

Salem Public Schools

Bates Elementary School

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On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to welcome our new kindergarten students and our returning students to the 2019-2020 school year!

The teachers and staff have been very busy preparing the building and classrooms for the first day of school. Your teachers have been planning exciting lessons, decorating classes, and organizing supplies. Additionally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to our custodial staff. They worked diligently throughout the summer to clean and ready our schools.

The new school year holds great promise, and we are excited to work in partnership with you as we ensure that students learn and grow. We encourage you to be an integral part of your child's education through participation in the PTO, through open lines of communication with your child's teacher and building administration, and through participation in school-sponsored activities. **Bates Open House is Wednesday, September 25th.**

The **first day of school for grades 1-5 is Wednesday, September 4th.** Students will meet their teachers on the Bates playground at 7:30 am. **Kindergarten Orientation is Friday, September 6th** at 8:00 am and **kindergarten students' first day is Monday, September 9th.** **Everyday school begins at 7:45 am. Doors open at 7:10 am** for families that need to drop students off early to accommodate their work schedules. The main office opens at 7:30 am. Dismissal is at 1:50 pm.

It is expected students attend school on a daily basis. If your student will be absent please be sure to contact the absent alert number at **978-740-1172**. If there are attendance concerns please contact the school so we can support you and your student throughout the year.

We are fortunate at Bates to boast a stellar teaching staff, and we are so pleased to welcome many new staff members this school year. Please extend a warm Bates welcome to them when you meet them.

Please know that we have an open-door policy, and welcome any opportunity to meet with you. We are looking forward to our collaboration in providing a safe and nurturing environment as well as a challenging and diverse curriculum. **We look forward** to sharing information about our school and your child's education.

Sincerely,

Jose Muñoz, Principal

Gavin Softic, Assistant Principal