



Brookside Times

Merryhill School at Brookside
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Letter from the Principal

Hello Merryhill Families!

I hope this letter finds you happy and healthy, enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends.

It's hard to believe that August is almost here. This newsletter highlights some important "Back to School" news along with information regarding uniforms, back to school supplies, and our tentative activity calendar.

Please read through this newsletter carefully and mark all important dates on your calendar at home.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 209-477-9005 or corinne.deprater@nkcinc.com.

I look forward to seeing you and your children soon!

Sincerely,

Corinne DePrater-Pacheco

Back to School

School begins on Monday, August 18th. Please note that tuition is due on or before August 1. You may stop by the school and drop off your payment or mail it to the address above. We accept checks only, made payable to Merryhill School. Please write your child's name in the memo section of the check.

SCHOOL HOURS: Our campus opens at 6:30am and closes at 6:00pm for students who are in need of and enrolled in before/aftercare. Class begins at 8:30am. It is important that students are in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:30. Academic schedules are as follows:

- Kindergarten: 8:30am-3:00pm
- 1st-8th Grades: 8:30am-3:30pm
- Study Hall (Monday-Thursday): 3:30-4:00pm

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: All students are required to be in uniform at all times unless it is a designated "Free Dress Day" or "Spirit Day". The last Friday of every month is Free Dress. Please review the following page for uniform attire.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE: The front office will be open for uniform exchanges beginning Monday, August 4th. Bring clean, gently used uniforms and exchange them for larger sizes. If your child is a new Merryhill student or entering Kindergarten, you may look for Merryhill shirts, shorts, pants, sweaters, and sweat-shirts that will fit your child. If you have uniforms to drop off, please bring them to the school at your convenience.



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Special points of interest:

- *Uniform exchange open August 4th-29th*
- *New school supply packs for sale beginning August 4th*
- *Kindergarten Orientation August 15th at 10:00 AM*
- *Middle School Orientation August 15th at 11:00 AM*
- *School starts Monday, August 18th.*
- *Back to School Night: Thursday, August 20 from 5:30-7:30 PM*
- *Campus closed 8/11-8/15 for Staff Professional Development*

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Uniform Attire

Girls Uniform Attire

- Jumper: Merryhill Plaid
- Skirts: Navy, Khaki, or Merryhill Plaid
- Shirts: short sleeved and long sleeved polo style shirts with MH logo (optional); navy, baby blue, or white (K-2); white, navy, or hunter green (3-8)
- Pants/Shorts: Navy or Khaki
- Blouse: white with MH logo (optional)
- Merryhill Logo Sweatshirt/Sweater (for in the classroom)
- Outerwear: Any winter coat for outside is acceptable
- Socks/Tights: “free” (students may be tastefully creative)
- Shoes: “free” closed-toed

Boys Uniform Attire

- Shirts: short sleeved and long sleeved polo style shirts with MH logo (optional); navy, baby blue, or white (K-2); white, navy, or hunter green (3-8)
- Pants/Shorts: Navy or Khaki
- Button down Oxford Style shirt with MH logo (optional)
- Merryhill Logo Sweatshirt/Sweater (for in the classroom)
- Outerwear: Any winter coat for outside is acceptable
- Socks: “free” (students may be tastefully creative)
- Shoes: “free” closed-toed

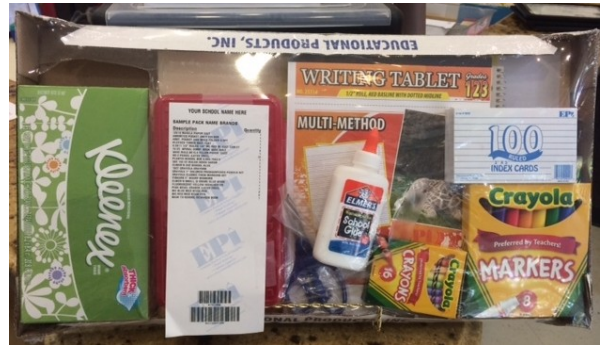
Merryhill Plaid and specialty items can be purchased at www.queensboro.com or www.flynnohara.com.

School Supply Packs

Rather than giving you a long list of school supplies which require trips to crowded Staples, Target, or Office Depot we are providing pre-packaged school supplies for each grade level. Purchase of these packages are completely optional. Each supply pack is tailored to each grade level based on the list of supplies provided by each teacher at our school. Supply packages contain only what your child will need for this upcoming school year.

Supply packs will be available for purchase beginning August 4. You may pre-order your child’s supply pack today using the order form attached. Order forms are also available at the front desk and supply packages will be available for purchase on site as well at Back to School Night.

This is our first year providing this service and your comments and feedback are certainly helpful. We are always looking for ways to make life more convenient as well as ways to improve upon our programs and offerings.



Merryhill Lunch Program

Many Merryhill students prefer to bring their lunch to school. Parents are also welcome to drop off lunches at the front desk. We request that parents not deliver lunches to the classroom as this causes a distraction and interruption in the learning of other students. We additionally request that parents only stay to dine with students if arrangements have been made ahead of time. This is for the safety and comfort of all students at Merryhill.

We know that mornings can be rushed and have created a lunch program for those days when students would prefer to purchase lunch.

It is our goal to provide options that are both appealing and healthy. Lunch orders may be placed at the beginning of each month, on a week-by-week basis, or in some cases the day the lunch is needed. The lunch calendar for August will be posted to our website and sent via email prior to the first week of school.

PLEASE NOTE that pizza Fridays have been changed to pizza Mondays.

Wednesdays we feature Dave Wong’s on Fridays students may order pasta from DaVinci’s. Sack lunches (containing PB&J Un-crustables, fruit, milk/chocolate milk/juice/ bottled water, and a cookie) are available for purchase every day.

We are only permitted to accept checks for lunch orders.





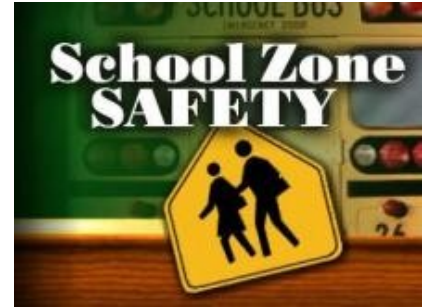
Parking Lot Safety

Our parking lot is small and does not accommodate all families at once. For the safety of our children, please drive slowly and carefully through the parking lot at all times. Do not park along the “Red Zone” in front of the building. This area is for student drop-off and pick-up only.

We have families who are in need of the handicapped parking spaces. Please do not park in the designated handicapped spaces unless you have the appropriate sign/sticker.

Even in the short time between walking children into the building and returning to vehicles, we have experienced theft and broken

windows in our parking lot. Please do NOT leave valuables in your vehicles. We are doing our very best to monitor who enters and leaves our lot as well as provide staff presence during drop-off and pick-up. Cars parked on Riverbrook Drive right outside of our gates have also fallen victim to theft and vandalism. Please park with caution.



PTO

Our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) organizes family events and other programs for our students. They meet regularly to plan events and are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of our PTO please contact our PTO President, Jodi Kessler and/or visit PTO’s website or Facebook page. Jodi would love to speak with you and share all of the wonderful things the PTO does for our school. If you are new to Merryhill, Jodi is an invaluable resource and would be happy to help make your transition to our school an easy one.

PTO Website: <http://www.merryhillpto.org/>

Jodi Kessler (PTO President):
askbuilderman@aol.com



Back to School Information, con’t

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM. PTO will be providing a BBQ dinner at no charge. Agenda is as follows:

5:30-6:15 BBQ/Meet & Greet

6:15 Teacher/Staff Introductions

6:30-7:30 Teacher Presentations in Classrooms

Communication is critical to a successful school-home relationship. We are working hard to ensure that all pertinent information gets to families as soon as possible. Most of our communication is via email. Please complete and return the email form that will be in your child’s first day of school packet.

New this year: Get Merryhill information texted to you!!!! Grab your phone and follow the steps below to sign up for your MSB Community messages.

1. Open up a new text message
2. In the “To” space enter 209-253-1091
3. Text @merryhill
4. Send

Special reminders such as “Free Dress”, Honor Roll and Awards Assemblies, etc. will be texted to those who sign up for Remind 101 messages.





We are pleased to introduce our Merryhill Staff. While most have been at Merryhill for several years, we do have a few new names and faces. Teachers will return to campus on August 11. Please feel free to reach out to them on or after that date.

New Staff Members:

Mrs. Angela Lennier, Kindergarten

Ms. Kristy Wells, K-8 Music

Anna Lisa Hutchinson, Office Administrator



2014-15 Teacher Line-Up

Kindergarten

Mrs. Kari Terrell, Room 13, kari.terrell@nlcinc.com

Mrs. Angela Lennier, Room 14, angela.lennier@nlcinc.com

First Grade, Room 1

Ms. Amy Reiseck (Elementary Lead Teacher, PTO Teacher Representative), amy.reiseck@nlcinc.com

Second Grade, Room 4

Mrs. Sherry Baker, sherry.baker@nlcinc.com

Third Grade, Room 6

Mrs. Kathrine Biedermann, kathrine.biedermann@nlcinc.com

Fourth Grade, Room 3

Mrs. Rachelle Lopez, rachelle.lopez@nlcinc.com

Middle School

Mr. Rui Sousa, 5th Grade Homeroom, Middle School Spanish, rui.jorge.sousa@nlcinc.com

Ms. Jennifer Macedo, 6th Grade Homeroom, Middle School Math, 6th and 8th Grade Science, jennifer.macedo@nlcinc.com

Mrs. Surekha D'Souza, 7th Grade Homeroom, Middle School Social Studies, 5th Grade Science, surekha.dsouza@nlcinc.com

Mrs. Jenny Johnston, Language Arts, 8th Grade Homeroom, 7th Grade Science, Middle School Lead Teacher, jennifer.johnston@nlcinc.com

Specialty Teachers

Tanya Plaza, K-8 Art

Jennifer Teravskis, K-8 Technology

Deb Rodgers, K-4 PE

Paul "Coach" Childs, 5-8 PE

Kristy Wells, K-8 Music

Rosa Heredia, K-4 Spanish



2014-15 School Calendar

First Day of School: August 18, 2014

Last Day of School: June 4, 2015

August

- 11-15 Campus Closed (except for Kinder and Middle School Orientations on Friday, 8/15)
- 18 First Day of School
- 21 Back to School Night & PTO BBQ, 5:30 PM
- 29 Picture Day (in uniform)

September

- 1 Labor Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
- 3 PTO Meeting, 5:00 PM, Room 1
- 19 Progress Reports sent home; half academic day MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (care available until 6 PM)
- 26 Free Dress Day

October

- 10 Fall Festival
- 17 End of First Quarter; half academic day K-8 (care available until 6 PM)
- 17 Passport Around the World Event
- 20-24 Mandatory Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, academic half days
- 23-24 Mandatory Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences, academic half days
- 24 Honor Roll Assembly
- 31 “Trick or Trunk” and Costume Parade; Free Dress Day

November

- 5 Grandparent Luncheon (PTO)
- 6 Open House: “Wax Museum”, 5:00-7:00 PM
- 11 Veteran’s Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
- 21 Progress Reports sent home; half academic day MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (care available until 6 PM)
- 26 Turkey Bowl; Thanksgiving Feast; noon dismissal (campus closes at noon)
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Break—CAMPUS CLOSED

December

- 5 Snowman Workshop (PTO)
- 18 Holiday Program at UOP, 7:00 PM
- 19 PJ Day, noon dismissal (campus closes at noon)
- 22-January 2 Winter Break (School Open for Winter Camp)
- 24 CAMPUS CLOSED
- 31 CAMPUS CLOSED

January

- 5 Classes Resume
- 9 End of Second Quarter, half academic day K-8 (care available until 6 PM)
- 16 Report Cards sent via email, half academic day K-8 (care available until 6 PM)
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
- 29 Open House: Art Gallery, 5:00-7:00 PM
- 30 Free Dress and Honor Roll Assembly

February

- 13 Progress Reports sent home; half academic day MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (care available until 6 PM)
- 16 Presidents’ Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
- 27 Free Dress

March

- 2 Teacher Professional Development—CAMPUS CLOSED
- 19 Open House: STEM Night, 5:00-7:00 PM
- 20 End of Third Quarter, academic half day K-8 (care available until 6 PM)
- 27 Report Cards sent via email, Honor Roll Assembly, academic half day K-8 (care available until 6 PM); Free Dress
- 30-31 Spring Break (School open for Spring Camp)

2014-15 School Calendar, Continued

April

1-3 Spring Break (School Open for Spring Camp)

6 Classes Resume

17 PTO Talent Show & Pasta Dinner

24 Progress Reports sent home; half academic day MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (care available until 6 PM), Free Dress

May

4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

25 Memorial Day—CAMPUS CLOSED

29 End of Fourth Quarter, Honor Roll Assembly, academic half day K-8 (care available until 6 PM), Free Dress

June

4 Last Day of School, academic half day K-8 (campus closes at noon)

5 Staff Development Day—CAMPUS CLOSED

8 Summer Camp Begins

*Additional end of year activities (Farewell Follies, 8th Grade Promotion/Ditch Day, etc) TBD

***Dates are subject to change

Sign up for text message reminders for special dates and information along with reminders of the events above



Merryhill School at Brookside —Tentative

School Year Calendar 2014-15

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School Closed
 Half Day
 No School—Camp/Care Available
 Other Important Dates
 Middle School Half

*Dates are subject to change, please check school website

Important Dates

In-Service Days	Aug 11-15
First Day of School	Aug 18
Winter Camp	Dec 22-24 Dec 29-31 Close at noon on 24th & 31st
SAT 10 testing	TBD
Spring Camp	March 30— April 3
End of Quarter	Oct 17 Jan 9 Mar 20 May 29
Progress Reports	Sep 19 Nov 21 Feb 13 Apr 24
Report Cards	Oct 24 Jan 16 Mar 27 Jun 4
Academic Half Day (academics end at 1:00, after care until 6:00)	Sep 19 (MS) Oct 17 Oct 20-22 (MS) Oct 23 Oct 24 Nov 21 (MS) Dec 19 Jan 9 Jan 16 Feb 13 (MS) Mar 20 Mar 27 Apr 24 (MS) May 29
Half Day (School closes at noon, no lunch)	Nov 26 Dec 24 Dec 31 June 4
Last day of School	Jun 4
First Day of Summer Camp	Jun 8