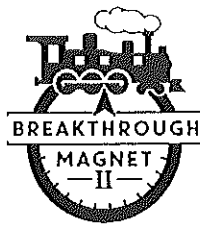


August 3rd, 2018



Dear Breakthrough Magnet School-North Students and Families!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Breakthrough Magnet School- North. The summer months have been busy as we work to prepare for a great school year ahead. We are excited to share important updates and plans with you and can't wait to see you and hear about your summer experiences!

2018-2019 School Goals

The focus for this upcoming school year will be to transition to a PreK3-Grade 5 magnet school through the Hartford Public Schools reconfiguration process, building on our successes thus far and strong Character theme foundation. I look forward to partnering with all members of our school community to ensure that student centered decision making is at the forefront of all that we do this year! Our Instructional Leadership Team has identified areas of focus for this upcoming school year in Reading, Math, Character and Parent Engagement. Due to the reconfiguration of our school, we also have several staff changes throughout our building. I look forward to sharing our goals and objectives as well as introducing our new staff at **Open House, Wednesday, September 26th at 6 p.m.**

We have begun enrolling many new students and we want to ensure that our classrooms are balanced and supportive. We are focused on providing the best educational experience for our students as we assign students to classrooms. Upon our return, we will welcome all of our students back and use the first two weeks to create classrooms that support all students academically and socially. Students will have the opportunity to spend time with all of the teachers in their grade level team. Once the class lists are finalized, your homeroom teacher will be in communication with you. At Breakthrough Magnet School-North we are always putting our student's first. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

Building Updates

Our school is truly looking beautiful! Special thank you to Mr. Sabatelli, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pistrutto as well as the Hartford Public Schools building and grounds team for all of their hard work on supporting the moving of classrooms and beautifying our school!

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 28th**. Breakthrough North has specific arrival and dismissal procedures that maintain a family friendly and welcoming school environment.

- School hours for PreK4-8 will be 8:15-3:25, Monday through Friday.
- School hours for PreK3 will be 8:15-12:00, Monday through Friday
- Kindergarten through 5th grade students will enter through the front door of the school on Lyme Street. The building will open for students at **8:00**.
- Students in grades K/1 will get breakfast and report to their classrooms. Students in grades 2-5 will go to the auditorium and teachers will then bring the children to get breakfast at 8:10.
- Families that wish to bring their children to their classrooms will need to sign in at the desk in the main lobby and obtain a family visitor pass. On the way out, please sign out and drop off the pass.
- PreK 3 and 4 year-old students will enter the building on Burnham Street. The PreK team will be working during the first two weeks of school to transition students from parents dropping off in

the classrooms to students becoming more independent and walking themselves to the classroom. PreK teachers have set up a routine as well as times that they will be at the PreK door for any check-ins that might be needed with families. For more information, please attend the PreK orientation, **August 20th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

- Students will be considered late and marked tardy at 8:30 a.m. Please ensure that you arrive on time daily.

Aftercare

We are very excited to share with you that this year Breakthrough North will continue its partnership with the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center to create a before and after school program at Breakthrough North. The YMCA hours will be from 7:00 am to the start of the school day and from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in signing your child up for aftercare, please complete the registration packet available at the school as well as on our school website. You can also contact the YMCA directly to obtain the packet. Completed packets should be submitted to The Wilson-Gray YMCA on Albany Ave.

Uniforms

Preschool:

- **Tops:** Cobalt blue uniform shirts with the Breakthrough Magnet North- School logo. A long sleeve shirt can be worn under the shirt or a white, blue, navy or black cardigan/sweater/sweatshirt on top. **OPTIONAL:** Breakthrough Magnet North- School cardigan or vest.
- **Bottoms:** Khaki pants/shorts/skirts/jumpers or navy, khaki or black leggings/sweatpants.
- **Shoes:** Sneakers or shoes appropriate for physical activity and movement. **Note:** Sneakers must be worn/brought on days when students have physical education class.

Grades K-5:

- **Tops:** Cobalt blue uniform shirts with the Breakthrough Magnet North- School logo. A long sleeve shirt can be worn under the shirt or a white, blue, navy or black cardigan/sweater/sweatshirt on top. **OPTIONAL:** Breakthrough Magnet School-North cardigan or vest.
- **Bottoms:** Khaki pants/shorts/skirts/jumpers (tights/leggings can be worn under skirts or jumpers)
- **Shoes:** Sneakers or shoes appropriate for physical activity and movement. **Note:** Sneakers must be worn/brought on days when students have physical education class.

Important Dates

We will be having a **meet and greet on Wednesday, August 22nd**. The picnic will take place from 4:00-5:30. Families will bring their own picnic dinners and the school will provide ice pops. This will be a time for us to come back together as a school community and “meet and greet” your child’s teacher for this upcoming school year! Other important dates are:

- Tuesday, August 28th: First Day of School
- Monday, September 3rd: No School, Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 5th: 12 noon dismissal for Professional Development
- Wednesday, September 26th: Open House 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 10th: STEP Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Important Documents

Enclosed please find:

- School Calendar
- Meet and Greet Invite for August 22nd
- Supply List

Teachers will be calling you to welcome you back soon! I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of the summer. We look forward to seeing you on August 22nd!

Warmly,
Mrs. Leonard
Principal

