

MEET AND GREET

Beard School

INTRODUCTION TO STAFF

Classroom Teacher: Alana Duffy

Para Professionals: Anna Obartuch, Evelyn Melendez, Favio Cisneros

Office Staff: Carmen Pacheco, LaToya Price

Staff children will encounter:

PE: Julie Pomerantz

Art: Sarah Didricksen

Library: Rachel Karijolich

Security: Elzy Dixon

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR STAFF

Teacher Email address: amkearns@cps.edu

(please allow 1 business day for a response)

Teacher website (on Beard Website):

<https://www.beard.cps.edu/cr-SPED-Kearns.html>

Beard Office Number: 773-534-1228

TEACHER AVAILABILITY

We see many parents at the beginning of the day and end of the day. If you have concerns and would like to schedule a meeting or a conference, please contact the teacher to schedule a time for a later date.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

- Please provide best contact information you can be reached at during the school day.
- If you move or change phone numbers please fill out updated information in the office at any point in time during the school year.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- Emergency contacts forms are critical for your child's safety. We need to have information on who to call in case of an emergency and you can not be reached. Please fill out the form before you leave tonight so we will have it on file for the first day of school.

FAMILY DYNAMICS

- If your family is experiencing any legal custody issues, please provide the office and the teacher with appropriate documentation.
- Unless otherwise documented both birth certificate parents will be contacted regarding their child's education. If additional legal paperwork is provided that states otherwise we will follow those guidelines.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ROUTINES

-Students will only be allowed to be picked up by parents, and adults who are listed on the release forms. If someone else is picking up your child from school, please put it in writing with the person's full name. They will be asked for identification (driver's license, state ID) upon pick up and a copy will be made to keep on file.

-Parent pick up in the afternoon is located at Door 4.

-Drop off at room number.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is important to a successful school year.

All parents will sign an attendance contract at the beginning of the year indicating the expectations Beard has for children. Our goal is 95% attendance or higher for all students.

In case of illness, please call your child's bus company. Also call the school office (773-534-1228) to report the absence. In addition to calling, please remember to fill out the Excused Absence form which can be found in your child's binder and return it to me.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP FOR

Class dojo

Parent portal

Remind.com

DIET RESTRICTIONS, ALLERGY FREE ZONES, FOOD POLICIES

-Cultural restrictions

-Gluten Free

-Allergies to Food or Medicines: Make sure that medical form is completed and turned in by the first day of school.

- Beard is an allergy sensitive school with designated allergy zones unless otherwise stated in the child's IEP.

-We are unable to heat up food for lunches

-We encourage healthy snacks at Beard School. Please help us model healthy eating habits by sending in healthy choices for your child.

WISHLIST FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

-Please send in a change of clothes to keep at school incase of an unexpected situation.

Teachers have website that have wishlist. Consider giving a donation to the class in lieu of treats to be healthier.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar: A monthly calendar is sent home at the beginning of each month along with a hard copy of the breakfast and lunch menu. Menus can also be found on the Beard School website under the “student” tab. Dates and times for monthly meetings, LSC meetings, non-attendance days and special events taking place at the school are indicated on the calendar, as well as the website. The calendar is also posted on the main bulletin board in the main office.

Calendar of Events: The calendar of events on the school website with important dates of opportunities for the school and parent engagement. Events taking place at Beard School are planned one year in advance so that you can participate and plan accordingly. Because of unforeseen circumstances, dates may change.