

MERRITT BENCH ELEMENTARY WELCOME

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Welcome to Bench Elementary 2024-2025! We hope that your school year start up has been a pleasant experience. The school year has quickly passed and reflecting on been very exciting and we have been enjoying working with the new staff and students. We would like to welcome Mr. Cleaveley, our grade six-seven teacher and brings a wealth of experience to our school.

Mrs. Grebinski (Hot Lunch Coordinator) has been working hard to prepare our kitchen for our **Hot lunch program** this year. Our before school and after school snack program starts on September 11th (8:15 am and 2:30 pm). We offer a free snack to our students Monday-Friday. If there is a need to help with Hot Lunch food costs this year, simply reach out to either Mrs. Klassen or Mr. McGifford.

Merritt Bench PAC—Our Parent Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. We encourage you to consider sitting in on the meetings, or even better—join the PAC executive. This years PAC executive roles are filled by: President-Bailey Allen, Vice President-Kris Desmond, Treasurer-Stephanie Johnson, Fundraising-Stephanie Cree-Reeve and Dana Grebinski, Secretary-Kayla Sofiak.

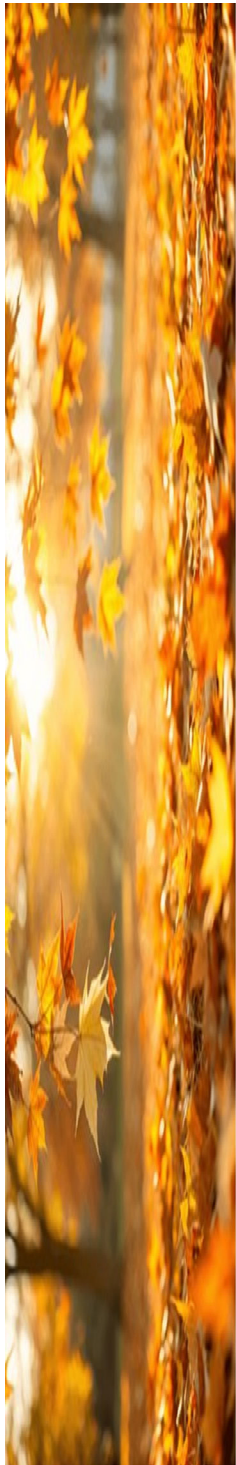
Important Items:

As in the past, Merritt Bench Elementary School partners with the **Safe Arrival Program**. Parents may receive communications from the Safe Arrival Program if their child(ren) are identified as being absent or late from class.

Daily Supervision is provided by the staff at Merritt Bench Elementary. Morning supervision begins at 8:15 am, during recess, and until 2:45 pm for after school supervision. We are encouraging students to not arrive earlier than 8:15 am and to depart from school grounds by 2:45 pm. Our parking lot can be a very busy place at drop off and pick up.. We have added signage to remind ourselves that U-turns are not permitted.

School Access for Families: Please access the school and report to the main office, doing so helps us maintain a certain level of awareness of school visitors, especially if students are being picked up early. If dropping off items for your child, please leave them at our main office. This will help reduce disruptions in the classrooms.

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General Lunch Hour Supervisors:

During lunch hours, MBE students are supervised by our Noon Hour Supervisors. Our appreciations go to: Brandy, Nikki, Dee, Kayla, Jen, Melissa, and Callie. Our supervisors are tasked with ensuring students are safe during lunch hours and will remind student of our school wide expectations. If ever there are concerns, the supervisors to report to the office for guidance and support. Our students are reminded to be respectful when given direction by our supervisors.

Important Dates:

October 31-Student Council's Halloween Dances. Primary 12-12:20. Intermediate 12:20-12:50

November 8th—Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:40 am

November 11th—Remembrance Day. No classes.

November 20th—Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews

November 29th—Report Cards distributed.



MBE Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to treat others with kindness and consideration. When necessary, students will be reminded of our school wide expectations. We would like to involve parent feedback, use a clear and collaborative approach. If you have any concerns relating to a peer conflict, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or myself and we will work to support a resolution.

Classroom Connections—Ms. Shackelly, our FNSW and is looking forward to connecting with staff and students this school year. There will be many opportunities for students, we will starting our year off with an invitation for students in grade 4-7 to join the MBE Drumming group. Students will need to keep an ear out for school announcements and join Ms. Shackelly.

Terry Fox Run—our annual run took place in late September. Our school community raised nearly \$1,000 this year. We can be proud of our contributions this year.

Bench Elementary's new Gaga Pit has arrived. Students love the new addition to our school play areas. Thanks to everyone who made it possible!

