



BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Being a positive and lasting influence for all!



BRISTOL'S 12-MONTH STAFF
Summer work makes for a great start to the year! Thank you to our 12-month staff who never quit & handle all the behind-the-scenes work so that everyone's school year gets off to a great start. Their can-do attitude, willingness to pitch in, and flexibility shined through, especially during our summer of school construction projects.



Friday, September 8, 2023

Dear Bristol Families,

Please review the important upcoming announcements compiled by Bristol's Administrative Team.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **9/13/23 - EARLY RELEASE!** Don't forget - our first early release is Wednesday, September 13th. Student dismissal is at 1:15pm!
- **9/13/23 - 5th Grade Band Parent Meeting at 6:30pm in the Band Room!** All interested parents are welcome to attend to learn more about Bristol's Band Program. Questions are welcomed and encouraged! Additionally, if an instrument is needed, a representative from Pacetti's music will be in attendance to describe the instrument rental process. Prior to the meeting, learn more about Bristol's Band Program by visiting our [Band webpage!](#)
- **9/18/23 - Battle of the Books Informational Meeting:** 4th-6th graders who love to read, along with their parents, are invited to a Battle of the Books informational meeting taking place in the library Monday, September 18th from 6:30-7:00pm. The 23-24 Battle of the Books elementary titles are [available now](#). Not familiar with B.O.B.? Visit [Bristol's Battle of the Books web page](#) for program details and look for more information coming once the school year begins! Questions? Contact Ms. Weiner or Mrs. Ferruzzi!
- **9/19/23 - Regular School Board Meeting at 4:30pm:** The meeting will be held in the Large Group Instruction room also called LGI (previously where the District Office was located). Please park in the 45 parking lot and enter through Door 13.
- **9/20/23 - Bristol School PTO Battle of the Schools - Pizza Battle!** It's a rematch! Last year, Salem squeaked by Bristol in food sales and now here is our opportunity! A portion of food sales will be funding your Bristol PTO. You can order for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Call 262-586-5544 to order, and mention Bristol School when ordering. Let's kick off the school year with a win against Salem!
- **9/21/23 - Bristol PTO Meeting:** Please join us for our first PTO meeting of this school year! All are welcome to attend to learn more about the PTO and plan for our middle school dance. The meeting will take place at Bristol School (LGI) from 6:00-7:30pm. Check the PTO web site in the coming weeks for the meeting agenda: <https://www.bristol.k12.wi.us/parents/bristol-pt0.cfm>.
- **9/22/23 - Picture Day!**
- **9/25/23 - NO SCHOOL:** Teacher professional learning day

Important Reminders:

- **Arrival, Dismissal Drop-Off & Pick Up Information:** Visit our [Bristol School Home Webpage](#) to review important attendance, arrival and dismissal information. We ask that all parents review the [23-24 Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures!](#) **Please note that the start of the school day is 7:35am. All students should be in their classes ready to learn at that time.** Students arriving after 7:35am will need to be checked in at the school office by their parents and will be considered tardy.
- **Fall MAP Growth Testing:** This year, *fall* MAP Growth Testing will only take place for certain grade levels/content areas. This decision is to prioritize student learning and to gather the most valuable instructional insights. While MAP Growth is a valuable tool to provide general school trends and individual student progress over time, in some cases, other assessments are available that provide teachers with more actionable information, especially at the start of the school year. All grades will engage in winter and spring MAP Growth assessments. Classroom teachers will communicate with students and families if/when students will be engaging in the MAP Growth assessment.
- **Grading System Information for Grades 4-8:** Beginning this school year (2023-2024), all classes that report student grades using an A-F letter grade system will consistently have the following two weight categories:

Weighted Category	Definition	Possible examples	% of Reported Grade
Practice/ Formative	Work, activities or assignments that allow students to practice and learn new information.	Classwork, homework, practice quizzes, other class activities, and more	20%
Assessment/ Summative	Work, activities, or assessments that are completed at specific intervals to measure what students know and are able to do independently after having sufficient time to practice	Tests, projects, presentations, formal quizzes, observations, essays, and more	80%

- **Open House Photos:** Thank you to all of our community partners, families, staff and students that made our open house a success! [Click here to view a few photos for this year's open house!](#)
- **Counseling Department Resources:** Annually, mental health organizations, agencies, schools, and individuals across the U.S. and world rally together to help, share resources, and create awareness of suicide prevention during September, Suicide Prevention Month.
 1. September is Suicide Prevention Month: Please help raise awareness about the actions we can all take to prevent suicide. Mental wellness is important at all times and all year long. September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Please be there for each other, know the signs, reach out, raise awareness, and share resources. If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911. For more information: [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Prevention Month](#)
 2. For Lifeline support call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](#) or text [HOPELINE](#) to 741741
 3. [Additional Resources & Crisis Contact Info:](#) Information provided is not intended to substitute emergency personnel or professional assistance or supervision by mental health professionals. Please consult with qualified professionals directly.
- **Parent/Volunteer Background Checks:** During 23-24 student registration, Bristol received 80+ new parent/volunteer background checks! We thank you in advance for patience as they get processed. Only parents who will be regularly volunteering, working with students unsupervised, or attending field trips must have a current background check on file; one-time visitors are not required to have a background check on file. All [Guardian/Volunteer Criminal Background Check Consent Forms](#) must be turned into the School Office. For more information, visit Bristol's [Volunteer Webpage!](#) Questions? Email contactus@bristol.k12.wi.us
- **PTO Membership:** It's not too late to join the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)! Joining is easy! A brief membership form is available here: <https://forms.gle/rAepAr3UEPJtqNMx9>. Simply complete the form to join! A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. A membership allows you to vote in PTO meetings on important topics for the school. It does not require you to volunteer, although we would love everyone's participation!

Celebrations!

- **Bristol School conducted our first fire and tornado drills today!** Safety is a top priority. During these drills all staff and students practiced evacuation and sheltering protocols.
- **Thank you Dousman Transport for supporting bus safety this week!** On Tuesday and Wednesday, Bristol students 4K-8 took part in bus safety and behavior expectations. Homeroom groups loaded onto a school bus and were taught bus expectations and the purpose of bus safety patrol, as well as actively took part in an emergency evacuation drill. Our Renegades did a great job of listening and realizing the importance of being safe, respectful, and responsible on bus rides!

QUICK LINKS

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2023-2024 School Calendar	Bristol PTO	Bristol Booster Club's Facebook Page	