

MARY R. TISKO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome all of you to the **2022-2023** school year. The faculty and staff here at Mary R. Tisko Elementary School are very excited to meet your child and are looking forward to working with you to ensure a successful school year. Below I have included general information that will help with your planning for the start of the school year. Our Tisko and BPS District websites are also wonderful and valuable resources for information regarding events, transportation, staff contacts, school delays or any other important information shared to help guide parents/guardians along the way. We will also be offering at our location, a School Based Health Center. More info to follow soon.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Thursday September 1st, 2022
- School Hours are from 8:55 am to 3:25 pm
- Pre K AM class 8:55-11:25 am, Pre K PM class 12:55-3:25 pm
- Students arrive no earlier than 8:40 am and no later than 9:05 am to ensure they are not marked tardy and or reported absent. An automated attendance system will go out notifying parents.
- To ensure the safety of your child please contact the office and their teacher ahead of time for any/all changes to your child's schedule. Please provide everything in writing as well for documentation.
- All guests must sign in the lobby & report to the office

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

- Begins at 3:25 pm
- Parents picking up their child will be in our designated school pick up line.
- All cars picking up their child at the end of the day must have their child Pick-Up Tag displayed with proper identification. You will receive a new 2022-23 Parent Pick-Up Hang Tag & Child Backpack Tag during your Teacher Meet & Greet and/or on the first day of school.
- Any/All changes to dismissal procedures or to the course of their day resulting in your child leaving the school early must be corresponded through the main office and their teacher to ensure the safety of your child.
- We ask that dismissal prior to 3:25 pm should only be done under extreme circumstances with written permission. Otherwise this causes class interruption, confusion and delays.

TRANSPORTATION

- Please encourage your child/children to ride the school bus. This helps facilitate regular routine and further independence.
- A schedule for the Bus transportation and routes will be released soon to view on the district websites for parents. All kids will be assigned a school bus or van regardless if they are planning to take it or not. Without prior/proper school notification, this is how they will go home everyday. Bus Company is First Student: 203-488-6186

FOOD SERVICES

- Breakfast & Lunch will be available & served everyday. Bagged lunches/snacks from home are acceptable options. See teacher for any class food restrictions or allergies. A list will be provided by our school nurse. The menu will be become available and posted at <https://branford.nutislice.com/menu/mary-rtisko>
- Teachers will convey the orders to the cafeteria. Each student will receive a meal card kept here and parents will be given information on how to load funds onto it at <https://wwwmyschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getlogin>
- The District will be sending out summer mailing packets soon regarding the meals, prices and all updates and changes for the school year. Free & Reduced packets will also be included for those needing it.

RECESS

- All students have recess daily. Teachers and aides will be supervising the students during recess. Classes will go outside weather permitting, please make sure they are dressed appropriately.

We are looking forward to establishing a vibrant school school community that embraces and celebrates the uniqueness of each child. I encourage you to join us in partnership that will provide the necessary support for your child to realize the dynamic connection between effort, perseverance and achievement. Together we will make this year of academic and emotional growth for all Tisko students.

Best Regards.

Mary R. Tisko Elementary Principal

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Other Important Tisko Staff

Office Administrative Assistants:

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School Nurse:

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School Social Worker:

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School Psychologist:

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SBHC: <https://www.branfordschools.org/o/bps/page/school-based-health-center>

Mary R. Tisko Website: <http://www.branfordschools.org/o/tisko-elementary>

BPS Website: <http://www.branfordschools.org/o/bps>

