

SOAR TOGETHER



August 11-15

PrinciPAL's Tips for a Smooth Start at Stephen Bell Elementary

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We're so glad you're here.

- ✓ Have you read the [Family Welcome Letter](#)?
- ✓ Have you viewed the [SBE Staff Family Album](#) to help match names with faces?
- ✓ Have you reviewed the [SBE Parent Handbook](#)? It's also available on the district website.
- ✓ Check out the colorful [SBE Calendar](#) for quick reference to important dates all year long.
- ✓ Did you receive a Welcome email from your child's teacher? (Sent 8-4-25)
- ✓ Do you have all required [School Supplies](#) or a PTO supply kit? Bring them before school starts.
- ✓ Do you know your child's Meet & Greet / Kindergarten Orientation date/time?
 - Keep It Special - if possible, avoid bringing siblings so the focus can remain on your child.
 - Photo ID for Kindergarten Orientation - since school is in session, the adult attending must bring a photo ID to enter the building.
 - Parking - make sure you know where to park & which door to enter (see below).

Grades 1-2 Classroom Meet & Greet Kindergarten Orientation Appointment

<u>First-Grade</u> Class of 2037	Wednesday, August 13 - Morning Park Lot A, Enter Door A, Main entrance Teachers email you the time of your small group
<u>Second-Grade</u> Class of 2036	Wednesday, August 13 -Afternoon Park Lot C, Enter Door C, Back entrance Teachers email you the time of your small group
<u>Kindergarten</u> Class of 2038	Thursday, August 14 - Wednesday, August 20 Park Lot A, Enter Door A, Main entrance Mrs. Keeton already sent each family the date/time



Our School Resource Officer Bennington has over ten years of experience as a patrol officer. The SRO, in addition to being a role model and guide for students, Officer Bennington is tasked with investigating and resolving criminal incidents that occur on school grounds, and will assist school staff in addressing any safety concerns. BPD is enthusiastic about our SRO returning to this very positive program in the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District. Once again, Officer Bennington will split her time with our school & Bell Creek Intermediate.



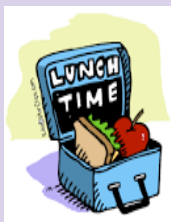
First day of School Schedule

First-Grade	Wednesday, August 14	
Second-Grade	Wednesday, August 14	
Kindergarten	Thursday, August 21 Gold program & 5-day program	Friday, August 22 Purple program



BREAKFAST - It's a grab & go style but students may sit and eat if they prefer from 8:05-8:20. We encourage you to purchase breakfasts \$1.50 & lunches \$2.75 ahead of time so your child doesn't have to bring money each day.

<http://www.payschoolscentral.com/>



LUNCH - Our cafeteria serves three options daily. Options A, B, & C vary. The menu will be posted and sent home. We don't serve peanut butter due to allergies. Students may bring peanut butter in their own lunches from home.

Times

Kindergarten: 10:30/10:40 (8 classes are staggered)

First grade: 11:10/11:20 (8 classes are staggered)

Second grade 11:50-12:00 (10 classes are staggered)

*Mrs. Guess, our school nurse, reviews our health guidelines with our staff frequently. We have guidelines to follow regarding all allergies.

BIRTHDAYS - A birthday is a very special day for our students and a day to be shared with friends. Parents should contact the student's teacher prior to the "special day" to be sure it is convenient to send a goodie bag to school. A goodie bag may include small items kids enjoy (pencils, scent erasers, etc). **For safety reasons, we are not accepting food for birthday celebrations.** We ask that you not send invitations to private birthday parties to school.



ARRIVAL 8:05-8:15 a.m.

LOT A - Front of the school off Shadowleaf Dr..

Door J: Kindergarten students enter

**Door A: 1st-grade students enter
(& 2nd-grade siblings)**

CHOICE:

- A. Park your car, escort your child to the door using the crosswalk (don't cut in the loop).
- B. Enter the loop, **stay in your car**, kiss your child goodbye, and the child exits your car safely onto our long sidewalk pavement with staff members on duty.

LOT C - Back of the school off of N. Linda Dr..

Door C: 2nd-grade students enter

If you have a sibling, do NOT utilize this lot.

Enter the loop, **stay in your car**, kiss your child goodbye, and the child exits your car safely onto our pavement with a staff member on duty.

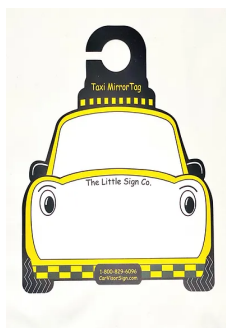
CHAMPIONS

This before/after school program rides a bus to/from our school. This program is not hosted at our school.

BUS LOT - Your child will exit the bus at 8:05 a.m and learn how to enter the school building with staff members on duty.

DAYCARE LOT - Your child will exit the bus/van and learn how to enter the school building with staff members on duty.

DISMISSAL 2:40(prepp)/2:45-2:55 p.m.



LOT A - SAME AS ARRIVAL

Door J: Kindergarten students exit

**Door A: 1st-grade students exit
(& 2nd-grade sibling)**

**LOT C - SAME AS
ARRIVAL**

**Door C: 2nd-grade
students exit**

Enter the loop, **stay in your car**, & we will bring your child **TO YOU!**

CAR DASHBOARD LAST NAME (picture on left) display daily when you pick up your child for safety reasons. We will give this to your child on the first day of school.



It's your Choice, Make it a Good One!

...Better TOMORROW than TODAY