

Dorothy L. Bullock School Newsletter

Welcome Back to School

August 29, 2024

Welcome, new and returning Bullock families! The end of summer break is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to the beginning of the 2024-25 school year and the arrival of our Bullock Bulldog Buddies at the Dorothy L. Bullock School!

As we begin this new school year, our goal is to inspire our students to learn and grow in an environment where they feel safe and supported. Below is important news and information that will assist you in preparing for our Thursday, September 5th opening.

Thank You To All Of Our Support Staff - Every summer, we have a team of individuals working hard to get us ready for the start of the year. On behalf of everyone at Bullock, I want to thank all of our clerical staff, maintenance/custodial staff, technology department, transportation department, guidance/CST team members, nurses, and food services team members for all of their work this summer to prepare us for opening. A special shout out to the maintenance/custodial staff, under the direction of Mr. Miguel Olivo, who have put in long hours of hard work to get us ready. We would not be prepared to receive our students without the diligent efforts of the members of all these vital teams.

Meet our New Assistant Principal, Mr. Sean Redman - We would like to welcome Mr. Redman to our Bullock School Family. He is a Glassboro Public School alumni, who brings a wealth of experience to our district. Mr. Hagerty and I are excited to have Mr. Redman join our administrative team at Bullock. Please see the attached letter of introduction from Mr. Redman.

Bullock Bell Schedule - Please take some time to review the [Dorothy L. Bullock Bell Schedule](#) which is accessible on our website. Through this link you can access the standard bell schedule, as well as our early dismissal and 2-hour delay schedules.

Student Placements - Student class placements for the 2024-25 school year have been released to parents/guardians on PowerSchool through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you did not receive your child's placement please call our main office.

Dorothy L. Bullock School Parent Handbook – All parents are urged to review the 2024-25 Dorothy L. Bullock Parent Handbook accessible on our website. [DLB Handbook](#)

Supplies - Grade level supply lists are posted on our [website](#) . We will have additional supplies in our building for students who need them.

Transportation/Bus Passes - The transportation department is pleased to announce that the bus passes have been released. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the director of transportation, Diane Veight, Transportation Coordinator, 856-652-2700 x6705, dveight@gpsd.us

(Arrival) Parent/Guardian Drop Off in AM - Students who are being transported to school by car should be dropped off on the side of the building. **Student drop off will begin earlier this year, starting at 8:15 AM to help with the flow of traffic.** All vehicles should follow the designated lane and directional arrows to the drop off location. We ask that all students exit the vehicle on the passenger side

to avoid walking into the traffic lane. Staff will be outside to greet students. You will then proceed to the exit. This exit will be in the same location where you entered the parking lot. We ask that you do not turn into the bus lane as we are working to decrease traffic in that area. Please remain the drop off line at all times, we ask that you do not use parking spaces or the bus drop off area to release students. It is important that we try to move our lines along as quickly as possible, we do ask all parents to remain in their vehicle during drop off.

(Dismissal) Parent/Guardian Pick Up in PM - All parents picking up students will do so using the same location utilized for drop off. We ask that you remain in your vehicle until a staff member can come to check your ID, verifying the identity of the individual who is picking up your student. Please update important information in PowerSchool to ensure we have the correct names of emergency contacts. We will also be sending a form home for parents to complete, where they can notate who has permission to pick up their student. If someone is not identified as a contact we will not be able to allow them to pick up the student without a written note. We will walk the student out to your car. You will then proceed to the exit. This exit will be in the same location where you entered the parking lot. We ask that you do not turn into the bus lane as we are working to decrease traffic in that area. We ask that parents who are walking to pick up their students, use the sidewalk along New Street. Please avoid using the sidewalk where buses are parked for students. We do ask for your patience as it is important to ensure the safety of all our students. If you have any changes regarding who will be picking up your child, please notify the classroom teacher prior to 1:00 so we can plan accordingly. It is important that we try to move our lines along as quickly as possible, we do ask all parents to remain in their vehicle during pick up.

Bus drop off/pick up - Be advised that buses will drop off and pick up students at the front of the building. All students riding on buses are required to wear seat belts at all times and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that enables our drivers to focus on ensuring safe and timely arrival to school and also home. Inappropriate conduct on buses is not acceptable as it jeopardizes the safety of all on board and on the roadways. For serious and/or repeated infractions on the bus, a student's transportation privileges may be suspended. We appreciate in advance the support of parents in reviewing behavioral expectations during transport to and from school. A parent or guardian must be present at the bus stop to pick up a student from the bus (for grades one and two). If an adult is not present, the student will be taken back to school and will need to be picked up from the building.

Walkers - Students should not arrive on campus before 8:30 A.M. They will not be permitted to enter the building until 8:45 A.M. They should use caution and cross streets only where crossing guards are on duty. Those students riding bikes to school must wear safety helmets. When riding on school property, refrain from entering parking lots or bus areas. There is a bike rack located at the far end of the school, by the gymnasium entrance. Students in grades 1 – 2, must have a parent or guardian present to walk them home from school. The students will come back to school if a parent or guardian is not present

Playgrounds Closed While School Is In Session - We are extremely excited to have two beautiful playgrounds at our school. Both playgrounds will be closed while school is in session. No one is permitted on the school playground during arrival, during the school day, and during dismissal. Again, this protocol is in place to enhance safety and security, and ensure the health and wellness of our students, families, and staff. After school hours, feel free to bring your children to the playground.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Bullock First Grade Orientation** - [First Grade Orientation](#) will be held on September 4th, from 1:00 - 2:00. Please see the attached letter for more information.
- **Bullock New Student Orientation** - [New Student Orientation](#) will be held September 4th, from 2:00 -3:00. Please see the attached letter for more information.
- **First Day of School**, September 5, 2024
- **Bullock Back to School Night** - Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. Additional information about our Back to School Night Program will be shared soon.
- **School Picture Day, September 24th** (more information will be shared soon regarding pictures)
- **Halloween Parade, October 31st at 10 AM**