

BENTLEY PRIDE

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WELCOME BACK

TO SCHOOL!

NOTE FROM MS. ZASTRO

Welcome back, Bentley families!

We had a wonderful start to the 2023/2024 school year. The children did an excellent job of navigating through these first few weeks. We are so proud of them! Our theme this year is *Peace and Love at Bentley School*. We are delighted to be working and learning together.

We are excited to be offering a variety of after school clubs again this year. A chart with all of our available clubs is included in this newsletter. Club sponsors take attendance at every meeting. If your child is NOT going to attend their club after school, please be sure to either let the club sponsor know of the absence or call the office to inform us. If your child does not come to their club and we have no prior notice of their absence, our school secretary will need to contact you to verify their absence. Thank you for your help with this.

If you are interested in ordering Bentley spiritwear, our online store is open. Be sure to visit https://bentleygear.itemorder.com/ to place your order. The order deadline is September 28 and the spiritwear will be sent home with your child the week of October 12th.

Bentley picture day is Friday, September 29. If your child is not in school on this day, our picture retake day is Friday, November 3. More information will be sent to our families regarding picture day.

Thank you for sharing your learners with us. On behalf of the staff at Bentley School, we welcome you back and are looking forward to a great year!



- 4 NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY
- 8 SPIRIT DAY-FOOTBALL FRIDAY-WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL GEAR
- 15 PRACTICE LOCKDOWN DRILL
- 11 SPIRIT DAY- WEAR RED, WHITE, BLUE OR CAMO IN HONOR OF 9/11
- 19 NLSD 122 BOARD MEETING AT DISTRICT OFFICE 6:00PM
- 22 10:35AM DISMISSAL-SIP DAY SPIRIT DAY-PAJAMA DAY
- 26 GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME @ OAKVIEW 4:00PM (AWAY)
- 27 LOCKDOWN DRILL
- 28 GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME VS CROSSING 4:00PM (HOME) SPIRITWEAR ONLINE ORDER DEADLINE
- 29 PICTURE DAY (RETAKE DAY NOVEMBER 2)
 MIDTERMS SEMESTER 1
 LAST DAY OF MUSIC

Pillar for September Respect

- ~Treat others with respect: follow the Golden Rule
- ~Be tolerant of differences
- ~Use good manners, not bad language
- ~Be considerate of the feelings of others
- ~Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
- ~Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements



BENTLEY BASKETBALL GAMES

Come out and cheer on our Bentley Lion's basketball teams. Concessions will be sold at every game. Please enter the back gym doors when attending the games.

Cost to attend is as follows:

Students-\$1.00 Seniors-\$1.00 Adults-\$2.00

Families-\$5.00

All games are listed on our Bentley School website calendar.





NOTES FROM OUR NURSE

Welcome back, Bentley! I am so excited for the new school year!

6th grade families: A physical exam on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form with immunizations and dental exam are due



this year. Please note that one of the required immunizations, meningococcal conjugate, must be given after the child's 11th birthday.

If your child received their physical before their 11th birthday, another appointment will need to be made to obtain the vaccine.

Please note that if you turned in a sports physical for your 6th grader, a physical on the State if Illinois form is also needed. A copy of that form can be found here:

https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/forms/certificate-ofchild-health-examination-03032017.pdf

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns!

Jennifer Kennedy RN, BSN, PEL-CSN jkennedy@nlsd122.org

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PRESCHOOL SCREENING 2023-2024

District 122 will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. All preschoolers who reside in District 122 are eligible to be screened free of charge. Preschool Screening is designed to identify preschoolers who show delays or problems in speech and language skills, large muscle coordination skills, cognitive skills or social and emotional growth.



Screening dates: September 22, 2023 November 17, 2023 March 8, 2024 May 10, 2024

Times: 8:15, 9:15, 10:15

NOTES FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I look forward to an amazing school year with all of you!

As the school social worker, I work with all students by going into classrooms on a monthly basis to teach social emotional lessons. In addition, I see students in small groups and individually as needed. If you have any concerns socially, emotionally or your family is going through a change or hardship, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together we will have a wonderful school year!

Mrs. Adams dadams@nlsd122.org



STUDENT COUNCIL

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Student Council Election information can be found in front of the main office. Any student who is interested in running will need to turn in their picture to their homeroom teachers by Wednesday, September 6th. Elections will be held on Thursday, September 7th and students will be notified of winners on Friday, September 8th.

We will continue to collect pop tabs this year for the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring your pop tabs into your homeroom and student council will collect them during our meetings!



September Spirit Days:

Friday, September 8th - Football Friday - Wear your favorite NFL, college, or high school football gear!



Monday, September 11th - Red, White & Blue or Camo in honor of 9/11

Friday, September 22nd - Pajama Day - Roll out of bed, grab your slippers, and head to school!



LUNCH TIMES

4th Grade- Lunch 10:35-11:05am 5th Grade- Lunch 11:10-11:40am 6th Grade- Lunch 11:45-12:15pm

Lunches are now \$4.00 each-they are not free unless a student qualifies for free lunch. Lunch orders will be sent to parents by email messenger or can be ordered on the NLSD122 website under Parents & Students, Lunch program or on Bentley's website under lunch. Orders will be for a 2-week period. Milk can be purchased for .35 each day during lunchtime. Payments can be made through your NLSD122 PowerSchool account.



Ice cream will be sold on **Wednesdays** at lunchtime for \$1.00. Students will not be able to call home for money.



PILLAR OF THE MONTH

Bentley will again be using the "Pillar of the Month". Each month we will be highlighting a different Pillar of Character

throughout the school: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship. Each classroom teacher will choose one student from their classroom that consistently demonstrates that character trait. Each student that is chosen receives a special gift from Mrs. Zastro and Mrs. Johnson. In addition to this gift their name is posted on the Pillar of the Month board. This is a very special honor at Bentley School!



BENTLEY SPIRIT WEAR

Bentley School will be selling Spirit Wear thru September 28. All orders can be placed online at the following

website <u>BentleyGear.itemorder.com</u>. Orders will be available at the school the week of 10/12. Flyer is attached to our newsletter with all types of spiritwear to choose from.



PHOTO ID FOR VISITORS

District policy requires us to ask for ID's whenever we have visitors. Please be prepared to show a photo ID or Driver's

License, when coming into the building for volunteering or picking us a student. Your cooperation in this matter is beneficial to the safety of all staff and students.



BENTLEY PICTURE DAY

Your child's picture will be taken on Friday, September 29. All pictures will be viewed and ordered online. Pictures will be mailed to your home by Visual

Image Photography. Picture retake will be Friday, November 3.



<u>CLUBS</u>: Students will not be allowed to sign up for more than one club each day. **If your child will not be able to attend please contact our office or send a note with your child**. Attendance is taken in all of our clubs and our office staff will call a parent if a student does not attend.

<u>CHANGES IN ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS</u>: Please notify the Office as soon as possible of any changes of address, phone numbers, employment or emergency contacts so our records can be kept current. You can also log on to PowerSchool and make changes to your information.

<u>BUS STOP ARM ALERT:</u> Parents, please be aware that buses on the Bentley Campus <u>do</u> use stop arms when loading or unloading students. It is illegal to pass a bus when the stop arm is extended even on our access roads.

<u>BIKE RIDING</u>: Please be advised that students should arrive at school no more than 5 minutes before the entry bell. Please make sure your student locks their bike. <u>SKATEBOARDS AND</u> ROLLER SKATES/BLADES ARE NOT TO BE USED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. PLEASE CARRY.

ATTENDANCE: Please remember to call our office at (815-485-4451) if your child is absent. Calls should be made by 7:45 AM each day. Be prepared to give your child's name, grade and reason for absence. (Note: Students may not call themselves in as absent.) If we do not receive a call we will contact the New Lenox Police Department to make a wellness check at your residence.

MEDICATION: A reminder from our School Nurse-If your child has to take medication, prescribed or over-the counter, a <u>Medication Authorization</u> form must be submitted. This form must be signed by the doctor and the parent. Students are not to bring medication to school themselves. It is to be brought into the Office by the parent. The medication form can be faxed to the school at 815-485-7599 by your doctor. Thanks!

<u>DROPPING OFF ITEMS:</u> When dropping off items during school hours (lunches, backpacks, homework, library books, glasses, tennis shoes, etc.), please leave them on the table in the building vestibule. There is a slip of paper to fill out and attach to the item. We check the table continually throughout the day.

BENTLEY SCHOOL HOURS

Bentley will be open from 6:40am until 3:15pm. There will be **NO** option of returning at any later time to retrieve materials left behind by students. The custodial staff will **NOT** be available to allow anyone into the building beyond this time.

NOTES FROM OUR LRC

Mrs. Kathleen Drews, Librarian

I am so glad to be with my friends at Bentley School again this year! This is my eighth year at Bentley and Nelson Ridge Schools and my 23rd year in the New Lenox School District! I'm looking forward to seeing your children in the library this school year!

Another fact about me is that I am a Field Ambassador for the Field Museum in Chicago. As a Field Ambassador, I am able to attend special educator programs and bring the museum back to my students. This includes bringing small exhibit cases of a variety of museum artifacts to school. Students always enjoy working with these museum items.

Overview of School Year:

I am excited to let you know that we will be having TWO book fairs this school year! There will be a 2-day Fall book fair in the middle of October, and our regular Spring book fair will be in February. Look for information about the October fair coming soon!

There are several ways students can participate in library activities during the school year:

- Library Lions Club Students who enjoy reading, discussing books, and working in the library are encouraged to join. This club meets every other Tuesday after school starting the end of September.
- Illinois Children's Choice Award Programs Students are encouraged to read books from the Illinois Bluestem Award (for grades 3-5) and Rebecca Caudill Award (grades 4-8) programs.
 These programs go until the end of February and involve a list of 48 fantastic books.
 Students who read at least 3 will get the chance to vote on their favorite.
- Star Reader Students fill out a monthly reading log (5 hours total) to earn a small prize.
- Battle of the Books Teams of students read 4 selected books and get quizzed on them to see which team knows them the best.

Importance of Reading to Children

I am currently taking a class on reading with children, especially reading aloud. Each month I will give information on the importance and benefits of reading aloud to your children (no matter what age) and give suggestions of good read-alouds. For this month, here is a chart about the impact of reading 20 minutes each day.

Have a great September! Mrs. Kathy Drews





VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at Bentley School, please visit our Bentley School website to sign up. We are looking for library helpers, office copy parents, book fair helpers, Field Day helpers (May) and special events/projects(Halloween and Holiday parties). After filling out the form online we will contact you when needed.

Keeping Fit in P.E. with Mr. B



6th Graders playing some "3 Ball' to kick off the school year!

PE NEWS

Welcome Back! I'm looking forward to another fun year in PE!!!

Win an Extra PE... "Being Active" Pictures

Students are encouraged to bring in pictures, of themselves or of them and their families, of things they do to stay active outside of school. We will display these pictures on the bulletin board outside of the gym. Students bringing in pictures will be entered into a drawing for an opportunity to win an extra PE class for their classroom.

CLUBS

Permission slips for Kickball Club and Running & Fitness Club are available outside the main office. Kickball will run on Tues/Thurs from 9/5 - 10/3, while Running & Fitness Club will meet on Mon/Wed 9/11 - 10/11. Both clubs will meet after school until 3:05. Permission slips for Kickball club are due 9/2 & Running & Fitness Club forms are due 9/6. See the club forms for additional information. Due to the high turnout, no late slips can be accepted.

PE SHOES

Please remember to wear or pack your PE shoes on PE day.

MR. BOERSMA/PE TEACHER jboersma@nlsd122.org

Parents/Guardians,

During our school year, we will practice drills for fire, shelter (weather), and lock down. The purpose of these drills is to prepare our students and staff to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency situation.

The following are the talking points our staff use with our intermediate aged students in regard to a lockdown **drill**. An announcement is made clearly indicating that this is a drill only and teachers prepare their class prior to the drill.

The first and most important step in any drill is **STOP... LISTEN to your teacher.**

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend

In addition to the information above, teachers discuss **Run**, **Hide**, **Fight** options with students. Student training includes the hide only option. Staff discuss with students what to do if they are in various locations that include run, hide, and fight options (ex: bathroom, hallway, gym, playground).



Your support in discussing these points with your child at home is greatly appreciated.







NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE, ALL SALES FINAL - NO RETURNS OR EXCHANGES.

ALL ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL THE WEEK OF 10/12

ORDER ONLINE
Bentley Gear. itemorder.com



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2023-2024 Bentley Clubs

Bentley School is proud to sponsor many amazing, fun, and engaging clubs for our students. Below is a list of clubs that your student may sign up for when the school year begins. Please contact the club sponsor with any questions. Space is limited. All clubs end at 3:05. Please be sure someone can pick up your child by 3:05 on club meeting days.

Club Name	Sponsor/Email	Description	Club Dates	
Talent Show: 4th, 5th, 6th Grades	Amie Kraatz: akraatz@nlsd122.org Kelly Farmer: kfarmer@nlsd122.org	The talent show will showcase the amazing skills that our students have!	April & May	
Lady Lions on the Run: 4th, 5th, 6th Grades	Amie Kraatz: akraatz@nlsd122.org	This club promotes girl empowerment by teaching specific strategies on how to	March-May	
	Lauren Randich: randich@nlsd122.org	manage emotions, help others, and more!		
	Autumn Fijolek: afijolek@nlsd122.org			
Chess Club: 4th, 5th, 6th Grades	Jen Ruhl: iruhl@nlsd122.org	Learn the fun game of chess! The club will end with a tournament.	January-March	
5th Grade Skills Basketball Camp: 5th Grade	Anthony Marotta: amarotta1@nlsd122.org	To help 5th grades learn the basic skills needed to play 6th grade basketball	February-March	
	Lauren Randich: randich@nlsd122.org	(Basketball rules, how to set up a free throw, dribbling, passing, lay-ups)		
Library Lions Library Club: 4th, 5th, 6th Grades	Kathy Drews: kdrews@nlsd122.org	Students will discuss books, participate in book challenges, and help out in the library.	September-April	
Math Club: 6th Grade	Lauren Randich: <u>Irandich@nlsd122.org</u>	This club will give 6th grade students extra support with math homework/small group time for specific skills.	Every Tuesday Trimester 2 and 3	
Mural Club: 6th Grade	Lori Wieclaw: wieclaw@nlsd122.org	Mural Club gives artists a place to develop their art skills and collaborate with other student artists. Students will paint 1-2 murals throughout the school.	Winter trimester and Spring	

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Board & Card Game Club: 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade	Jen Ruhl: iruhl@nlsd122.org	Students will participate in this social club to build friendships and work together.	Winter	
Running & Fitness Fun: 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade	Jason Boersma jboersma@nlsd122.org	An in depth look at the effect of aerobic exercise on our body. We'll be distance running and participating in fun running activities like: Run for the \$, Race to 200, & Indy 500. Compete in a 1-mile race at the end of the club.	Fall	
Back to School Kickball: 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade	Jason Boersma: jboersma@nlsd122.org	Students go outside and play the all-time favorite recess games with fellow Bentley students.	Fall	
Volleyball Club: 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade	Jason Boersma: iboersma@nlsd122.org	Improve your volleyball skills and participate in games & compete in a volleyball tournament with your friends!	Spring	
4th Grade Basketball Club: 4th Grade	Jason Boersma: iboersma@nisd122.org	Students will be placed onto teams and will use the skills they learned in PE to play in a 3 on 3 tournament.	Winter	
Origami Club: 4th, 5th & 6th Grade	Jen Ruhl: iruhl@nlsd122.org	Learn to do origami!	September-December	
Creative Writing Club: 4th. 5th, & 6th Grade	Jen Ruhl: iruhl@nlsd122.org	Students will love playing writing games, and will enter writing and poetry contests	Once a month all year	



Bentley School - New Lenox Lunch, September 2023



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No Menu Available	No Menu Available	No Menu Available		No Menu Available		Cheesy Pull-Apart Marinara Sauce Celery Sticks Orange Wedges Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk	
Mon 04	Tue 05	Wed	06	Thu	07	Fri	08
Closed	Mini Pancakes Maple Syrup Raspberry Rainbow Yogurt Carrots Apple Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk	Chicken Tacos Garbanzo Beans Watermelon Craisins Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk		Breaded Chicken Strips Barbecue Sauce Corn Applesauce Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk		Personal Cheese Pizza Broccoli Pineapple Tidbits Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk	ς.
Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed	13	Thu	14		15
All Beef Hot Dog Low Sodium Ketchup Carrots Apple Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk	Popcorn Chicken Barbecue Sauce Celery Sticks Orange Wedges Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk	Mini Waffles Maple Syrup Raspberry Rainbow Yogo Peas Banana Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk		Breaded Chicken Sandw Barbecue Sauce Garbanzo Beans Applesauce Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk		Bosco Sticks with Mari Broccoli Pineapple Tidbits Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Mil	
Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed	20	Thu	21	Fri	22
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Mon 25	Tue 26	6 Wed	27	Thu	28		29
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots Apple Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk	Chicken Corn Dog Pineapple Tidbits Celery Sticks Ranch Dressing Low Sodium Ketchup	Breaded Chicken Strips Low Sodium Ketchup Garbanzo Beans Banana Lowfat Milk		Mini Pancakes Maple Syrup Low Fat Strawberry Ba Yogurt Peas Strawberry Craisins	папа	Bosco Sticks with Mar Broccoli Apple Slices Ranch Dressing Lowfat Milk Fat Free Chocolate Mi	

^{*} Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellsh or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Menu is subjected to change, notice posted when available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122



NLSD 122 IS HIRING!

INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE BUILDING YOUR CHILD ATTENDS? DO YOU NEED TO WORK THE HOURS YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL? IF SO, APPLY NOW TO BE A PARAPROFESSIONAL!

With a short-term approval, paraprofessionals need only to be 19 years of age with a high school diploma (or equivalent), or higher. This approval is available now until June 30, 2025.

Interested applicants can apply on our website linked <u>HERE</u>.





SEXTING CYBER-BULLYING SNAPCHAT INSTAGRAM



A powerful presentation empowering students on how to protect themselves and understand the risks of social networks and gaming.

New Lenox School District 122 will be hosting a "Keeping Our Kids Cyber Safe" presentation on the following dates:

> 9/12/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Liberty Jr. High 9/13/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Martino Jr. High 9/14/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Spencer Crossing

All parents, guardians, teachers, and grandparents are welcome to attend. Detective Diane DiSalvo of Be Sure Cyber Training is a nationally recognized High Technology Cyber Crimes Specialist. He will be presenting proactive strategies, expert insight, and invaluable resources designed to empower you to combat Cyber-Bullying and Sexting.

Presenting Information and Strategies on:

- Understand cyber-crime and that "No one online is anonymous"
- Understand appropriate protocols when a someone discloses issues of cyber-bullying, sexting, or sextortion.
- How to protect your kids from drug use.
- How to report criminal Cyber-Bullying.
- Understand the dangers of many popular apps
- How Internet investigations are conducted using subpoenas and search warrants.
- Understand social media laws such as: Harassment, Cyber-Stalking and False Personation.
- How to empower yourself to report cyber crime and harassment.
- How to protect your "digital foot print" and understand what it means to your future.
- Open Forum Q&A.













