

Hello Bixby Families:

Welcome to August! Although the first day of school is still a month away, we wanted to preview for you some important information about the 2022-23 school year. Please read this email in its entirety.

The K-5 School Day will end at 2:30 pm every Wednesday this school year

This change to our schedule is an important investment of that most precious resource - time - for our faculty to plan, collaborate and grow. We have some exciting things planned for the year ahead and in order to do them well, we need time to reflect, refine and prepare. We recognize that this change may create a burden for families, and appreciate your support of our faculty. In order to ease the impact of this change on families aftercare will be available earlier on Wednesdays:

- **2:30 pm:** Kindergarten-5th Grade classes end
- **2:45 pm:** Any K-5 students still at school will be checked into our after-care program
- **3:00 pm:** Drop-in charges will start to accrue (\$18 per hour, billed in 30 min increments).
 - There is a grace period between 2:45-3:00 pm when no charges will accrue
 - Families enrolled in our full-day program will not incur any additional charges

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Reminder: Save the Dates: Mark your calendar with these important events

- **Tuesday, August 23:** Preschool/Kindergarten Home Visits; 1st-5th grade meeting with advisors. We will send out additional information about how to select a time that is convenient for your family. Each visit/meeting lasts approximately 15 minutes.
- **Thursday, August 25: 4-6 pm:** Teacher Meet and Greet. Come meet your child's teachers. This is an all-family event.
- **Monday, August 29: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** The school day starts at 8:30 am; students should plan to arrive between 8:15-8:30 am; before-care is available starting at 7:15 am (drop-in charges apply to families enrolled in our School Day program)
- **Saturday, September 17, 3:30-6 pm:** Bixby Fall Fest is a not-to-miss family fun event. We'll have carnival games, food trucks, and fun! (Sept 24 is our rain date)

- **March 27-31: NEW SPRING BREAK DATES: As per Bixby School policy, we have changed the date of our Spring Break to coincide with BVSD; BVSD changed their spring break dates this summer to align with CU Boulder.**

While the start of each year is filled with excitement, it is particularly special this year to be planning a program that doesn't have to be re-organized around COVID protocols. To be clear, we will continue our layered mitigation strategies, but we now have the experience and systems in place to do so while also resuming some parts of our program that we have had to suspend for the past two years due to COVID. We can't wait to get started!

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