



July 15, 2019

Dear Burruss Families,

Welcome Back!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. I am so thankful that you are part of our incredible community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Last year our theme was Here We Grow at ALB, and we saw exciting growth in our students, both academically and socially. We want to build on the concept of growth with our theme for this year: Watch us Bloom at Burruss! Our hashtag for the year will be #WatchUsBloomatALB. We believe that all children can learn and grow, and it is our primary role to foster that growth and watch our children bloom into strong, smart, kind young citizens in our community.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. We are delighted to welcome several new staff members!

Hannah Piazza, 1st grade
Melissa Lavery, 3rd grade
Ashley Olensky, 4th grade
Christy Grubbs, Art
Zach Shelton, PE
Alisha Woodard, Special Education
Tyler Massey, Special Education
Aimee Bryant, Speech
Aunya Wilson, PE Paraprofessional
Marina Luzuriaga, Kindergarten Paraprofessional

Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort, and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2019-20 school year. Careful consideration was given to input from staff and families as well as student learning styles. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend



or teacher. ALL of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

Class lists are not finalized until the tenth day of school. Although it is unlikely, changes in our enrollment could affect grade level classes, which could result in class roster changes.

School Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

In the interest of safety, do not drop off your children before 8:00AM, as there is no supervision before that time. Students who are not in classrooms by 8:30 are missing out on valuable learning time and are considered tardy. Tardy students must be signed in at the front office by a family member. Also, please be sure to pick up your children by 3:30PM in the afternoon.

If you need before- or after-school care, please register at Marietta Community Schools, which provides care from 6:30am-6:30pm each day. Families must register every year!

Click here for more information about Before and After School Programs:
https://www.mariettacommunityschool.com/before_after/

Cafeteria Information:

There is a major change coming to our cafeteria services and processes this year. Districtwide, students will no longer receive free breakfast unless they qualify for free or reduced-price meals after submitting the application. ALL families are strongly encouraged to complete the application and submit it to our nutrition department. If you need assistance for free or reduced-price lunch, you may apply online at <http://mariettacity.strataapps.com>, or see the front office for an application, or meet our Nutrition department in the cafeteria during Sneak-a-Peek, which is July 31 from 8:30-10:30am.

Meal Prices are:

Breakfast	\$1.80; \$0.30 if qualified for reduced-price
Lunch	\$2.45; \$0.40 if qualified for reduced-price
Visitor Lunch	\$3.75

Wondering what's for lunch? Download the MealViewer app on Apple or Android devices!

School Supply List:

School supply lists for each grade level are available in the office and also linked here: [ALB Supply Lists 2019](#), on our school's Facebook page, and on our website: <https://www.marietta-city.org/Domain/9>.



Communication

- Burruss Express envelopes will come home from your child's teacher every Thursday. Please sign and return on Fridays!
- Expect a Burruss Blast newsletter from the Principal at least once per month
- Teachers send out various forms of communication, including paper newsletters, email newsletters, phone calls home, progress reports, etc.
- Follow us on social media! Check out posts using our hashtag for this year: #WatchUsBloomatALB
 - [Twitter](#) Follow us @ALBurrussELE!
 - [Facebook](#) Like us A.L. Burruss Elementary!
 - [Instagram](#) Follow us @alburrussbeavers!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 31 from 8:30-10:30am	Sneak-a-Peek
August 1	First Day of School
August 9 at 6:00pm	Back-to-School Dance through the Decades
August 15 at 6:00pm	PTA Open House
August 22	Picture Day
September 2	Labor Day Holiday (schools closed)
September 5 at 9:30am	Pastries with the Principal Q&A
September 6	Grandfriends and Grandparents Lunch
September 13 (overnight)	Burruss Campout
September 14	Marietta Reads Festival at Marietta Square
September 16-20	Conference Week (dismissal at 1:15 each day)
September 23-27	Fall Break (schools closed)
October 4	MHS Homecoming Parade and Game
October 25 at 6:00pm	Fall Festival

Our community is stronger, healthier, and happier because you are a part of us. Thank you for your support, your involvement, and your commitment to our students! I look forward to a wonderful year as your very proud principal.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Jillian Johnson
Principal
A.L. Burruss Elementary