

BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

# Brentwood Elementary

School of the Arts

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Our 2019-2020 school theme is

**“There’s No Place Like BESOTA!”**

Save the Date!

## EARLY DISMISSAL

**Wednesday,  
August 28, 2019**

We will begin dismissal at 1:00P.M. on Early Dismissal Wednesdays.

## LABOR DAY

**Monday,  
September 2, 2019**

There will be NO school on this date.

## OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday,  
September 12, 2019**

Annual Title 1 & Parent Involvement Plan Meeting 5:30 P.M.  
Open House 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Welcome Back!

From the Principal...

Greetings Families,

For the last 3 years, I have been the proud principal of Brentwood Elementary School of Arts. Being the instructional leader of such an amazing community of staff, students, and parents has been one of the best experiences of my life and career! We have grown together professionally, academically and socially. Our results speak to the level of commitment that each dolphin family member shares.

See for yourself:

We are a “C” school headed for the B as our 2019-2020 Goal!

	Reading Proficiency	Math Proficiency
Upon Arriving in 2016	26%	39%
Our recent 2018-2019	42%	71%

These results are record breaking! At the close of the 2018-2019 school year, Brentwood has the highest gains of growing proficient students in both English Language Arts and Mathematics in Duval County Public Schools. We ranked as the 4th highest gains in the state of Florida out of 2,088 schools.

We appreciate each of our parents for sharing and trusting us with their precious children to teach and develop each school year. Once our students come to Brentwood Elementary School of the Arts it is hard to leave; because THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE BESOTA!

If you currently looking for a school to entrust your students to, we are worth the consideration. Take a moment to view all areas of our website for more information and pictures that share just a snapshot of the experiences are students share. We hope to see you @ BESOTA the Emerald City’s Door is ALWAYS OPEN!





- **Parent Teacher Association** – We are looking for several parents who are interested in joining our BESOTA PTA. Parent-teacher association/organization (PTA/PTO) is a formal organization composed of parents, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate parental participation in a school.
- **SAC** – Our School Advisory Council is a group of individuals who serve the school in an advisory role. The members of this council meet monthly to discuss the School Improvement Plan, student discipline, and a variety of topics important to school operations. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in serving on this council.

## Student Uniforms

Please ensure that your student is in uniform daily.

### Daily Brentwood Elementary School of the Arts Uniform:

**Shirts:** white, grey, light blue, navy blue, royal blue, and black (polo style with collar)

**Bottoms:** khaki, navy blue, grey, or black (pants, shorts, skirts)

## Volunteer Applications:

*ALL volunteers must complete an online application and be cleared by the district to volunteer. This includes parents/guardians who wish to eat lunch with their child(ren) and/or chaperone field trips.*

## Get Involved!

As we all know, the home-school connection is the key to a good education. This year we will continue to reach out to you and keep you informed. Below we have included some information to assist you in being involved in your child's education.

### Communication

- **School Messenger** – An automated call system that allows us to quickly communicate important information and upcoming events.
- **Website** – Our district website maintains updated calendar information and access to all school and district news.
- **Grade Portal** – There is a new portal through FOCUS for parents to see their child's grades.
- **Class Dojo** - Teachers and administration will continue to use this communication outlet to keep you informed about daily behavior, upcoming assessments, your child's daily student conduct, and upcoming events. Please join us on Class Dojo.

### Conferences

- **Open House/Parent Nights** – Designed to provide you with information specific to your child's education, including curriculum and home-connection strategies.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Critical individual conferences specific to your child's progress and education. It is important to speak openly with your child's teacher, sharing not only the positive experiences, but also possible concerns. Should a concern arise, we ask that you meet/speak with your child's teacher PRIOR to contacting the office to ensure they are aware of your concerns and have an opportunity to address them as a partner with you in your child's education.

# Other Important Information

## Attendance

Daily attendance, including arriving on time and remaining through the entire school day, is a critical ingredient to your child’s success. Students should be in attendance every day (unless illness or emergencies arise.)

Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct for information regarding excused absences.



95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	<b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b>  WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?  <b>BE SMART BE THERE!</b> <small>Percentages based on 180 academic days</small>
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Grade	AVG Daily Attendance August – May 2018-2019
PK	91.18%
K	91.12%
1 <sup>st</sup>	89.86%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	92.41%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	92.77%
4 <sup>th</sup>	91.20%
5 <sup>th</sup>	93.31%

## Breakfast/Lunch

BESOTA is participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Through this program, all students will be provided free breakfast and lunch every day for the 2019-2020 school year. No lunch applications will need to be submitted for any student.

## Safety/Visitors

For your child’s safety, all visitors must report to the front office upon arrival to sign-in. After verifying identification through an approved photo ID, visitors will be issued a visitor’s badge that must be worn at all times while on the school campus. Staff is expected to approach and question all visitors without a badge or anyone who may appear “out of place.” Thank you, in advance, for helping us maintain a safe school.



## Safety/Drills

All gates and doors on campus must remain locked throughout the school day. In order to maintain safety and order at all times, we will conduct monthly drills (i.e. fire, tornado, intruder) to ‘practice’ possible emergency scenarios, as required by our District School Safety Plan. Please inquire if you have questions regarding this plan and/or our procedures.

# Transportation

## Afternoon Dismissal

- ANY change to your child's 'regular' afternoon dismissal must be submitted in writing (E-mail, class dojo, note).
- We are not able to check out students after 2:15 P.M. This district policy assists us in preventing any possible dismissal miscommunications due to dismissal time constraints.



## Bus Schedules

Please check the district website or stop by the front office for bus routes. During the first days of school, please remember to allow 10-15 minutes in the morning and afternoon for possible fluctuations in routes and first-day 'hiccups.'

## School Day

This year, the school day will begin at 8:30 A.M. and end at 3:00 P.M. On early dismissal days, students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM.

## A+ Expectations

**We are seeking to be an A School!**  
**We appreciate your patience and cooperation with our procedures as we work towards our goal. It takes A+ procedures to meet our goal.**

## Car Riders/Park and Pick-up

You MUST have a BESOTA card displayed in the window for afternoon dismissal. Each family will be provided with one on the first day of school. If you need an additional card to display, please stop by the main office. Please note, if you do not have a card displayed in your window, you will be directed to the front office to provide an approved photo ID to ensure you are listed on the child's most recent blue card. For your child's safety, if you are not listed on the child's most recent blue card and/or do not have an approved photo ID, your child will not be released to you until you are able to provide said documentation.

## Bell Schedule/School Hours

- 8:00 A.M.**– School building opens for all students (No student may arrive on campus prior to this time)
- 8:25 A.M.** – First Bell rings
- 8:30 A.M.**– Instructional Day begins
- 2:45 P.M.** – Begin dismissal procedures
- 3:00 P.M.** – End of the Instructional Day  
(No student may be checked out after 2:15 P.M.)