

Brightwood School

2019-2020 DAILY SCHEDULE

Kindergarten	M.T.W.F.	THURSDAY	MINIMUM DAY
Daily Hours	8:00-1:31	8:00-12:38	8:00-12:09
Morning Recess	9:20-9:40	9:20-9:40	9:20-9:40
Lunch	11:00-11:45	11:00-11:30	11:00-11:30
Afternoon Recess (P.E.)	1:00-1:20		
DISMISSAL	1:31	12:38	12:09

GRADES 1-3	M.T.W.F.	THURSDAY	MINIMUM DAY
Daily Hours	8:00-2:08	8:00-12:43	8:00-12:06
Recess (Gr. 1-3)	9:40-10:00	9:40-10:00	9:40-10:00
Lunch (Gr. 1-2)	11:20-12:05	11:20-11:50	11:10-11:40
Lunch (Gr. 3)	11:45-12:30	11:45-12:15	11:30-12:00
DISMISSAL	2:08	12:43	12:06

GRADE 4	M.T.W.F.	THURSDAY	MINIMUM DAY
Daily Hours	8:00-2:28	8:00-1:03	8:00-12:26
Recess	9:20-9:40	9:20-9:40	9:20-9:40
Lunch	11:45-12:30	11:45-12:15	11:30-12:00
DISMISSAL	2:28	1:03	12:26

GRADES 5-6	M.T.W.F.	THURSDAY	MINIMUM DAY
Daily Hours	8:00-2:28	8:00-1:03	8:00-12:26
Recess	10:10-10:30	10:10-10:30	10:10-10:30
Lunch	12:10-12:55	12:10-12:40	11:45-12:15
DISMISSAL	2:28	1:03	12:26

GRADES 7-8	M.T.W.F.	THURSDAY	MINIMUM DAY
Daily Hours	8:00-2:28	8:00-1:03	8:00-12:26
Recess	10:25-10:45	10:25-10:45	10:25-10:45
Lunch	12:18-1:03	12:33-1:03	11:56-12:26
DISMISSAL	2:28	1:03	12:26



BRIGHTWOOD SCHOOL

2019-20 IMPORTANT DATES *

August 7	New Student Orientation (5:30pm for kindergarten; 6:30pm for all students)
August 8	Class Homeroom Assignments Posted (4:00pm)
August 8	PTA Ice Cream Social (4:00pm)
August 9	First Day of School (Elementary Minimum Day)
August 30	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Tropical/Hawaiian)
September 2	Labor Day (Holiday – No School)
September 4	Gr. K-4 Back-to-School Night
September 11	Gr. 5-8 Back-to-School Night
September 13	Site Minimum Day
September 17	Gr. 5-8 Fall Picture Day (Non-Uniform Day for Gr. 5-8 ONLY)
September 18	Gr. K-4 Fall Picture Day (Non-Uniform Day for Gr. K-4 ONLY)
September 20	Elementary Minimum Day
September 23-25, 27	Parent Conference Days (Elementary Minimum Days)
September 27	Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports Go Home
September 27	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Sports)
October 14	Districtwide Pupil-Free Day (No School)
October 21	Picture Make-Up Day
October 25	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Fall Colors)
October 30	End of Trimester 1
October 31	Elementary Pupil-Free Day (No School)
November 1	Districtwide Pupil-Free Day (No School)
November 8	Report Cards Go Home
November 11	Veterans Day (Holiday – No School)
November 22	Site Minimum Day
November 22	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Colleges/Universities)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 2	Districtwide Pupil-Free Day (No School)
December 20	Site Minimum Day
December 20	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Winter/Holidays)
December 23-January 3	Winter Break (No School)
January 17	Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports Go Home
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed (Holiday – No School)
January 31	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Pajamas)
February 10	Lincoln's Birthday Observed (Holiday – No School)
February 17	Presidents Day (Holiday – No School)
February 19	Gr. 8 Promotion/Panoramic Picture Day (Non-Uniform Day for Gr. 8 ONLY)
February 22	End of Trimester 2
February 21	Elementary Minimum Day
February 21	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Cartoon/Comics)
February 26	Gr. K-7 Spring Picture Day (Non-Uniform Day for Gr. K-7 ONLY)
February 28	Report Cards Go Home
March 27	Site Minimum Day
March 27	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Twins)
March 30-April 3	Spring Break (No School)
April 6	Districtwide Pupil-Free Day (No School)
April 7-May 15	SBAC Testing Window – <i>tentative</i>
April 17	Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports Go Home
April 24	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Spring Colors)
April 29	Open House
May 1	Site Minimum Day
May 20	Elementary Minimum Day
May 25	Memorial Day (Holiday – No School)
May 29	Elementary Minimum Day
May 29	Report Cards Go Home
May 29	Last Day of School (Short Thursday)
May 29	Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Summer/Vacation)

* Please check the school website for any updates/changes.

(Updated: June 26, 2019 – Important Dates for Parents)

Brightwood School August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 5:30pm Kindergarten Orientation (Cafetorium) 6:30pm New Student Orientation & Tour (Cafetorium)	8 4:00pm Class Lists Posted (Front of the School) 4:00pm PTA Ice Cream Social (Front of the School)	9 MINIMUM DAY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	10
11	12 PTA Membership Drive Begins	13 Welcome / Rules Assemblies	14 6:30pm PTA Meeting (Cafetorium)	15 SHORT THURSDAY	16	17
		August 12 th -23 rd : PTA Membership Drive				
18	19	20	21 3:00pm School Site Council (A-5)	22 SHORT THURSDAY	23 PTA Membership Drive Ends 8:15am PTA Volunteer Meeting (Cafetorium)	24
		August 12 th -23 rd : PTA Membership Drive				
25	26	27	28	29 SHORT THURSDAY	30 Non-Uniform Day: Theme: Tropical/Hawaiian	31

SHORT THURSDAY
 KINDERGARTEN 8:00-12:38
 GRADES 1-3 8:00-12:43
 GRADES 4-8 8:00-1:03

MINIMUM DAY
 KINDERGARTEN 8:00-12:09
 GRADES 1-3 8:00-12:06
 GRADES 4-8 8:00-12:26

Welcome Back!
**We're looking forward to a
 great school year with you!**



Brightwood News



Natalie Gaither, Principal Monica Solórzano, Asst. Principal

Principal's Message

On behalf of the entire Brightwood School family, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2019-20 school year. I hope everyone is looking forward to a fun, exciting, and productive year.

We are excited to announce several new staff members: Gabrielle Amenta (RSP Teacher), Kania Gandastetiawan (music teacher), Monica Rivera (counselor), Sarah Jaime (school nurse), Karla Diego (health aide), and Leonor Barraclough (Spanish school community coordinator). Our new staff members are looking forward to working with Brightwood students and their families.



The "Brightwood News" school newsletter is published every month and is one of our primary communication tools. Please read it carefully and make note of important information.

Our school also utilizes the "Blackboard Connect-Ed" system to send phone and/or email announcements to Brightwood families. If you receive a "missed call" from the school, please listen to your voicemail before calling us back in order to keep the phone lines open, especially during emergencies. Make sure to keep your contact information up-to-date to ensure you receive these messages.

August 2019

Dates to Remember

AUGUST

- 09: Minimum Day
- 12: PTA Membership Drive (through 8/23)
- 14: PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm Cafetorium
- 21: School Site Council 3:00pm Room A-5
- 23: PTA Volunteer Mtg. 8:15pm Cafetorium
- 30: Non-Uniform Day (Tropical/Hawaiian)

SEPTEMBER

- 02: Labor Day Holiday
- 03: T-Shirt Fundraiser Begins (though 9/09)
- 04: Gr K-4 Back-to-School Night
- 11: Fun Run Pep Rally
- 11: Gr 5-8 Back-to-School Night
- 20: PTA Fun Run

Non-Uniform Days

Each month, we have a non-uniform day as part of a student incentive plan to encourage students to be on their best behavior. Students will earn the privilege of participating by following school and classroom rules and by adhering to the district's mandatory school uniform policy on all other days.

Non-uniform days are usually on the last Friday of the month. There is a theme designated for each non-uniform day. Students are encouraged to dress according to the theme, but are NOT required to do so as long as they still conform to the district's dress code (i.e. nothing too tight/short/baggy/revealing, no spaghetti straps, no bare midriffs, no open-toe shoes, no inappropriate logos/words/graphics).

Our monthly non-uniform themes are as follows:

- August 30: Hawaiian/Tropical
- September 27: Sports
- October 25: Fall Colors
- November 22: College/University
- December 20: Winter/Holidays
- January 31: Pajamas
- February 21: Comics/Cartoons
- March 27: Twins Day
- April 24: Spring Colors
- May 29: Summer/Vacation

We hope all individuals and grade levels will be able to participate in the monthly non-uniform days.

Important Announcements and Reminders:

- * **Fun Run is Coming!** This is PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year, and is also a fun event for students and staff members. The Fun Run will kick off with a student pep rally on September 11th. Students will gather pledges for every lap they complete and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on September 20th. PTA will be sending home more information soon! ☺
- * **On-Line Emergency Cards:** If you have not already done so, please log-on to the district's Parent Portal (<http://family.ausd.us>) to update your child's information. Even if there are no changes, you must check and verify all information EVERY year.
- * **Parking & Traffic:** Please do NOT use the staff parking lot or neighbors' driveways to drop off and/or pick up your children. Please drive carefully and follow all traffic laws. This will help us keep our students safe and will help you avoid a citation.
- * **Cafeteria Meals:** Students purchasing meals from the cafeteria should bring money each day or be able to show/recite/enter their ID number. You can monitor and add funds to your child's account through the district website: www.ausd.us. The full meal prices are \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch. For students who qualify for reduced meals, breakfast is free and lunch is 40¢.
- * **PTA Membership Drive:** Please support our PTA by becoming a member by August 23rd. It only costs \$10 per person to join.
- * **SBAC Scores:** Students' SBAC results are no longer sent home. You can access your child's scores (gr. 4-8) online through the Parent Portal, which you also need to access in order to update your emergency information each year.
- * **Class Leveling/Reorganization:** During the next couple of weeks, it may be necessary to make some class changes to balance enrollment across the grade level and/or to stay under maximum class sizes. In some cases, students may be "overflowed" to another school. You will be notified if your child will be affected.
- * **No Drop-Off Policy:** We would like to inform/remind parents about the "No Drop-Off" policy. When a student forgets something, it may be frustrating, but we believe in the long run, this policy develops responsibility and problem solving skills. It also limits interruptions to classroom instruction. Emergency situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- * **Volunteer Requirements:** The district requires ALL volunteers to be fingerprinted and cleared through a Department of Justice background check. If you plan to volunteer, please come to the office to obtain the required form and details about the process. If you were cleared to volunteer last school year, you need to submit a new volunteer application form (available online or from the school office) for 2019-20, but you will not need to go through the fingerprinting/clearance process again.

Please Visit the Brightwood School Website: www.BrightwoodElementary.org
and the Brightwood PTA Website: www.BrightwoodSchool.Weebly.com.