



Welcome to Ballantyne Elementary School



Welcome to Ballantyne Elementary School. We are glad you are here. Moving to a new school can be a bit intimidating since all schools do things differently. We hope that this letter will help familiarize you with BES. Below are some things that you should know. If you would like to ask questions or discuss any of the items, please feel free to email or call me at:

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If you need to use a language other than English, please send an email and I will do my best to respond.

Things to Know:

1. **Email** - Email is very important. Please make sure that your child's homeroom teacher has your correct email.
2. **Friday Emails** - Teachers send out emails every Friday to inform parents about important dates, current topics in each subject, and other grade-specific items.
3. **Bear Blast** - The school newsletter comes out every Tuesday. It contains a note from the principal, important dates, info on special events, and volunteer opportunities. Please go to the link below to sign up.
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/ballantyneES/Pages/BallantyneElementaryListserv.aspx>
4. **BES PTA** - The Ballantyne Elementary School Parent Teacher Association raises money for things that improve our school, puts on special events that grow our school community, and tries to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate their hard work. Please consider joining. Important links are below.
 - a. PTA Website - <https://ballantynepta.weebly.com>
 - b. P4SS - the website that we use to pay for items including spirit wear- www.pay4schoolstuff.com
 - c. PTA Email - ballantynepta@gmail.com
5. **ConnectEd Phone Calls** - Principal Rogers sends out an automated call every Sunday that contains the school's week at a glance. Please give your phone number to the front office.
6. **Volunteer** - You can help in many ways at BES, first you must register to volunteer with CMS. Here is the link. <https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/volunteer.php?newflag=1>
7. **Cafeteria Payments** - You can go to www.paypams.com to set up payment for your child's lunch payment.
8. **Here Comes the Bus** - The CMS transportation app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. The district code is **73877**.

Events to Know:

1. **Tuesday Folders** - weekly - Sent home with your child. Contains examples of your child's school work and informational flyers.
2. **Teacher Treats** - monthly - Provided by parent volunteers. See Room Parent email for details.
3. **Book Fair and Literacy Night** - October - See Bear Blast for details.
4. **Mother/Son Glow Run** - November - See Bear Blast for details.
5. **Principal's Coffees** - Sept. 28, Nov. 30 - See Bear Blast for details and to confirm.
6. **BES Carnival** - TBD - See Bear Blast for details.
7. **PTA General Meetings** - Sept. 14, Dec. 6 - See Bear Blast for details.