

Blennerhassett Elementary School

448 Jewell Road
Parkersburg, WV 26101
(304)863-5128



Home of the Bobcats!

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2022-2023

Family Handbook

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Blennerhassett Elementary, I would like to welcome you to our school. We are proud of our students, our staff, and our parents. One of the greatest strengths we have is that your child is in continual contact with very caring and competent teachers.

It is a privilege to have your child at Blennerhassett. Since we realize and appreciate that each child is precious, we recognize the awesome responsibility we have to cooperate with you and help our students develop. Our actions are always directed toward a positive and effective educational environment.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to visit your child's school. Please join with us in our efforts to provide a stimulating and quality educational experience for all our children. If you have questions or concerns, please call.

Kristin Garretson, Principal

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Blennerhassett Elementary School will provide a diverse educational environment to address the needs, talents, and abilities of all students.

GOALS

1. Our students are the most important community resource and deserve the highest quality education we can provide.
2. All students have the right and responsibility to learn and will learn, given appropriate time and attention to their unique abilities and life experiences.
3. All staff members are committed to high standards and the continuous improvement necessary for all students to learn and be successful.
4. Education is a combined effort, responsibility, and partnership shared by school, family, and community.
5. In order to enable learning, our school will provide a safe, productive, and welcoming environment.
6. All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to become productive and responsible citizens.

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Blennerhassett Elementary School is proud to be Partners in Education with Wal-Mart of South Side and Peoples Bank

WOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY

Wood County schools are planning for student safety. A partnership between home, school and community is vital to success. County and individual school safety procedures continue to be reviewed and updated. Students participate in periodic practice drills including fire, evacuation, lockdown, tornado and shelter-in-place. While we hope we never have to implement our procedures, we practice so that students and staff will know what to do in case of an actual emergency. A visitor may be present in a school building when such a drill occurs or may arrive and not be able to enter a building until it is over. Anyone who is in a building will be expected to follow the procedures for the drill along with the students and staff.

We want everyone to feel welcome, but it is also necessary for us to maintain the safety of all students and staff. The Wood County Board of Education has adopted policies governing school safety.

- Policy 1310.1 – gives guidelines for visitors to Wood County Schools. This includes a photograph ID credential exchange.
- Policy 1310.2 – addresses access control to school buildings. Each school has a visitor exchange.
- Policy 4157 – requires Wood County School employees to wear ID badges.
- Policy 5157 – initiates student identification cards carried by Wood County high school students.

Wood County Schools policies are available on the www.woodcounty.k12.wv.us schools website.

PTA INFORMATION

Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month 3:45pm in the Steam Room.

Officers

President Jessica Banks
Treasurer Jillian Eddy

Vice President Brittany Emerick
Secretary Brittany Ware

DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Building Opens	7:20 AM
Students Go to Class	8:00 AM
Pre-Kindergarten Lunch	10:25 AM - 10:55 AM
Kindergarten -1st Gr. Lunch	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
2nd-3rd Grade Lunch	11:40 AM - 12:10 PM
4th-5th Grade Lunch	12:20 PM - 12:50 PM
Student Departure	2:45 PM

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

All students using private transportation for arrival and/or departure are requested to use the curb adjacent to the building. This is a safety requirement. Students should arrive and depart by the main entrance

Students not taking a bus at the close of the school day are requested to wait in the gym. Students being picked up by parents will be released after the buses leave. Buses will depart BES around 2:52pm daily. If you are picking up your child you will need to either stay in the car pickup line or park and walk across the crosswalk and wait outside the main entrance. Our campus is locked and secure therefore we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause however, student safety is our number one priority. Everyone picking up children will need to stay outside the building unless you come during the day and are buzzed in by office staff.

BUS STUDENTS

Bus students are under school supervision from the time they board the bus in the morning until they arrive at home in the evening. Students are responsible for their behavior on the bus. Upon arrival, students report directly to the cafeteria and remain there until dismissed by the supervising teachers.

PICKING UP STUDENTS - END OF DAY

We ask that parents wait outside the school as Blennerhassett Elementary will be locked and secure 100% of the day.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR CHANGES IN USUAL DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

If a student is going home in a way different than usual, parents must send a written note indicating the method of transportation. For example, if a student usually rides a bus and will need to be picked up, indicate who will be picking up him or her. Also, if a student is going home with another student, a note from **both** parents must be brought to the office and signed by the principal.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Principal:
Assistant Principal

Kristin Garretson
Tara Swiger

Secretary:

Katie Brown

Grade	Faculty Member	Room	Area			
Pre-Kindergarten	Rubin, Pam	E-10	Multi-Categorical	Bucy, Niki		
	Emerick, Brenda, Aide	E-10	Multi Categorical	Weaver, Sarah		
	Whitney, Dobson	E-12	Reading Resource	Bailey, Amy		
	Ruble, Sue, Aide	E-12	Response to Intervention	Stewart, Vicki		
Kindergarten	Tucker, Olivia	E-5	P.E.	Bloss, Chad	Gym	
	Liebau, James, Aide	E-5	Librarian	Sanders, Tricia	Gym	
	Wells, Kayla	E-13	Music	Bookman, Connie	E-2	
	Cindy Daley, Aide	E-13	Speech Pathology	Lockhart, Kristen		
	Myers, Lori	E-7	Autism	Shank, Angela	E-19A	
	Varnier, Susan, Aide	E-7	Sail	Ware, Sarah		
	Moon, Brittany	E-11	STEAM	Smith, Lisa	STEAM LAB	
	Viers, Melba , Aide	E-11				
	Grade 1	Shahan, Breanna	E-14			
		Miller, Stephanie	E-15			
Allen, Kathy		E-9				
Grade 2	Scott, Tammy	E-8				
	VanDyke, Samantha	A-1				
	Smith, Ashley	E-21				
	Hayton, Dana	E-22				
Grade 3	Kunselman, Megan	E-20				
	King, Heather	E-16				
	Casto, Rebecca	E-18				
	Allman, Cameron	E-17				
Grade 4	Haverty, Paige	E-19				
	Athey, Beth	E-27				
	Ballengee, Tina	E-28				
	McDonald, Jill	A-2				
Grade 5	Blanc, Brian	A-3				
	Sams, Janet	E-24				
	Nelson, Elisha	E-26				
	Lewis, Miranda	E-23				
Nurse	Anderson, Jessica	A-4				
Counselor	Anderson, Sabrina	Clinic				
	Daggett, Chris					

Teacher Requests for the 2021-2022 school year will ONLY be accepted February 6th – February 10th 2023. You may email Mrs. Garretson at kgarretson@k12.wv.us or drop off the request in person between 8am – 3:30pm

School Party Days:

Students in grades Kindergarten – 5th grade will participate in school wide parties.

School wide parties will be organized by the Blennerhassett Elementary PTA. School wide parties will follow a rotating schedule to various fun and exciting activities every 20 minutes. **Parent volunteers will need to obtain a background check and present appropriate credentials as well as be scheduled to work a station prior to party day.** This will provide a better experience for our students as well as establish a much safer environment. BES PTA meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:45pm.