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Dear Baltz Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Baltz Elementary School. We have a new Assistant Principal, Kristen Palma. Mrs. Palma is joining us from HB DuPont Middle School. I know she is eager to get to know our Baltz families. Mrs. Palma and I have been busy planning with the staff for the upcoming school year. We are dedicated to fostering an environment to nurture and guide our "Brilliant Bears" to achieve their full potential.

Welcome Back Meet & Greet Social: Please join us on **August 22nd from 4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** At this event, students and families will have an opportunity to meet the teacher and learn about exciting events that we have planned this year. There will also be a food truck (for purchase), raffles, and lots of fun! Parents will have the opportunity to join the BPO (Baltz Parent Organization) which plans and supports many family engagement activities here at Baltz. We will also share information about our Positive Behavior (PBS) school wide program.

The First Day of School for students is **August 26th**. There will be staff on duty to guide students to their homerooms. Parents will be asked to say good-bye outside before students enter the building. **We encourage students to arrive by 8:45. However, the doors will open and breakfast will be available at 8:30 (slight change).** Instruction begins at **9:00 a.m.** Students are considered **tardy if they arrive after 8:55.**

Kindergarten Students: Please note that Kindergarten students will have a split schedule during the first week.

Half of the students will come on 8/26 & 8/27. The other half will come on 8/28 & 8/29. You will receive a letter with more details about the Kindergarten Split Week. At dismissal, Kindergarten bus riders **must be met by an adult** at the bus stop. Any bus rider who does not have an adult meet him/her will be returned to school.

The School Day: **The instructional day for children is from 9:00-3:50.** However, our doors will open at 8:30 to begin breakfast.

Arrival: **Arrival begins at 8:30. Please do not drop your child off at school prior to 8:30. There is no supervision before that time.** (Before and After Care are available onsite through the YMCA. All Parents of car riders will use the circle to drop off your child(ren). We will have a new traffic pattern for the car line. More details to follow. Please have your children ready to exit the passenger side of the car. Staff will be present to assist students as they get out of the car. For additional safety, we ask that you use the car line and do not park and walk your child to the sidewalk. Our parking lot is very busy in the morning and we want to keep all of the children safe.

Dismissal: **Our dismissal time is 3:50 p.m.** We will have a new routine for dismissal for car riders. For parents of children in **K -5th grades** picking up by car, please stay in your car and join the car line which will form a double line through the parking lot. There will be more information to follow about this change. Staff members will be on duty to assist in this process. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to keep our students safe.

Closed Campus: **In order to provide safety for our students,** no students will be released for early dismissal **after 3:15** unless it has been prearranged with the office via note or phone call.

Breakfast and Lunch: There is no charge for breakfast or lunch for Baltz students. Additionally, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable snacks will be provided to all students twice a week. Other snacks may be available for students to purchase during lunch.

School Uniforms: Baltz is a uniform school; all students (K-5) are required to wear uniforms. The uniforms consist of navy blue, black, or khaki pants, long shorts, skirts or jumpers. Shirts may be **any solid color, but must have a collar.** Students are also permitted to wear Baltz Spirit wear as a part of the uniform dress code. Students may dress down on the First Friday of each month, NUT Days (No Uniform Today). Please visit our website for the full uniform policy.

Supplies: Please send your child with a book bag and pencils. Non-mandatory supply lists are available on our website.

Back to School Night-Come on September 26th to learn more about the new year, the curriculum, and classroom routines from 6-8 pm.

We are looking forward to meeting and greeting our students on August 22nd and know that 2019-20 will be a fantastic school year!

With Anticipation,

Amy P. O'Neill, Principal, Baltz Elementary School