



Brighten Bulletin

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REFRIGERATOR REMINDERS

9/23	MAP Testing
09/28	Soft Opening for 4-Day Students
9/30	MAP Make Up Day
10/05	M/T Hybrid Students Return to School
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Office Reminders

Don't forget to fill out the Health Form, the Administrative Form, and the Census Form. These are our "beginning of the year" papers. Links to the Health Form and the Admin Form can be found on the homepage of the Brighten website at www.brightenacademy.com.

The Census Form will be completed on Infinite Campus (instructions were sent out via Remind on Tuesday, 9/8). All forms must be completed before your student can return to campus.

School Lunch Updates

Many of you have heard the announcement from the Dept of Agriculture that Georgia was approved to serve free meals to all Georgia students through the end of December. We are excited to support that initiative by offering free meals to Brighten students through our curbside pickup program and also when students join us on campus! All student meals purchased Sept 1 - Dec 31 will be adjusted to \$0 cost. If your family is in need of meals for siblings of Brighten students, please contact Ms Bemus (Kbemus@brightenacademy.com) or Ms Mary (m.kong@slamgmt.com) so that we can add the child to an alternate accounting template. Curbside pickup days are Wednesdays 3pm-5pm and Saturdays 3:30-4pm through Oct. 3, at which time we will follow up with new plans that align with school opening in the Hybrid schedule.

Volunteer Hours

Congratulations to the following families who have completed their Volunteer Hours for the 2020-2021 school year!

- The Gilliam Family
- The Duah Family
- The Gause Family
- The Kister Family
- The Witherspoon Family
- The Lopez Family
- The Williams Family
- The Williams Family
- The Hollis Family
- The Ackerman Family
- The Elliott Family
- The Rowland Family
- The Billingsley Family
- The Charles Family
- The Gore Family
- The Lewis Family
- The Moore Family
- The Njeru Family
- The Norton Family
- The Reaves Family
- The Thames Family
- The White Family

Just a reminder that every family gets one volunteer hour for every day that their students participate in virtual learning. If you have questions on volunteer hours, please contact Pamela Scherer at pscherer@brightenacademy.com.



Welcome Back!

Together Is Better!

Medication Procedures

If your student has medication that needs to be kept at school OR if they have medication that they need to carry with them, please fill out the appropriate form and file it in the front office. Paperwork must be completed prior to dropping off the medication at school or sending it with your student. Please note that the Authorization to Carry Meds form needs the signature of a physician. As a reminder, all medication (including over-the-counter medication such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, or cough drops) must be documented. The forms can be accessed using the following link below. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Scherer at pscherer@brightenacademy.com.

<http://www.brightenacademy.com/forms-and-applications.html>

Brighten Cheer Tryouts:

Cheer Workshop: Monday, September 28th 4:00pm – 5:30pm in Gym

Cheer Workshop: Tuesday, September 29th 4:00pm – 5:30pm in Gym

Cheer Tryouts: Thursday, October 1st 4:00pm-5:00pm in Gym

*More info to come via Remind

Head Coach Erin Ziegler

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Brighten Basketball Tryouts

7th-8th Grade Boys Tryouts:

Oct. 5th 5:30pm-6:45pm

Oct. 6th 3:45pm-5:00pm

Oct. 7th 4:00pm-5:00pm

Oct. 8th 5:00pm-6:00pm

5th—8th Grade Girls Tryouts:

Oct. 5th 4:15pm-5:30pm

Oct. 6th 5:00pm-6:00pm

Oct. 7th 5:00pm-6:00pm

Oct. 8th 3:45pm-5:00pm

5th-6th Grade Boys Tryouts:

Oct. 6th 6:00pm-7:00pm

Oct. 8th 6:00pm-7:00pm

*More info to come via Remind

Head Coach Joshua Kiker

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Dress Down Days

You asked and we listened! Students will be able to dress down on Mondays and Wednesdays during hybrid learning. That will allow an “in person” dress down day for both our M/T and our Th/F in person students. Our 4-day students will be able to participate in both days. This does not change the dress code for our 100% virtual learners or our Wednesday online classes.

MAP Testing

We would like to thank all our families who have signed up to come in for MAP testing. Despite the rain, we had a GREAT day this week and we’re looking forward to another one next week! We greatly appreciate your patience and flexibility as we figure out arrival and dismissal procedures to help keep our students, staff, and families safe.

As a reminder, students will be checked for symptoms and temperature checked before they leave the car. Students exhibiting any of the symptoms or students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be able to enter the building for testing.

Mary Poppins Update

Our production of *Mary Poppins* has been postponed until the spring. We will begin auditioning for roles that need to be recast in October and some rehearsals will resume after casting is completed. Auditions are open to current cast members or to 6th-8th grade students by appointment. If you have a student who would like to audition, please contact Toni Aybar at taybar@brightenacademy.com.

Updated School Supply Lists

Kindergarten Updated Supply List

Crayola twistable color pencils
2 Composition notebooks Wide ruled
3 Crayola twistable minis (At least 12 count)
Dry erase markers (4 ct)
Dry erase markers fine tip (black- 2 ct)
2 Large pink erasers
1 Red and 1 yellow Plastic folders (pocket and pronged)
2 Elmer's glue stick packs (12 ct)
Crayola markers classic colors 8 ct (not thin)
Paper towels (3 pk)
Ticonderoga pencils- Sharpened (12 ct)
Pencil pouch with zipper
Kid Safe scissor (Fiskars)
Kleenex (2 pk)
Unscented baby wipes (1 pk)
Disinfectant wipes (3 pk)
Lysol Spray

First Grade supply list

2 glue sticks
1 pack of Twistable crayons
12 pencils
1 pair of kid scissors
1 zipper pencil pouch
Expo markers
Headphones with microphone
1 white 1/2 inch binder
2 plastic folders with pockets (red and yellow)
1 composition notebook
1 bottle of hand sanitizer OR antibacterial hand soap
1 box of tissues
1 personal pack of tissues

Wish List:

White copy paper
Card stock
Ziplock bags (any size)
Clorox wipes (if available)
1 pack of plastic index dividers with pockets
Index cards

For Second Grade our list has not changed much. In bold are the most important items.

1 Box of Latex Free Band-Aids
1 1-inch Durable Blue Binder
1 1-inch Durable White Binder
2 Packs Crayola Twistable Crayons (8 count)
1 Set of Dividers (5 Write-On Tabs)
1 set of Expo Fine Dry Erase Markers (4 color)
4 Pink Pearl Erasers
1 Folder - Plastic Pocket & Prong - Red
1 Folder - Plastic Pocket & Prong - Yellow
1 Folder - Plastic Pocket & Prong - Blue
1 Folder - Plastic Pocket & Prong - Green
12 Washable Elmers Glue Sticks
1 8-ounce Hand Sanitizer Dispensing Pump
1 Headphones - HamiltonBuhl - Favoritz with Mic - Straight Plug - Asst Colors
1 set of Crayola Classic Markers (8 count)
1 70 sheet spiral Notebook
2 Rolls of Paper Towels
48 Pencils Ticonderoga Sharpened No 2
1 Pencil Pouch
1 Pair of 5-inch Pointed Kids Scissors
2 Rolls of 1-inch Mavalus
3 Boxes of Tissue
1 Box of Gallon Zipper Bags or Quart Zipper Bags

3rd Grade Supply List

Headphones with microphone
3 composition notebooks
Markers
Crayons
12 pencils
Ultra fine tip black Sharpie
Colored pencils
Expo markers
Yellow, pink, and blue highlighters
6 3-prong poly folders
Handheld pencil sharpener
Kid scissors
Pencil pouch
Papermate pearl large eraser
1 inch binder, white
5 pack of dividers
4 boxes of tissues
4 containers of Lysol wipes
Hand sanitizer
3 rolls of paper towels

4th Grade Supply List 2020-2021

100% Digital Learning Supply List

Computer with internet
Headphones WITH Microphone
1 composition notebook
individual whiteboard (small personal size)
dry erase markers

Classroom Supplies Needed

The more the merrier!

😊 **Any donations are appreciated!**

Band-Aids
Ziploc Bags – Gallon
Ziploc Bags – Sandwich
Hand Sanitizer
Spray Lysol
Clorox Wipes
Paper towel
Kleenex

1" Mavalus Tape- white
Copy Paper - white
Copy Paper - any color
Fine Line Expo Marker – black

HYBRID Supply List

Laptop and Charger
Headphones WITH Microphone
individual whiteboard (small personal size)
1 Composition Notebook

Pencil pouch to store everything
Pencils (mechanical pencils are fine!)
Red pen
Blue pen
5 Highlighters (yellow, pink, green, orange, blue)
handheld pencil sharpener (if needed)
Erasers
4 - Fine Line Expo Marker – black
12" ruler

Not required, but students might want them for free time since we can not share materials.

Crayons
Washable Markers
Colored Pencils

5th Grade List

- o Expo Markers – 6 count fine black
- o Expo Markers - 6 thick (multicolored)
- o Colored pencils – 2 packs of 12
- o Highlighters – 1 pack
- o Post-it notes – 1 pack
- o Index Cards – 1 pack
- o Pencils – 3 boxes
- o Notebook paper – 1 pack each
- o Tissue – 2 boxes
- o Paper Towels - 2
- o Clorox Wipes - 2
- o 1 prong plastic folder - Green
- o 1 Prong plastic folder -Red
- o 1 prong plastic folder - Purple
- o 1 prong plastic folder - Black
- o 1 prong plastic folder - Orange
- o 1 composition notebook
- o 3 subject notebook
- o 1 spiral notebook
- o 1 Pencil Pouch
- o 1 Headphones with Mic

6th Grade Supply List

Mr. Brown

- 1ea Notebook Spiral or composition paper pencils
- 1ea 3 ring binder (1 1/2 or 2 inch)

Mrs. Newsome

- 1ea Notebook Spiral or composition
- 1pk Colored Pencils
- Pencils
- Soap
- Zip lock bags large

Mr. Saunders

- 2ea 3 ring Binders (2 inch)
- 1pk sheet protectors
- 1pk Highlighters
- 1pk Dividers
- Paper
- 1ea composition notebook pencils

Arrival and Dismissal

Please read the information below concerning arrival and dismissal procedures for in-person learning.

Arrival:

All staff and students will have their temperature taken and be given a health survey before being allowed to enter the school. Staff or students with a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or exhibiting **any** of the COVID-19 symptoms determined by the CDC will not be allowed to stay at school.

Students may arrive as early as 7:40 am on days they are scheduled for in-person learning. Parents and students will stay in the carpool line where a staff member will conduct the health screening at the vehicle. Please have your student(s) put on their masks before the staff member comes to the vehicle. **Parking and walking your student to the sidewalk or into the building will not be permitted.** Thank you for your patience and caution in our carpool line.

Students will enter the building at two different doors: media center doors and through the playground area to the doors under the breezeway to allow for social distancing. The placement in the carpool line will determine which door students enter.

Students will proceed directly to their homerooms when arriving.

Students may not bring drinks (coffee, cups with straws, open containers) into the school building. Closed containers with water will only be allowed. Breakfast will be served on a cart, and students will be allowed to take it to their homerooms to eat. Proper hand and table washing will be required before and after students eat.

Dismissal:

*New dismissal times: Dismissal times will be staggered to allow for social distancing. The dismissal times are as follows:

- Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will dismiss at 3:10 pm
- Middle school (6th-8th grades) will dismiss at 3:40 pm

Other Notes for Dismissal:

- Dismissal pick up locations will be spread out around the exits of the school. Each teacher will communicate their dismissal location to parents prior to the hybrid start date.
- Dismissal locations will be marked with a cone and letter designation.
- Parents are expected to pick up their students at the dismissal location.
- The pick-up card is required for pick up. Please be prepared to show the card to the teacher for every pick-up. Anyone without a card will be asked to go to the front office reception area with a form of positive identification in order to pick up a student.
- Only persons listed on the emergency contact list will be allowed to pick up students from the front office reception area.
- Please park in a designated parking space for pick up. Parking along the curb or in no parking zones is prohibited and greatly impedes the traffic flow.
- Please wear a mask when picking up students.

*Note--If you have students in elementary (K-5th grade) and middle school (6th-8th grade), please plan to pick up your K-5 student at 3:10 pm. You will need to return to campus at 3:40 pm to pick up your middle school student. We know this may be inconvenient, but we appreciate your cooperation as we work to meet the needs of all of our students.