

# Blue Ridge Elementary

Principal: Matthew Todd

Assistant Principal: Rene Sawatsky

With the 2016-2017 school year quickly approaching, there are some important information updates of which we must all be aware. Please take time to read these carefully with your students.

## New School Hours

School will begin at 8:10 am (the tardy bell will ring at this time). Upon arrival, all students will meet in the cafeteria. The cafeteria will be open for breakfast and drop off before school at 7:15 am. Afternoon dismissal will begin at 3:35 pm.

## Afternoon Dismissal

Three options are available for your student during afternoon dismissal: car rider, bus rider or walker. Please make a permanent choice for your student. Emergency changes need to be made either in writing or by phone prior to 2:00pm so our staff can make sure your student is placed in the proper area for dismissal. If you wish to walk up to get your student, please park in the upper lot and meet your student between the elementary building and the cafeteria. Your student will be put in the walker line prior to dismissal. Otherwise, please wait in the car pick-up line behind the main elementary building.

## Safety & Security

Blue Ridge Elementary utilizes the Positive Proof identification system. Therefore, if you wish to pick up your child during the school day, join your child for lunch, or attend a parent teacher meeting, please make sure you bring your state issued driver's license or photo ID. Also for security purposes, the door to the front office area will be locked during the school day. If you need assistance please go to the window or ring the doorbell.

## Student Recognition & Awards

Blue Ridge Elementary strives to celebrate student achievement and award students for their academic excellence. With this in mind, Blue Ridge Elementary will be hosting the following evening events to celebrate and showcase our students during the 2016-2017 school year:

Reading Night – September 12<sup>th</sup>  
STAR Night – October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Art Show – November 17<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Program – December 8<sup>th</sup>

STAR Night – January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Math Night – February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Open House – March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
STAR Night – March 30<sup>th</sup>

Science Night – April 6<sup>th</sup>  
STAR Night – May 25<sup>th</sup>

## General Reminders

- ✓ Please fill out the lunch application even if you think you do not qualify for free and reduced lunch. Every application filled out helps our school.
- ✓ Meet-the-Teacher Night is Thursday, August 18, from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Students can meet their teachers and bring school supplies at that time.
- ✓ If you wish to participate in Homecoming festivities, Field Day or any classroom activity/field trip, you must complete a volunteer form at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Approved volunteer applications are valid for two years. If you are uncertain of your approval status, please contact Cathy Agan in the BRISD Administration office at 972-752-5554.
- ✓ Box Tops will be collected at the end of each 9-week grading period. Sheets will be available in the office for your student to collect throughout the school year. These funds help with rewards and wish list items for our teachers. Thank you in advance for saving your box tops. See attached list of items that may have box tops on them.



## Dress Code

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, Blue Ridge ISD will merge the three campus-specific student handbooks into one School Board approved handbook for students. We realize that parents shop throughout the summer months for school clothes. For your convenience, the proposed dress code is listed on the back of this page. Remember that this proposed dress code will not be finalized until the School Board Meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## General Dress Code Information

- Clothing or apparel that is extreme, revealing, etc. will not be permitted. This includes the failure to wear an article that should be worn, such as underclothes and undergarments.
- No suggestive, defensive, rude, vulgar or obscene writings or drawings in any way will be allowed on any garment. (Ex. HOOTERS® shirts, guns, drugs, alcohol, etc.)
- No trench coats or dusters will be allowed.
- Under garments should not be visible when a student is standing, sitting, and walking.
- All garments are to have a finished edge.
- Teachers may require a standard dress for particular, co-curricular activities, including science labs, art classes, shop classes, and physical education.

### Hats/Head Covering/Sunglasses

- No type of hat or head covering will be worn in the building during the school day.
- No sunglasses may be worn in the building.

### Shorts/Split Skirts/Skirts/Dresses/Pants & Jeans

- Form fitting/tight pants may only be worn under a shirt or dress that is mid-thigh length, meeting minimum standards for shorts or skirts.
- A student may wear shorts, dresses, or split skirts that are mid-thigh length.
- No pajama bottoms or running shorts are allowed.
- Pants that droop or sag must be worn above the hips and secured appropriately.
- Holes in jeans or pants will be permitted only below mid-thigh length. Holes that are ruled potentially disruptive by the principal will not be permitted.

### Shirts/Blouses

- All shoulder straps will be a minimum width of the “three finger rule” as it applies to the student.
- Sleeveless shirts, blouses, and dresses are acceptable as long as the armholes have finished edges, not exposing the torso.
- No exposed cleavage.
- Shirt must cover front and back midriff at all times whether standing, sitting, stretching, or bending. Shirts/Blouses must be able to be tucked in.
- No see through (thin or mesh) shirts/blouses.
- No pajamas.

### Shoes/Boots

- Shoes and boots with metal taps, cleats, and spikes are not permitted inside the building.
- No house shoes or slippers will be allowed. This is to include shoes with cotton/plush insides which appear to look like house slippers.

### Facial Hair, Hair, and Grooming

- Hair that sits below the eyebrows and interferes with vision is not permitted.
- Designs or patterns in eyebrows or hair will not be permitted.
- Distracting haircuts, colors, or styles will not be permitted.
- Mustaches, goatees, beards or any other facial hair are not permitted. Sideburns are not to be lower than the bottom of the ear lobe.

### Jewelry/Piercings/Tattoos

- Excessive jewelry, dog collars, dog chains, and billfold chains will not be allowed.
- Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings only in the ear.
- Nose rings or piercings, tongue rings, or any visible pierced jewelry, other than jewelry worn in the ear, is prohibited. Plugs and spacers are also **not** allowed. Coverage with a bandage or other covering is **not** acceptable.
- Tattoos and/or skin decorations cannot be exposed. They must be covered at all times including PE and Athletics. Coverage with a bandage or other covering, other than clothing, is **not** acceptable.
- No writing on body.