# The Brown School Buzz

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

#### Dear Families,

Welcome back to earlier bedtimes, cooler evenings, and the hustle and bustle of back to school! We are off and running here at the Brown School. Our Watermelon Welcome and Kindergarten Orientation were very well attended and our Open House is just around the corner on **September 29th.** 

Arriving at school in September and getting used to a new classroom, teacher and routine can be challenging for some students, especially for our PK and K kiddos. For this reason, we understand parents wanting to walk their child into school in the beginning of the school year. However, after the first couple of days, we wean students off of this practice and discourage parents from walking their child into the school in the morning. If your child is still struggling with coming into school on his or her own, please contact your child's teacher, the school counselor or me, and we will help with the transition to independence. When parents do come into the school building in the morning or anytime, we ask that you follow the protocol by providing identification for our security system and obtaining a visitor's badge.

### And speaking of arrival....and dismissal....

The initial kinks associated with arrival and dismissal procedures are beginning to get worked out. The arrival and breakfast procedures are going very smoothly most days. Dismissal is a little more complex as we have students going in many different directions.

#### Please note:

- \* The carpool line side of the building (Dartmouth Road side) is ONLY for children leaving in the carpool line.
- \*Please walk bicycles on the school grounds during dismissal. We have parents and children riding bikes through and around the carpool line. The cars are constantly pulling out and we have had a couple of near misses.
- \*If you are picking up your child and walking home OR parking and walking up to the school to meet your child, please come to the Main Entrance. Some folks are parking on the Dartmouth

Road side and picking up children on the carpool side. This is making communication difficult for the carpool line and creating more congestion.

We understand this is makes for more walking for parents who live on that side of the school or choose to park on that side. The main entrance is also very crowded. We are working on improving that procedure.

There are a lot of moving parts to dismiss 450 children each day. We are constantly observing and evaluating these procedures to keep everyone safe. We thank you for your cooperation and support.







## BROWN SCHOOL PTO WATERMELON WELCOME!

We are grateful to our PTO for sponsoring our Watermelon Welcome on September 1st. It was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many families reconnecting, laughing and playing together.

# MEET OUR ALLIED ARTS TEAM!!!

In addition to your child's classroom teacher, there are many other adults who will work with your children throughout the year. Here are some names and faces your child may be mentioning from time to time:

Music Teacher, Mrs. D'Amour PE Teacher, Mrs. James Art Teacher, Mrs. Herchenhahn (aka Mrs. H)

PE Teacher, Mrs. McGrath Librarian, Mrs. Bowen

# KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION!

On September 7th, we hosted a Kindergarten Orientation at the Brown School for parents and children. While parents received an overview of kindergarten in the cafeteria, the kids got to check out the playground! Parents and students were then able to visit the classroom. Thanks to all the families who could make it, and to the PTO for helping us host the event!



# **BROWN SCHOOL PTO**

# CHECK THEM OUT! THEY'RE AWESOME!

In case you haven't heard, we have an amazing PTO!! They are off and running with sponsoring events, organizing the Harvest of the Month experiences, and yes, already planning the MONSTER MASH in October! We would love for you to be involved in whatever small or big way you can. Check them out <u>HERE</u> online!

The first meeting is September 23, 2022 at 8:30 AM. Please join us!



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, Sept 16-School Picture Day!! Thursday, Sept. 22-School Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Friday, Sept. 23-PTO Meeting at 8:30AM at Brown Monday, Sept. 26-NO SCHOOL- Rosh Hashanah Tuesday, Sept. 27-NO SCHOOL- Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, Sept. 28-Super's Coffee at Brown at 8:30 AM Thursday, Sept. 29-Brown School Open House



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