

2024-2025

BONNER HANDBOOK REVISIONS

CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

Due to cell phone capability for text messaging and/or calls leading to distractions at school to learning, use of these devices or other ~~objects~~ technology items, including but not limited to pagers, radios, MP3 players, iPads, ~~cell phones~~, Gizmo watches, or any other electronic communication devices that can share or record audio and/or video, will NOT be allowed during school hours for any reason without prior educator or supervisor permission. These devices may be confiscated if used during normal school hours and may require parents to retrieve the device. Students who need to make phone calls will need to use school office or classroom phones with permission and at appropriate times. Parents/guardians who need to contact students will need to do so by calling the Bonner Elementary School Office at 533-1500. The school will not be held responsible for loss of or damage to cellular phones or other communication devices.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

“Early Dismissal Days” are traditionally scheduled throughout the school year to give teachers an opportunity to work together to plan/share ideas for the students’ education. However, for the 2024-2025 school year, there are no scheduled early dismissal days scheduled. Please refer to the [2024-2025 Stewartville School District calendar](#) for more information on which days school is in session.

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Lunch and breakfast are served each day. ~~Menus go home with students at the beginning of each month of the school year, so families and their children will know what is being served.~~ Lunch and breakfast menus will be posted online, through social media, and through teacher communications. A well-balanced, nutritious lunch is provided each day, and for that reason we encourage students to participate in the school lunch program.

Single-served, first lunches and first breakfasts for all students will be provided free-of-charge for the 2024-2025 school year. The cost of a single carton of milk with a cold lunch brought from home will be \$0.50.

Please call the Bonner office for current prices for adult lunches.

If you would like to eat lunch with your child, please call the Bonner kitchen at 533-1548, before 8:30 AM to order your lunch. When you arrive, please scan your driver’s license, sign in at the Bonner office, and put on a Visitor’s Pass sticker.

Parents/guardians are welcome to send lunches to school with their child/ren. We ask parents to provide lunches with similar nutritional value as the lunches the school provides for all students. Please do not send excessive “junk foods” [cookies, chips, candy, etc.] with your child for lunch. Also, canned sodas or similar drinks will not be allowed. Milk is available for purchase when students bring their own lunches.

Breakfast will be served before school begins for first-grade and second-grade students who choose to participate. Students should be in the cafeteria no later than 8:00AM to participate in eating breakfast. All

kindergarteners eat breakfast in their classrooms in the morning based on teachers' schedules. We ask that parents not eat breakfast at school with their children.

While family members are welcomed to eat lunch with their child, we do not allow families onto the playground for recess. When lunch is finished, we respectfully request visitors to check out at the Bonner Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In alignment with School Board Policy 531, students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America at least once per week. Any person who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reason may elect not to do so. Students must respect another person's right to make that choice. Students will also receive instruction in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag.

SCHOOL HOURS

- Bonner School Hours: 8:10 AM to 2:50 PM (**tentative**)
- ~~Dismissal Time for Regularly Scheduled Early Dismissal Days: 12:40 PM (**tentative**)~~

Formal supervision of students starts at 7:45 AM; students should not arrive at school before this time. When students arrive at school, they will report directly to their assigned classroom. Students who arrive prior to 8:10 will remain in their classroom and quietly work on activities or eat breakfast until the start of the school day. This period between 7:45 and 8:10 is commonly referred to as our "soft start". **PLEASE do not drop-off students prior to 7:45 AM.** Access to the building may not be available and there is no supervision, including crossing guards at crosswalks, for students arriving early. Please only use the designated area located on the south side of the school for student drop-offs. The alley along the southside of the building should not be used to drop students off unless previously arranged with the school. In the interest of safety, do not drop students off along the west parking lot or on 5th Avenue S.E..

Please Note: Bonner is open until **5:30 PM** for Tiger Time. Parents/students may request assistance from the custodial staff to retrieve forgotten items provided they first contact Tiger Time personnel at their assigned post. Visitors are not allowed to independently roam the halls of Bonner; they **must** be escorted by school personnel.

SCHOOL VISITATION

Parents are welcome to visit school **provided there is a valid, pre-approved reason to do so**. Contact your child's teacher to make arrangements for such a visit. A security system is a part of Stewartville Public Schools to ensure the safety of our students. All visitors should use the main doors, and will be asked by office staff to **scan their driver's license** upon admission to the building. This includes not only the driver, but for **all** visitors. Upon entering the building, please stop at the office to sign-in and obtain a visitor pass before going to any classroom or the lunchroom. Although this may seem like an inconvenience, it is for the safety of the students here at Bonner Elementary. **Visitors are not allowed on the Bonner playground.** Drop-in visits, although exciting for the child, can create an environment that is not conducive to the learning experience of all children in the classroom. As such, we respectfully request parents and family members refrain from visits of this nature. Visitors are considered guests and

the building administration or their designee reserves the right to refuse or dismiss any visitor for any reason prior to or during a visit.

STUDENT PICTURES

For identification purposes, individual student pictures are taken in the fall ~~by Jostens~~. Parents/Guardians may purchase pictures, but are under no obligation to do so. Additional information on school pictures will be distributed in the fall.

BEHAVIOR

[added] Recess detention may be used when behavior necessitates this consequence, and with prior parent permission. Parents will fill out a form at the beginning of the school year to provide or deny permission for recess detention. When permission is granted, parents will be notified when recess is withheld, preferably prior to the detention but no later than the afternoon of. Due to statutory restrictions, students will not be allowed to stay inside from recess for incomplete work. If at any time parents are concerned with the amount of, or the reason for, recess detention please contact school administration. Parents may rescind their permission at any time by contacting the school principal.