



Bloomfield Elementary School

Jean M. Pillsbury
Principal

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Bloomfield Elementary School 2021-22. I'm excited about how much your child has accomplished in just three days of school!

I want you to know that my hope and expectation is that every student will make great progress as a reader, writer, mathematician, scientist, problem solver, and friend. He/she will become more independent. I know that children will learn when they feel safe, important, and interested. My dream is for every individual walking through the doors at Bloomfield Elementary to breathe a sigh of relief knowing they will be safe. **Your child will experience success if they come to school on-time daily, even early release days, and remain until the end of the day.** Please take time to read the attached information about the importance of attendance.

In an effort to reduce paper waste the Student/Parent Handbook is posted on the school website at: <http://www.msad54.org/bloomfield/>. The answers to parents' most common questions can be found in this. **You may request a hard copy of the handbook by calling or sending a note with your child.**

Parent involvement is an important part of a healthy school community. There are many ways for parents to contribute to improving their child's success at school. The simplest and most effective way to be involved is to make sure your child gets a **good night sleep**, has a **healthy snack**, and **brings important things back and forth** between school and home. Other ways to be involved are:

- Making sure your child comes to school every day and on-time
- Volunteering time at home to prepare materials
- Volunteering time in your child's classroom, lunchroom, playground, library or school if vaccinated and willing to wear a mask indoors
- Attending open houses and special events
- Attending parent-teacher conferences (held in November)
- Communicating with your child's teacher through phone, e-mail, SeeSaw, Class Dojo or face-to-face (after school hours at 2:30 or after)
- Attending monthly parent group or Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 via Zoom until further notice. The first meeting is Tuesday, September 7.
 - Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/93853340053?pwd=UUVwdzc1cUZoZzU5aC84Ymd2VFhFdz09>

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the attached Volunteer Call-Out form. Your child's classroom teacher will contact you to set up a schedule or speak with you about your interest and availability. **Volunteer Orientation will be Thursday, September 16th at 1:00 PM via Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91389654439?pwd=RkYvN2szQzJLbEgvK0pzSkFCcUxSUT09>

I have no doubt that you love and care for your child and want the very best for him/her. Regular school attendance is one of the very best ways for you to make sure your child is able to reach all your hopes and dreams for him/her.

Students that miss school are far less likely to read well by the end of third grade. Your child will do well in school, college, and work with consistent attendance.

The following dates are important:

- Wednesday, September 22nd: 11:45 AM Early Release Day

Parents are given so many papers to complete at the beginning of each school year. I know they each take a few minutes. Please make sure to send back all paperwork as soon as possible. We are required to get the **RSU MSAD 54 Parent/Guardian Economically Disadvantaged Survey 2021-2022** (purple form) from every family. By completing the form, you help our school qualify for funding and ensure that all students will continue to receive a free breakfast and lunch.

Additional information:

- Instructional Hours will be 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM daily
- Parent Drop Off Hours will be from 7:45-8:15 AM
- Parent Pick Up will be from 2:12 PM to 2:30 PM daily
- Students and staff are not currently required to maintain social distancing but some distancing during breakfast, snack and lunch will be maintained when possible.
- Student drop-off will be at the front door at no earlier than 7:45. For the safety of your child only drop when there is a greeter present at the door.
- Student pick-up will be outside at the cafeteria entrance to the building, as it was for most of the 2020-2021 school year. You will have a pick-up poster with your child's name or picture starting next week.
- Students will not have to remain in strict cohorts but some cohorts for lunch and recess, to reduce the need for quarantining large groups, will be maintained.

Here is a link to Superintendent Jon Moody's letter sent yesterday <https://bit.ly/3tabHr6>

Scientists now know that brains can be strengthened by struggling with hard work in a supportive environment. As you walk through Bloomfield you should hear that we are all working on having a growth mindset. This means that we will be saying things such as “I can do it!”

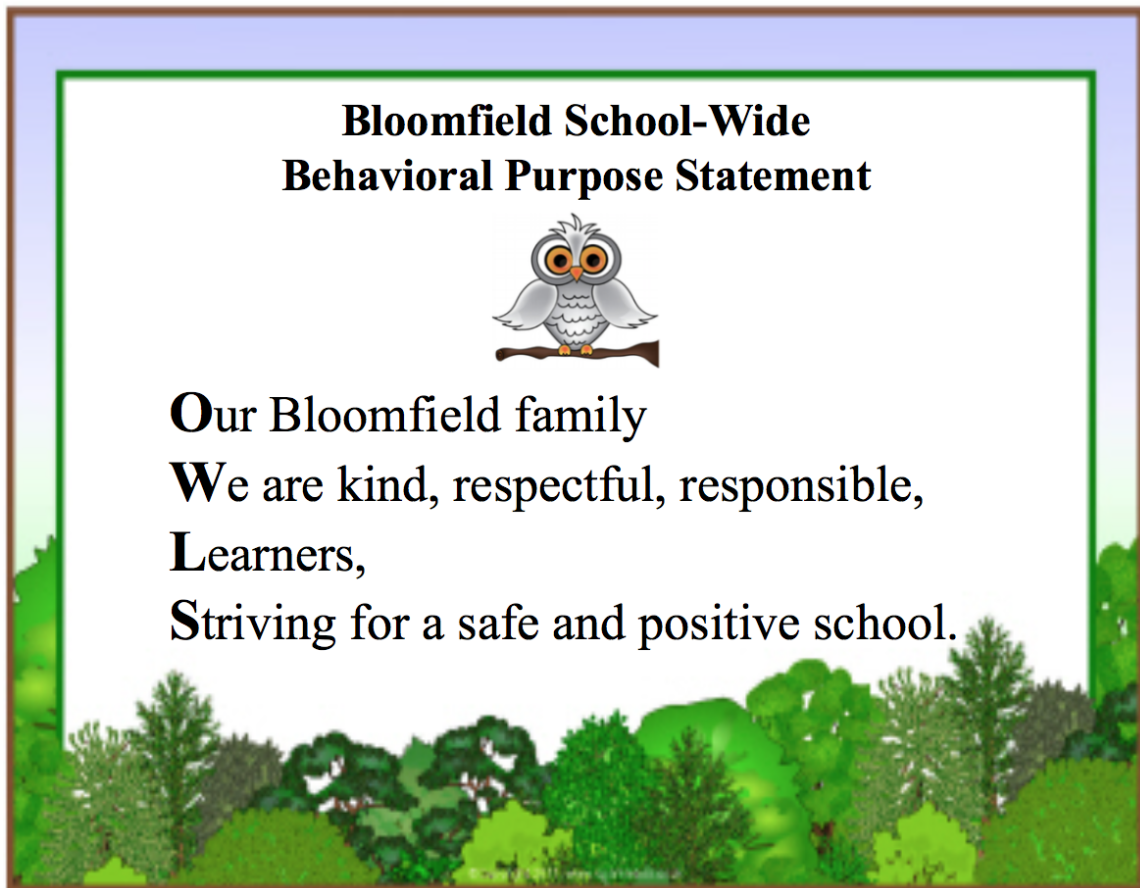
It’s going to be a great year of learning. I know that “we can” do great things together.

Sincerely,

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Please Note: See additional pages for Bloomfield Behavioral Purpose Statement & Expectations



I hope to increase family involvement towards accomplishing this purpose starting with this letter. Below you will find our school expectations for every shared setting in our school. Please take time to review the expectations and read and discuss them with your child. It would be great if you could also make a matrix for home showing your expectations for routines you expect your child to follow at home!

Bloomfield Elementary Owl Expectations

In all settings: Listen to and follow directions. Respond quickly to quiet signal.

Last Updated 8/16/19	Arrival and Dismissal	Hallway & Stairway	Cafeteria	Playground	Bathroom	Assemblies	Bus
Be Safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask permission before leaving your group. ● Keep hands, feet, and things to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walk to the right with your eyes ahead. ● Keep hands, feet, and things to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use walking feet. ● Eat your own food. ● Ask permission before leaving your group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play safely with others. ● Use equipment correctly. ● Stay within playground boundaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask permission to use the bathroom. ● Wash your hands when you are done. ● Go directly to and from where you need to be. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay with your class, in your space. ● Ask permission before leaving your group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sit down quickly. ● Stay seated and face forward. ● Keep hands, feet, and things in your own space.
Be Respectful and Kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use voice level 0-2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enjoy the work of others with your eyes only. ● Use quiet walking feet. ● Use voice level 0 in line and on stairs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep your food, body, and things in your own space. ● Use good manners and be kind. ● Use voice level 0-2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be kind. ● Take turns. ● Include others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knock before entering. ● Use voice level 0-1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be a polite listener. ● Show appropriate appreciation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be kind. ● Use voice level 0-2. ● Share the seat.
Be Responsible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep things in your backpack. ● Use walking feet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walk directly to where you need to be. ● Keep the hallway clean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raise your hand if you need help. ● Clean up after yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dress appropriately for the weather. ● Line up when bell rings. ● Put playground equipment away. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flush the toilet. ● Clean up after yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use walking feet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean up after yourself. ● Keep things in your space. ● Tell the driver if there is a problem.