



## Bear Valley International

A School By the Community, For the Community

BVIS Families -

As the school year has wrapped up we wanted to thank you all for your commitment to our students and our school community. Coming out of the pandemic has been exceptionally challenging for middle school students across the nation and the impact on BVIS's students has been no different. Despite the challenges, our students persevered through it all.

While we are planning for next year I wanted to share a few updates:

### 2022 - 2023 Calendar Highlights

- Aug 17 6th Grade Academy (First Day of School for 6th Grade) - Early Release
- Aug 18 7th Grade Academy (First Day of School for 7th Grade) - Early Release
- Aug 19 8th Grade Academy (First Day of School for 8th Grade) - Early Release
- Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 19-Jan 3 Winter Break
- Mar 27-31 Spring Break
- Apr 17-21 TENTATIVE STATE TESTING
- May 26 LAst Day for Students - Early Release

### School Times

The DPS Board of Education launched the "[Healthy Start Times](#)" initiative to align school start times with research-based practices to promote healthier sleep habits for teens. As a result, they have set new school hours for our school. BVIS will have CHANGED SCHOOL TIMES the next two years:

- 2022 - 2023 7:30am - 2:30pm
- 2023 - 2024 9:10am - 4:10pm

### School Uniforms

To develop commUNITY and Yeti Pride, BVIS will be implementing a BVIS Uniform and Dress Code policy for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Specific uniform and dress code policies can be found at [BVIS Uniform Policy](#), highlights can be found below.

As we implement this new policy we are conscious of the impact on families. We are offering affordable options - \$10/shirt with bulk purchase discounts - as well as more customizable options found through our SpiritWear Store online. For families experiencing financial hardship, please work with our Family Liaison to discuss options.



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### Uniform Highlights:

- Shirts & Tops: Must have BVIS logo
- Pants: Must be worn to maintain personal privacy - no underwear exposed
- Headwear: No hats, hoodies with hood up or sunglasses can be worn indoors

### Free Dress & Spirit Days:

BVIS will have scheduled free dress and spirit days throughout the year.

### Continuity of Care

We have recognized that throughout this past school year some families experienced challenges in knowing how to effectively communicate with school staff and students' teachers. In the coming school year we will be implementing some structures to ensure a strong continuity of care for our students and develop more fluid means of communication between the school and the home.

- Family Liaison - BVIS has hired a Liaison to work directly with families to bridge the school-home divide and improve communication throughout the school.
- Social Emotional Learning - Every student will begin the day with an SEL homeroom class where they will work on developing strong relationships with their homeroom teacher and their peers. This teacher will be our families' primary teacher contact.
- Grade Level Assigned Student Support - There will be one Student Support person assigned to each grade level. If your child is experiencing difficulty with student-to-student relationships you will have one consistent person to connect to.
- Grade Level Assigned School Leader - There will be one Assistant Principal assigned to each grade level. If you have any concerns whatsoever you will know exactly who to reach out to for support.

All of the changes listed above are just a simple snapshot of the great things we have to look forward to next year that will help BVIS be the strongest school community for your children. If you have any questions or concerns, in August we will have Back to School meetings to answer questions and get feedback from our families. We look forward to seeing you there and partnering together in service of your students. Until then, we wish you a wonderful summer as we plan for an amazing school year in 2022-2023!

Yours in Education,

Shane Knight, Principal