



BREWER ISLAND SCHOOL

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Alexis O'Flaherty,
Principal

August 1, 2018

Dear Brewer Island Families,

It is with sincere pleasure that I say, "Welcome Back!" I hope you are having a fun and relaxing summer break. On behalf of the Brewer Island Staff, I would like to welcome you to an exciting 2018-2019 school year!

I would like to share some changes in staff that occurred and welcome our new staff members as well. As many of you know, we sadly said goodbye to Ms. Erin LemMon and Mrs. Sheli Fernandez at the end of last year and we wish them happiness and success in their next adventures. In addition, Ms. Carla Adagun, 3rd-5th Grade SDC Teacher, and Mr. Michael Dalmadge, Preschool SDC Teacher, have also made a change in their careers. Lastly, Mrs. Grace Chang, my Administrative Assistant, made the difficult decision to move to Foster City Elementary School as their Administrative Assistant. Grace's daughter attends Foster City Elementary and she looks forward to working in the same school her daughter attends. We will greatly miss all of them and wish each the very best.

Please join me in welcoming our new family members. We welcome Ms. Lily Bianchi, Fourth Grade Teacher, Ms. Nadine Smith, Preschool SDC Teacher, Ms. Courtney Fluharty, 3rd-5th Grade SDC Teacher, and Ms. Virginia Go will join our team as my Administrative Assistant. In addition, there has been some movement within our current family members. Mrs. Jessica Livsey will be teaching third grade and Ms. Dellapietra will be teaching fifth grade this school year. I wish to express a warm welcome and hope you have an exceptional year!

Most communication will be delivered through email and the school website. Please continue to view the Brewer Island website for information regarding upcoming events. In addition, I will send a monthly email newsletter announcing the wonderful things that are happening at BIES. Please update your email address with the office so you do not miss important information. Lastly, we will continue to send home fliers regarding important events (e.g. information regarding early dismissal, back to school night times, etc.). Please check your child's backpack and Thursday folder regularly for notices regarding special events.

Information regarding PTA events and activities will be sent through the PTA website at <https://brewerislandpta.membershiptoolkit.com>. Please register on the site to receive important information on PTA activities including Math Night, Ice Cream Social, and Movie Nights. You do not need to join the PTA to receive information from this site although you will have to



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register to receive the email communications. You will also be able to fill out forms, purchase Spirit Wear, make Dolphin Drive Contributions, and find out about upcoming PTA events on the site.

This fall SMFCSD will open the Aeries Parent Portal from August 1 through August 31, 2018, for the purpose of Student Data Confirmation for the 2018-2019 school year. Please look for an email from the district office regarding how to access the Aeries Parent Portal. This process will allow parents with an email address in Aeries the ability to update your child's information in Aeries and complete district forms/authorizations. In order to receive your child's First Week of School Packet which includes the name of your child's teacher at Maze Day on Monday, August 13, we will ask to see the email confirmation that you have completed the district on-line forms. If you do not have access to technology at home Brewer Island will provide access to computers at Maze Day so you can complete the forms.

Maze day is our start of school event. Parents have the opportunity at this event to turn in school forms, learn about our PTA, pay for hot lunches, purchase a student planner (required for all 3rd-5th grade students) and pick up his/her child's class assignment. Additional information regarding Maze Day may be found on the BIES PTA website-

<https://brewerislandpta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. The forms that will be included in the first week of school packet at Maze day are: The BIES Library Permission form, The Insurance Coverage form and an application for a free San Mateo County Public Library form. Please sign and return the BIES Library Permission Form and the Insurance Coverage Form to your Child's classroom teacher by Fri. August 17, 2018. If you would prefer your child **not receive a San Mateo County Public Library card, please complete and sign the Public Library Card form**. Otherwise your child will receive a public library card. Additional district information can be found on the Brewer Island website at: <http://brewer-island.smfcsd.net/>. The informational forms include: Attendance Matters, Envision Payment Solution, BIES calendar of events and bell schedule,

For those who are unable to attend Maze Day, your child will bring home important forms on the first day of school for you to complete. Be sure to **return the envelope with your completed forms to school the following day**. This envelope will be used as your weekly information packet for the remainder of the school year.

Class Lists will be posted on the front window of the office on Monday, August 13, at 4:00 pm.

Suggested school supply lists are posted on the school website at <http://brewer-island.smfcsd.net/classroom-pages.html>. If a grade level supply list is not on the website then



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individual teachers will provide more information early in the year or at Back to School Night. The staff appreciates all that you do for Brewer Island and the donations you provide.

The first day of school **Tuesday, August 14**, is quickly approaching. The first day will be a **full day for students**. The schedule is as follows:

- Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten: 8:10am - 12:10pm
- 1st – 3rd grades: 8:20am - 2:40pm
- 4th and 5th grades: 8:00am - 2:40pm

For more information regarding Brewer Island including additional back to school information, the daily school schedules and the hot lunch menu, please visit the Brewer Island Elementary School website at <http://brewer-island.smfcsd.net/>.

I look forward to seeing you at Maze Day on Monday, August 13, and Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 16. More information regarding Back to School Night can be found on the attached flyer.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you and your children very soon!

Sincerely,

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Back to School Night Thursday, August 16, 2018

Please join the Brewer Island Staff at our Back to School Night event.

- 5:45-6:00 pm Preschool SDC, TK-2nd Grade Welcome and Information Session in the BIES Gym
- 6:00-6:40 pm Preschool SDC, TK-2nd Grade Presentations in your child's classroom
- 6:45-7:00 pm Grades 3rd-5th Welcome and Information Session in the BIES Gym
- 7:00-7:40 pm Grades 3rd-5th Presentations in your child's classroom

Welcome and Information Session: You will be introduced to our BIES staff and hear about important school information as well our PTA program.

Classroom Presentations: You will receive information from your child's teacher regarding Common Core State Standards, curriculum, classroom rules and expectations, field trips, use of technology and other important classroom information.

Important Reminders:

- This is an adult only event.
- Back to School Night is not an appropriate venue to discuss specific concerns regarding your child. Please schedule a mutually agreed upon time with your child's teacher to discuss concerns.
- If you live near school, please consider walking to help reduce traffic and parking congestion. Always drive with caution near school zones and be courteous to our neighbors and keep driveways clear. Although it is after hours, we kindly ask you to park on the street which will give staff the opportunity to park in their assigned parking spaces in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Thursday, August 16!