



Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year

Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to planning for the 2015-2016 school year! We are very excited about next year.

In order to help students reading and math skills stay strong over the summer, BAMS has a free math program and reading lists to help. Please visit the BAMS website at www.berkleymiddle.net. Once there, go to the "Summer Reading and Math" page. This page gives you information about the Summer Math program and about summer reading lists for each grade level.

Please review the policies below that will help you when clothes shopping and vacation planning.

Dress Code: The following are the guidelines for student dress that will help you with back to school clothes shopping.

Bottoms: Shorts, pants, skirts- Must come to AT LEAST fingertip length, and cannot have any colored trim, frays, stripes, embroidery, decoration or holes of any kind. Pants must be navy, black, khaki/tan, or blue denim. A belt is required if the garment has belt loops. Clothes must be worn with the waist of garment worn at student's waist.

Tops: School T-shirts are the best option to ensure dress code and can be purchased at the school office starting July 27th. The only other option for tops are knit polo-type **solid** red, navy, or white shirts. The logo on the shirt cannot be more than 1 inch in size. ***Girls undershirts cannot show when unbuttoned wearing a polo. BAMS administration will determine if clothing is appropriate for school.

Shoes: Absolutely NO flip flops of any kind may be worn.

Absolutely NO hoodies may be worn. Hoodies are pull over sweatshirts with a hood. These are not allowed as the school uniform shirt is not visible. ONLY jackets/sweaters that either zip or button all the way down the front may be worn.

Jackets: Jackets must zip or button down the complete front of the jacket. A jacket that zips ALL THE WAY down the front may have a hood for the head as long as the jacket zips all the way down the front.

Warm-Ups: An official BAMS Warm Up may be purchased as a school uniform. NO OTHER warm-ups are allowed in BAMS dress code. Visit BAMS starting July 27th to try on and order a warm-up.

School shirts may be purchased at the BAMS office starting July 27th. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30am-4pm. Items may be purchased using cash, check, or credit card.

Attendance: Attendance at school is mandatory. If a student is not at school for the entire day, we cannot teach them. The expectation is to attend school everyday, to arrive promptly, and to remain throughout the scheduled hours 8:00am-3:00pm. *All appointments are to be scheduled outside of school hours.*

Supply lists for the 2015-2016 school year are located on our website's main page and can always be found on our parent involvement/resource page.

Very important information about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is located on the front page of our website. No student will be allowed to have devices without the BYOD form completed.

Also, we are excited to announce that each grade level will be taking an overnight field trip next year. 6th grade will be going to spend the night with animals at Bush Gardens, 7th grade will take a trip to the Florida Keys, and 8th grade will be taking a historic trip to St. Augustine.

Follow BAMS and get up-to-date information the following ways:

Website: www.Berkleymiddle.net

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BerkleyAcceleratedMiddleSchool

Please feel free to contact me directly by email for any questions or concerns at Jill.Bolender@berkleymiddle.net. Mrs. Dianna Whatley is the parent liaison who is also available to help with any questions. Email Dianna at Dianna.Whatley@berkleymiddle.net or call the office at 863-984-2400.

Working together we can achieve anything! A reminder that school starts on Thursday, August 20th and Orientations are held on Wednesday, August 19th.

Sincerely,

Jill Bolender
Principal