

Dorothy L. Bullock School Newsletter
Welcome Back to School
August 25, 2023

Welcome, new and returning Bullock families! The end of summer break is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to the beginning of the 2023-24 school year and the arrival of our Bullock Bulldog Buddies at the Dorothy L. Bullock School!

As we begin this new school year, our goal is to inspire our students to learn and grow in an environment where they feel safe and supported. Below is important news and information that will assist you in preparing for our Wednesday, September 6th opening.

Thank You To All Of Our Support Staff - Every summer, we have a team of individuals working hard to get us ready for the start of the year. On behalf of everyone at Bullock, I want to thank all of our clerical staff, maintenance/custodial staff, technology department, transportation department, guidance/CST team members, nurses, and food services team members for all of their work this summer to prepare us for opening. A special shout out to the maintenance/custodial staff, under the direction of Mr. Rich Booth, who have put in long hours of hard work to get us ready. We would not be prepared to receive our students without the diligent efforts of the members of all these vital teams.

Meet our New Assistant Principal, Mr. Tim Hagerty - We would like to welcome Mr. Hagerty to our Bullock School Family. He is a Glassboro Public School alumni, who taught at both Glassboro Intermediate School and Glassboro High School. Please use the link to see Mr. Hagerty's welcome letter. [Welcome from Mr. Hagerty](#)

Bullock Bell Schedule - Please take some time to review the [Dorothy L. Bullock Bell Schedule](#) which is accessible on our website. Through this link you can access the standard bell schedule, as well as our early dismissal and 2-hour delay schedules.

Student Placements - Student class placements for the 2023-24 school year will be accessible to parents/guardians on PowerSchool through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on August 28th after 5 PM.

Dorothy L. Bullock School Parent Handbook – All parents are urged to review the 2023-24 Dorothy L. Bullock Parent Handbook accessible on our website - [DLB Parent Handbook](#)

Code of Conduct - Please be sure to review the Code of Conduct which will be implemented in the 2023 - 2024 school year. There are two for our building, based on grade levels ([1st - 2nd grade](#); [3rd - 5th grade](#)).

Supplies - Grade level supply lists are posted on our [website](#) . We will have additional supplies in our building for students who need them.

Laptop Distribution - Student laptops will not be sent home immediately at the start of school. We will be working with students on properly caring for their devices for the month of September. Classroom teachers will provide further information regarding devices once we start the year.

Misuse of School Issued Laptops - Details are outlined in the [User Agreement](#) and in the Student Code of Conduct, but it must be emphasized that misuse of school-issued devices that results in damage of a device will result in required restitution before a new device may be issued. Using devices for non-school purposes may result in disciplinary action, loss of privileges, and possibly involvement of law enforcement, depending upon the nature of the offense.

Transportation/Bus Passes - The transportation department is pleased to announce that the bus passes have been released. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the transportation department staff.

- Diane Veight, Transportation Coordinator, 856-652-2700 x6705, dveight@gpsd.us
- Blanca Matos-Phillips, Transportation Assistant, 856-652-2700 x 6701, bmatos-phillips@gpsd.us

Attendance Policy – We will continue each year to emphasize the importance of school attendance, as its connection to student achievement is overwhelmingly supported by educational research. Given the challenging nature of recent school years, excellent attendance is as important as ever. Glassboro Public School District policy states that when students exceed ten (10) unexcused daily absences, truancy charges will ensue. We ask that all parents and guardians continue to work with us to ensure that students attend school and participate in the irreplaceable educational experiences created by our staff. Please ensure that you make every effort to have your child attend a full day of school each and every day, and that absences (excused or unexcused and full day or partial day) are kept to an absolute minimum.

Attendance Is Extremely Important But... If your child is not feeling well, please keep your child home and simply call the Bullock Attendance line (856-652-2700 EXT 4111) and provide the following information:

- Child's Name
- Homeroom Teacher
- Your Child's Symptoms

This information will greatly assist us in our efforts to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Change to Dismissal Notification - When a change to the normal dismissal procedure for your child is necessary, we ask that you send a note or an email to the homeroom teacher to notify the school of the change to your child's regular dismissal procedure. Please send the note/ email the morning the dismissal change is to occur. Only in emergency cases, determined by an administrator, will a phone call suffice to allow a student to be dismissed early. All students being dismissed early must be picked up by a parent or guardian from the office. Adults picking up students from the office will be required to provide proper identification. Students, without prior notice from an email/ note from parent, will not be dismissed from any class after 2:45 p.m. After 2:45 PM parents will have to wait until 3:00 to pick up students from school. This procedure is put into place to make sure that all students are accounted for during dismissal.

In order for a child to be considered present for a complete day, they must be in school a total of four hours not including lunch.

(Arrival) Parent/Guardian Drop Off in AM - Students who are being transported to school by car should be dropped off on the side of the building. Student drop off will begin early at 8:35 AM to help with the flow of traffic. All vehicles should follow the designated lane and directional arrows to the drop off location. We ask that all students exit the vehicle on the passenger side to avoid walking into the traffic lane. Staff will be outside to greet students. You will then proceed to the exit. This exit will be in the same location where you entered the parking lot. We ask that you do not turn into the bus lane as we are working to decrease traffic in that area.

Late Arrivals - Students arriving after 9:00 AM should be driven to the front entrance of the building. Parents/ guardians will need to escort their child into the building and sign them in as late.

(Dismissal) Parent/Guardian Pick Up in PM - All parents picking up students will do so using the same location utilized for drop off. We ask that you remain in your vehicle until a staff member can come to check your ID, verifying the identity of the individual who is picking up your student. Please update important information in PowerSchool to ensure we have the correct names of emergency contacts. If someone is not identified as a contact in Power School we will not be able to allow them to pick up the student without a written note. We will walk the student out to your car. You will then proceed to the exit. This exit will be in the same location where you entered the parking lot. We ask that you do not turn into the bus lane as we are working to decrease traffic in that area. We ask that parents who are walking to pick up their students, use the sidewalk along New Street. Please avoid using the sidewalk where buses are parked for students. We do ask for your patience as it is important to ensure the safety of all our students. If you have any changes regarding who will be picking up your child, please notify the classroom teacher prior to 1:00 so we can plan accordingly.

Bus drop off/pick up - Be advised that buses will drop off and pick up students at the front of the building. All students riding on buses are required to wear seat belts at all times and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that enables our drivers to focus on ensuring safe and timely arrival to school and also home. Inappropriate conduct on buses is not acceptable as it jeopardizes the safety of all on board and on the roadways. For serious and/or repeated infractions on the bus, a student's transportation privileges may be suspended. We appreciate in advance the support of parents in reviewing behavioral expectations during transport to and from school. A parent or guardian must be present at the bus stop to pick up a student from the bus (for grades one and two). If an adult is not present, the student will be taken back to school and will need to be picked up from the building.

Walkers - Students should not arrive on campus before 8:30 A.M. They will not be permitted to enter the building until 8:45 A.M. They should use caution and cross streets only where crossing guards are on duty. Those students riding bikes to school must wear safety helmets. When riding on school property, refrain from entering parking lots or bus areas. There is a bike rack located at the far end of the school, by the gymnasium entrance. Students in grades 1 – 2, must have a parent or guardian present to walk them home from school. The students will come back to school if a parent or guardian is not present

Playgrounds Closed While School Is In Session - We are extremely excited to have two, brand new playgrounds at our school. Both playgrounds will be closed while school is in session. No one is permitted on the school playground during arrival, during the school day, and during dismissal. Again, this protocol is in place to enhance safety and security, and ensure the health and wellness of our students, families, and staff. After school hours, feel free to bring your children to the playground.

Birthday Celebrations and Food Items - We ask that all parents/guardians limit the frequency in which you send food items to school for birthdays or any other celebrations. If you send in a birthday treat, it must be prepackaged. Please discuss any food items being sent in with your child's teacher first. This will allow them the opportunity to discuss any food allergies in your child's classroom with the school nurse. We ask that you do not send individual cakes, balloons, or flowers into the classroom as they cannot take these items on the school bus. Parents are not able to visit the classroom for a student's birthday. We appreciate your assistance in our efforts to keep our students safe.

Bullock Parent Advisory Committee - Dorothy L. Bullock School parents, guardians, and community members are invited to join me to participate in the Bullock School Parent Advisory Committee. Meetings are held periodically throughout the school year. These meetings are open to everyone and provide an opportunity to meet with the principal and discuss events and programs at our school. The first meeting is scheduled for October 19th, from 6 PM to 7 PM and will be held in the Dorothy L. Bullock School Media Center. Information on how to register for this meeting will be shared out in advance. For more info on BPAC and future meeting dates please use the following link - [Bullock Parent Advisory Meeting Information](#)

CITRS (Character Education Initiative) - Glassboro School District has enthusiastically embraced a district-wide character development initiative and has worked closely with a team of consultants from CITRS (Character-Integrity-Trust-Relationships-Success). Along with our continuing emphasis on academic growth, we are paying special attention to increasing the character of our young people. It is the district's firm belief that this will not only improve our schools but have a life-long benefit for every one of our students. Each month we will be discussing a character "virtue" that is integrated into our teacher to student language, morning meeting, and character-ed lessons.

Our character virtue for the month of September is *Wisdom*. The definition of wisdom is seeing what is right, what is truthful, and knowing the right thing to do.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Bullock First Grade Orientation** - [First Grade Orientation](#) will be held on September 5th, from 1:00 - 2:00. Please see the attached letter for more information.
- **Bullock New Student Orientation** - [New Student Orientation](#) will be held September 5th, from 2:30 -3:00. Please see the attached letter for more information.
- **First Day of School**, September 6, 2023
- **Bullock Back to School Night** - Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 14. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. Additional information about our Back to School Night Program will be shared soon.
- **School Picture Day, September 26th** (more information will be shared soon regarding pictures)