

Bennett Park Montessori Center #32 August 2023

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NEW! Student hours 9:10 am-4:05 pm

Welcome to the 45th year as a Buffalo Public

Montessori School!

THE MISSION OF BENNETT PARK MONTESSORI CENTER is to empower our graduates to be creative life-long learners within the world community. OUR STAFF, with the support of parents, provides a developmentally appropriate, non-competitive, multi-aged, child-centered curriculum, which fosters respect and celebrates our differences.

Our teachers have NYS certification and Montessori training and many have a Montessori credential.

As a public Montessori school we:

- Follow the NYS Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS)
- Use Buffalo Public School teaching resources and assessments.
- Integrate a Montessori approach to learning by using lessons from the Montessori curriculum.
- Instill a peaceful community through a peace curriculum, classroom meetings and restorative practices.
- Involve the use of hands-on materials for mastery learning and problem solving. As students get older, there are less materials, but more research and project-based learning.
- Embrace the whole child through **multi-aged classrooms** (3-6), (5-7), (6-9), (9-12), and (12-14).
- Students use work cards to manage choice of work within teacher-set limits, while the teacher works individually or with small groups of students.
- Connect to the **natural outdoor environment.**
- Provide quarterly Communication Reports, a written form of communication, to share with parents on your child's progress.

Parent Portal: Access schedule, grades, change contact information.

Need an account? [Click Here](#) or Scan:



Your Child's First Day of School 2023-2024

Here are a few things to help you and your child prepare for their first day of school: The first day of school, **Friday, 9/8** is for all **K-8 grade students.**

- **Phasing-In** Phasing in is an important tradition at BPMC. It is an opportunity for your child to get comfortable with school, meet new friends, and work with some materials. We realize it may be an inconvenience for the family but the benefits to your child will last all year. We encourage you to make arrangements for your child to attend these important phasing-in days at school.
4-YEAR-OLD (PK) PHASING-IN SCHEDULE:
- **Tuesday, September 12th** - AM only. Students may take the AM bus to school. Please plan to pick up your child **by 12:15pm** on this day.
- The first full school day for our 4-year-old students is **Wednesday, September 13th**. PM bussing will begin on September 13th for our 4-year-old (PK) students.
3-YEAR-OLD (PS) PHASING-IN SCHEDULE:
- **Thursday, September 14th, Friday, September 15th AND Monday, September 18th** - AM only. Students may take the AM bus to school. Please plan to pick up your child **by 12:15 pm** on these days.
- The first full school day for our 3-year-old (PS) students is **Tuesday, September 18th**. PM bussing will begin on Sept. 17th for our 3 year old (PS) students.
- For New students in grades PS – 3rd (3- to 9-year-olds), please remember to have **identification with your child.**
- **9:10 Arrival -BUS:** Students enter the building at 9:10 am using entrance doors on Clinton Street.
- **9:10 Arrival- Walk/Car:** Parent drop-off on Cedar Street. A staff member will be stationed at that entrance until 9:30 am to greet your child. Park on surrounding streets. PLEASE DO NOT park on the school side of Clinton Street. There is **NO PARKING in the Cedar Street drop-off zone.**
- School buses block the staff parking lot on Clinton Street from 8:45 am - 9:45 am, preventing cars from entering or exiting the lot. This lot is again blocked by school busses during dismissal from 3:20pm - 4:30pm. This procedure is in place the entire school year. If you park there, you will be stuck until all buses leave and may be ticketed.
- **For the safety of our school community, children walk to their classrooms on their own. Faculty and staff members are visible to greet buses and assist your child with room assignments.**

- **If you need to change your child's transportation**, please email or call. Required - "proof of address".
- **Regular Dismissal begins at 3:15 pm for PS, PK & K ONLY. 3:30 for 1-3 and 3:40 for 4-8 and students with older siblings in 4-8.** If you will be picking your child up from school, please park on surrounding streets or pull up to the Cedar Street door.
- ALL changes in dismissal require school notification. A parent signed note is best, and phone calls can be **accepted before 2:00.**
- **Early Dismissal (Pick Up before 3:20) -This is strongly discouraged. Completing the full school day is important to your child's success.**
- **Need to update your address? Visit the BPS website <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/93811>**

Supports at Montessori Several resources and supports are available to families and students at Bennett Park Montessori Center. We have a full-time school psychologist, social worker, 2 guidance counselors, and a Say Yes Buffalo family support specialist to assist you and your child as needed. Additionally, Endeavor Health Counseling Service is on-site two days a week to work with students and families.

Free breakfast and lunch All students in BPS receive a free breakfast and lunch. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students on their first day of school. We take great pride in trying to provide healthy options for your child. Breakfast items include cereals with limited grams of sugar, fresh fruit several days a week, and skim or 1% milk. Options for lunch include: a daily salad through our farm to school grant; a hot lunch with protein, fruit/vegetables, and whole wheat items; or a fun lunch with yogurt and all of the items needed for a balanced nutritional lunch. Bennett Park is a peanut restricted environment. If your child brings lunch to school, please do not include any peanut-based products. We work collaboratively to ensure that students with allergies are in a safe environment. To that end, we do not serve peanut butter in our cafeteria. If your child is a lover of peanut butter, there are several alternatives to peanut butter including sun butter or almond butter.

Immunizations and Student Physicals 23-24: All students will need an updated physical for the required grades in 23-24. The NYS memo that was sent out is listed below. Doctors' offices will be very busy with all the new appointments. We encourage families to get into their primary care provider ASAP.
Immunization Requirements for 22/23 School Year

If you have questions about your child's health record, please contact our school clinic during regular school hours (9:10 am - 4:05 pm.)

Bennett Park Montessori Community Association (MCA)

Vinny - Parent Engagement Liaison

- Sarah Anderson **MCA President**
- Adriana Keaton and Lisa Godios - **Co-Vice Presidents**
- Krystle Callari and Rachel Owunwanne – **Co-Treasurers**
- Jessica Scates – **Secretary**

Volunteer coordinator - Lisa Delmomte

Festival Facilitators- Mary Badame and Rachel Owunwanne

Basket Raffle Chair - Jessica Swoinski

The MCA meets monthly.

Online School Supply Lists PS-8:



We are looking forward to seeing all of our returning families and meeting all of our new students and families in a few short weeks.



The BPMC Administrative Team

**Jennifer Stockmeyer, Erika Lamar, Rene' Cooley,
Mark Przybysz**

Useful Facebook groups to follow are:

- "Bennett Park Montessori BPS 32 Community", "Bennett Park Montessori News and Events", & "Buffalo Parent Teacher Organization (BPTO)

-Instagram: bennettparkmca

The Bennett Park Montessori Page is over 650 members! Please spread the word and join today!

Attached:

- 2023-2024 BPMC Calendar of Events
- BPS Calendar and Letter Days
- BPS Calendar

2023-24 Events Calendar Please look for school notices regarding each event. Sometimes it is necessary to change dates/times of events.

August 2023

29th – New Family Gathering - 10:00am - 12:00pm
30th – (12-14) Middle School Orientation 10:00 am-12:00 pm

September 2023

4th - Labor Day - No School
5th - Superintendent Conference Day -No School
6th - Superintendent Conference Day -No School
7th - Teacher Set-up Day – No School

8th - K-8 students return.

12th - PK (4yr. Old's phase-in)
13th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 4:15pm-5:30 pm

13th - First full day for 4-year-olds

14th-,15th,18th - PS (3yr. Olds's phase-in of half days/parent pick-up)

19th - Full Days begin for PS (3yr. Olds)

21st - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am
27th - BPMS Meet the Teacher Night 4:30-7:00

October 2023

5th - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am
6th – Title 1/Open House/Health Fair 4:30pm - 7:00pm
6th - 5-week Progress Report grades close
9th - **No School** - (Indigenous Peoples' and Italian-Heritage Day)
11th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 8:00- 9:00
11th Fall Open House/Perspective Families 4:30-7:00
13th - Fall Festival at Montessori (in-school for students)
14th - Fall Festival at Montessori (families) 11:00 am - 2:00pm
31st - Fall Picture Day (No Halloween Costumes, please)

November 2023

2nd - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am
7th - **No School – (Election Day)**
10th - **No School - (Veterans Day)**
8th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 4:15-5:30
9th – 1st Quarter marking period grades close
23rd -24th – **No School - (Thanksgiving Recess)**

December 2023

7th - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am
4th -8th – 1st Quarter Parent Conferences
7th – Evening Parent Conference (conferences by appointment 4:00pm-7:00pm)
8th - Picture Re-take Day
13th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 8:00- 9:00
15th - 15-week Progress Report grades close
20th - Winter Concert Performances
25th -1st – **No School - (Winter Recess)**

January 2024

2nd - Students Return

4th - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am
10th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 4:15pm-5:30
11th – Taste of Montessori Night 5:30pm - 7pm
15th - **No School - (Dr. M.L. King Jr. Day)**
26th – 2nd Quarter marking period grades close

February 2024

1st - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am

11th -16th – 2nd Quarter Parent Conferences
14th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 8:00-9:00
16th - Black History Daytime Performance
19th - **No School - (Presidents' Day)**
20th -23rd - **No School - (Mid-Winter Recess)**
27th – Evening Parent Conference (conferences by appointment 4:00pm-7:00pm)

March 2024

7th - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am
2nd – Spring Pictures
8th - 25-week Progress Report grades close
13th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 4:15 pm-5:30 pm
21st - Basket Raffle Fundraiser 4:30-7:00
TBD - A Book, a Bite and Family Movie Night 5:00pm - 7:30
29th – **Good Friday – No School**

April 2024

1st -5th – **No School - (Spring Recess)**
10th - 8th Grade Cap & Gown Pictures
10th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 8:00-9:00
10th -12th - NYS ELA Assessments
11th - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am

15th -May 24th - NYSESLAT Speaking

19th – 3rd Quarter marking period grades close

24th - **Early Release Day - (Dismissal at 12:30)**

25th – **No School - (Superintendent's Conference Day)**

May 2024

3rd - National Bike to School Day

7th -9th - NYS Math Assessments

8th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 4:15 pm-5:30am

13th - 17th – 3rd Quarter Parent Conferences

13th - Evening Parent Conference (conferences by appointment 4:00pm-7:00pm)

15th - **Early Release Day (Dismissal at 12:30pm)**

16th – **No School - (Superintendent's Conference Day)**

16th - 26th NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing

TBD - Spring Fest 12:00 - 7:00pm (12:00 pm – 4:00pm Students; 4:30 pm – 7:00pm Students and Families)

23rd - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am

24th - 35-week Progress Report grades close

24th - All library books returned.

27th - **No School - (Memorial Day)**

June 2024

5th - NYS Grade 8 Science Written Test

6th - School Based Management Team Meeting 7:55am – 8:55am

7th - **Last day for 3yr. Olds**

12th - Montessori Community Association Meeting 8:00am-9:00am

12th - New 3–6-year-old Parent Orientation

13th,14th, 17th, 18th - First Lessons for new 3–6-year-old students (scheduled 9:40-2:00)

19th – **No School - (Juneteenth Holiday)**

24th - 8th Grade Moving Up Day

25th - **Last Day of Classes**

26th – **No School - (Superintendent's Conference Day)**

27th – 4th Quarter marking period grades close

TBD - Spring Music Concert

Buffalo Public Schools 2021 - 2022 Letter Days - Year at a Glance

Cycle	A Day	B Day	C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day
1	9/08W	9/09R	9/10F	9/13M	9/14T	9/15W
2	9/16R	9/17F	9/20M	9/21T	9/22W	9/23R
3	9/24F	9/27M	9/28T	9/29W	9/30R	10/01F
4	10/04M	10/05T	10/06W	10/07R	10/08F	10/12T
5	10/13W	10/14R	10/15F	10/18M	10/19T	10/20W
6	10/21R	10/22F	10/25M	10/26T	10/27W	10/28R
7	10/29F	11/01M	11/03W	11/04R	11/05F	11/08M
8	11/09T	11/10W	11/12F	11/15M	11/16T	11/17W
9	11/18R	11/19F	11/22M	11/23T	11/24W	11/29M
10	11/30T	12/01W	12/02R	12/03F	12/06M	12/07T
11	12/08W	12/09R	12/10F	12/13M	12/14T	12/15W
12	12/16R	12/17F	12/20M	12/21T	12/22W	12/23R
13	1/03M	1/04T	1/05W	1/06R	1/07F	1/10M
14	1/11T	1/12W	1/13R	1/14F	1/18T	1/19W
15	1/20R	1/21F	1/24M	1/25T	1/26W	1/27R
16	1/28F	1/31M	2/01T	02/02W	02/03R	02/04F
17	2/07M	2/08T	2/09W	2/10R	2/11F	2/14M
18	2/15T	2/16W	2/17R	2/18F	2/28M	3/01T
19	3/02W	3/03R	3/04F	3/07M	3/08T	3/09W
20	3/10R	3/11F	3/14M	3/15T	3/16W	3/17R
21	3/18F	3/21M	3/22T	3/23W	3/24R	3/25F
22	3/28M	3/29T	3/30W	3/21R	4/01F	4/04M
23	4/05T	4/07R	4/08F	4/19T	4/20W	4/21R
24	4/22F	4/25M	4/26T	4/27W	4/28R	4/29F
25	5/02M	5/03T	5/04W	5/06F	5/09M	5/10T
26	5/11W	5/12R	5/3F	5/16M	5/17T	5/18W
27	5/19R	5/20F	5/23M	5/24T	5/25W	5/26R
28	5/27F	5/31T	6/01W	6/02R	6/03F	6/06M
29	6/07T	6/08W	6/09R	6/10F	6/13M	6/14T
30	6/15W	6/16R	6/17F	6/21T	6/22W	6/23R

2023-2024 BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR - Calendar B (43 wks)

JULY 2023

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DECEMBER 2023

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- H.S. Regents Exams
- 3-8 NYS Testing
- Schools Closed
- Central Office Also Closed
- Sup't. Conference Day
- Early Release Day

*Per past practice, student attendance is not taken on Sup't. Conf. Days (4/25, 5/16) or H.S. Regents Exam Days (1/23-1/26; 6/4 & 6/14-6/25) for H.S.

Teacher Days/Days Students are in Attendance

Month	Tchr.	PK-8*	H.S.*	Month	Tchr.	PK-8*	H.S.*
July	0	0	0	Jan	21	21	17
Aug	0	0	0	Feb	16	16	16
Sept	19	16	16	Mar	20	20	20
Oct	21	21	21	April	17	16	16
Nov	18	18	18	May	22	21	21
Dec	16	16	16	June	18	16	8
Totals:	74	71	71	Totals:	114	110	98

Total **Teacher** Days: 188

Total **Actual Student** Days: PK-8= 181 HS= 169
Credited Student Days: 184 (incl. 4 Supt. Conf. Days)

IMPORTANT DATES

- July**
- 4 Independence Day (central office also closed)
- September**
- 4 Labor Day (central office also closed)
- 5,6 Sup't Conf. Days (Professional Development)
- 7 Teacher Set-up Day
- 8 First Day of Classes
- October**
- 9 Indigenous Peoples' and Italian-Heritage Day
- November**
- 7 Election Day (central office also closed)
- 10 Veterans Day (central office also closed)
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Recess (central office also closed)
- December**
- 25-29 Winter Recess
- January**
- 1 New Year's Day (central office also closed)
- 15 M.L. King Jr. Day (central office also closed)
- 23-26 NYS Regents Exams (high school)
- February**
- 19 President's Day (central office also closed)
- 20-23 Mid-Winter Recess
- March**
- 29 Good Friday (central office also closed)
- April**
- 1-5 Spring Recess
- 11-19 NYS ELA Testing (grades 3-8 PBT & CBT)
- 24 Early Release Day
- 25 Sup't. Conf. Day
- May**
- 4/30-9 NYS Math Testing (grades 3-8)
- 15 Early Release Day
- 16 Sup't. Conf. Day
- 27 Memorial Day (central office also closed)
- June**
- 4 NYS Regents Exam-Algebra I (high school)
- 14-25 NYS Regents Exams (high school)
- 19 Juneteenth Holiday (central office also closed)
- 25 Last Day of Classes
- 26 Rating Day/Sup't. Conf. Day
- 27 Last Day for Teachers

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