranch dressing and dessert.

The hot lunch program begins on August 27th. Look for sign up sheets to come home with your child the first week of school.

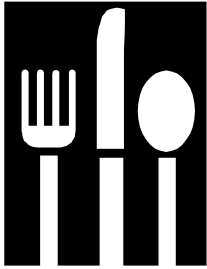
Please return all order forms and payments promptly. We **will not be able** to process late orders.



SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Good nutrition is so important! All of our classes take a break for a morning snack. Please send a nutritious snack with your child each day, such as vegetables, crackers & cheese, fruit, muffin, or a sandwich. Milk or water is provided for Early Learners at snack-time.

Full-day students should also bring a lunch each day. There are many insulated cold pack lunch boxes on the market that offer a safe solution to keeping items cool without refrigeration. Microwaves are available for students to warm food. (**Frozen items** that need to be cooked are **not permitted**) Milk is provided for all students at lunchtime.

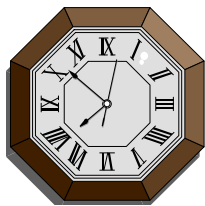


Please be sure lunches are packed with appropriate silverware & napkins! Blooming Grove does not keep these items on hand.

CLASSROOM NEWS

All classes start promptly at 8:00AM.

In order for your child to not miss out on any class activities and to avoid disrupting the class, please make sure your child is in school by 8:00AM. We believe it is important for children to learn one of our 4 R's -- Responsibility -- by being ready for class on time.



EXTENDED DAY

Hours: 7:00--7:50AM
3:00--6:00PM

If you have signed up for one of our Extended Day monthly programs, your first payment is due September 10th. Please pay your Extended Day fees on the same schedule as your monthly tuition. They may be written together in one check.

If you use the Extended Day Program on a **drop-in basis**, a bill will be sent home with your child. Children who stay for afternoon extended day are provided a snack and milk at 4:00PM.

If you have questions about the Extended Day Program or would like to add your child to the monthly Extended Day Program, please call the office to make arrangements.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES, PHYSICAL, DENTAL & EYE FORMS

Please review the following to determine what your child needs before coming back to school.

Birth Certificates:

- A certified copy from the county in which your child was born

New Students only

Physical Forms:

New Students

Ages 4.6+ (Early Learner II programs)
6th Grade

Dental Forms:

Ages 4.6+ (Early Learner II programs)
2nd Grade
6th Grade

Eye Forms:

Any student attending school in Illinois for the 1st time
Ages 4.6+ (Early Learner II programs)

TUITION PAYMENTS

First tuition payments are due August 10th. Please be sure your check is received by that date.

We try to avoid sending statements home. You are responsible for making your monthly payments on time.

*****A late fee of \$20 will be assessed 5 days after the due date and each week thereafter, so please be prompt in your payments.***

You may either mail your payment or send it in your child's backpack. If you are sending the payment to school, please be sure to enclose it in a separate envelope with **Attn: Jodi** written on the outside

Our mailing address is:
510 East Washington, Suite 115
Bloomington, IL 61701
Attn: Jodi

Please submit checks payable to BGA. Tuition and Extended Day checks may be written together. **All other checks should be separate (and not combined with any other expenses):** Hot Lunch, Blooming Bucks, Scholastic, yearbooks, spirit wear etc. Please write your child's first and last name on the checks and what the check is for.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for chairpersons for the following committees/fundraising events:

P/T Crew (PTO)

The PT Crew is an organization that plans and sponsors events for the BGA community. For example: Fall Fest and Pizza & a Movie Night. They promote a sense of community by gathering families to socialize and enjoy time with their children.

Hospitality Committee

This committee helps organize staff luncheons and teacher appreciation items for BGA.

Capital Campaign Committee

This committee works with the BGA admin team to create and promote awareness of our school in the community, by means of donations. We also reach out to past and current parents.

Enrollment & Marketing Committee (E&M)

The E & M committee will also work closely with the admin team of BGA, to market our school to the community.

Fundraising Committee

This committee helps BGA raise funds to support the school.

Sub groups of fundraising:

Box Tops & Soup Labels

This committee coordinates and submits box tops and soup labels that the BGA community collects. We cash in these labels & box tops in exchange for funds and products.

All School Raffle

The All School Raffle Committee collects and organizes donations from the community to raffle at our All School Program. This has proven to be one of our biggest fundraisers! This event happens in April but takes many months of planning.

Scholastic Book Fair

This committee helps organize the run the Scholastic Book Fair. It is a two day event that is held in the community room, and typically runs from 3-6pm.

Barnes and Noble Day

This committee would work with the admin team to organize and staff an all day event at Barnes and Noble. This year's event is being held in November.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for our e-Newsletter. We have entered in several names and addresses, so don't be surprised if you get this response: *that email address is already subscribed to the list.*

Please sign up as many email addresses as you'd like.... Don't forget your significant other, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and close friends! Please note: At any time, you can "unsubscribe", but you will find this is the easiest way to receive information. When the What's Blooming is ready for viewing, you will be notified by email, and will easily be able to access the publication with a simple click!

Accidentally unsubscribe yourself from the mailings? Simply go to our website @ WWW.BGAKids.net and re-register.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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| Aug 20 | Meet Your Teacher 4:30-5:30pm |
| Aug 23 | First Day of School AM & PM Extended Day Available August/September hot lunch & holiday care forms come home. |
| Aug 24 | Early Learner Parent Orientation 6:30-7:30pm |
| Aug 26 | Elem/MS Parent Orientation 6:30-7:30pm |
| Aug 27 | Fundraising packet comes home today |
| Aug 27 | Hot Lunch Program begins |
| Sept 3 | NO SCHOOL- Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences 8:00-11:30am & 1pm-4:30pm |
| Sept 6 | NO SCHOOL- Labor Day |
| Sept 15 | Kick-off for Read-A-Thon |
| Sept 18 | All School Family Picnic Pot Luck 4-6pm |

HOLIDAY CARE CONTRACT

Holiday Care is open to all students (and siblings) from age 3-12, on days that Blooming Grove Academy is not in session and offers the program. All Holiday Care days are listed on the school calendar.

This contract, along with payment, must be returned by the first day of school. **Please Note:** payment is **non-refundable, non-transferable, and can not be carried over** to subsequent years.

Child 1

- 15 day pre-paid package - **\$370**

Child 2+

- 15 day pre-paid package - **\$278**

Please note, these 15 days are flexible within the days offered, but **require** parent(s)/guardian(s) to sign up for the care on the days they wish to use by the given deadline.

- I plan to use the Holiday Care Program on an as needed basis. I understand that I must sign up by the deadline given for each Holiday Care offer, and that payment must accompany that request.

By signing below, parent(s)/guardian(s) hereby agree and acknowledge the following rules for Holiday Care use:

- Drop off time begins at 7:00AM and your child must be picked up by **6:00PM**, or a charge of \$10 for every 5 minutes past 6:00PM will be charged to your account.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will supply Holiday Care with emergency numbers of persons that have permission to pick up your child. Your child will not be allowed to leave unless names are on the emergency form, or a change of information form has been turned in to the school office.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will supply a snack and lunch for each child. Milk is offered for children wishing to have it.

Child Attending _____ Age _____

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Child Attending _____ Age _____

Child Attending _____ Age _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
Signature(s) _____ Date _____

BACK TO SCHOOL

We are almost ready to start our 25th year of school! In case you are not quite ready, here are a few tips on ways to get back in the school routine:

***Re-establish bed times** for school nights.

***Set up a file for school papers.** Hang the school calendar on the refrigerator or other easy-to-see spot.

***Get children in the habit** of setting out their clothes the night before, packing their lunch or snack, and putting it in their backpack by the front door.

***Scale back TV time.**

***Start a family reading time.**



(Source: Barbara Abers Hill, "12 ways to Gear Up for School," Family Circle, September 1, 1995)

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