



September News 2017



Brentwood Academy News



Labor Day
School Closed:
September 4th

First Day Of School:
September 5th

Picture Day:
September 29

Parents please have your child well prepared for the first day of school by wearing the correct attire and having the supplies needed.

Tiny Tots Playroom News



Labor Day
School Closed:
September 4th

First Day Of School:
September 5th

Picture Day:
September 20

Make sure your child's medical and personal information is up to date. Medical forms you can find at our web site ready to print

Blue Bird Dayschool News



Labor Day
School Closed: Sep-
tember 4th

First Day Of School:
September 5th

Picture Day:
September 19



**School Uniforms
Tuesday September**

Blue Bird of Alexandria News



Labor Day
School Closed:
September 4th

First Day Of School:
September 5th

Picture Day:
September 21, 22

NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOLS Announcement

Parents: Effective September 1st the tuition fees will be changing . The new Fees are listed below

	Weekly	Monthly
Infants	\$340.00	\$1470.00
Non toilet trained toddlers	\$320.00	\$1380.00
Toddlers	\$305.00	\$1320.00
Pre-K	\$305.00	\$1320.00
K-6	\$340.00	\$1470.00
2 Children	\$540.00	\$2340.00
3 Children	\$690.00	\$2990.00

Blue Bird of Alexandria II News



Labor Day
School Closed: Sep-
tember 4th

First Day Of School:
September 5th

Picture Day:
September 25-28



The Summer's over - no more vacation, But I have had a lot of fun! And I am happy, and excited ' Cause now at last the school year has begun!

Blue Bird of Vienna News



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tember 4th

First Day Of School:
September 5th

Picture Day:
September 18



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9 WAYS TO BOOST SCHOOL SUCCESS

1. Insist on a good night's sleep. If your child has been staying up later during the summer, start enforcing an earlier bedtime two weeks before school starts. Kids need their rest in order to concentrate and follow the rules at school.

2. Check the backpack. Track down all the notes and permission slips that come home from the teacher, rather than relying on your child to give them to you. It can be embarrassing for your little one if he is the only student who didn't bring in a special snack or wear a certain outfit planned for the day.

3. Teach your child to ask for what he needs. It's essential for students to be able to tell the teacher, "I don't understand," says Parents adviser Sharon L. Ramey, Ph.D., director of the Georgetown University Center on Health and Education, in Washington, D.C. One way to teach this lesson: Slip in some more-sophisticated words when you're reading a book to your child, and say, "When we read tonight, I'm going to use some new words and I want you to stop and ask me if you want to know about a word." Let your child know that teachers like to have children ask them questions about new words too.

4. Focus on manners and social skills. Expect your child to say "please," "thank you," and "excuse me." If he's a first-time student, help him practice sharing, taking turns, and standing in line. You might role-play and say, "What if you and another student both want to play with the same blocks. What could you do?"

5. Know the daily routine. Ask for a weekly schedule of gym, science, music, and art classes. You'll be able to help your child prepare for the day and ask more specific questions about what happened at school.

6. Go on family adventures. Before school starts and on weekends, visit museums, libraries, and other interesting places and encourage exploration. Occasionally, while you're there, you might say, "Let's pretend I'm the teacher and you're the student," Dr. Ramey suggests. Later, you might ask, "What was something really interesting that you learned?"

7. Play board games. Not only are they fun, but they help your child get used to following specific rules. Before you start, read the rules out loud and ask your child to repeat them. If you're not sure whether something is allowed, go back and double-check. "My 7-year-old daughter, Connor, has always loved playing hangman, and it's a great way for her to practice reading and spelling," says Darcie Shinberger, of Macomb, Illinois. If you keep a pad of paper in your purse, you can play anywhere.

8. Read together. Kids benefit enormously when their parents continue to read with them at home every day. They also like it when their parents read the same book they're reading in school, Dr. Ramey says. You might say, "Let me know when there's a good book you're reading, because I'd like to read it too."

9. Show you care. No matter how busy you are, let your child know that you're interested in what he's learning.

The History of Labor Day

Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.



The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Back To School Prep!

About 2 weeks before school starts: Begin going to bed and getting up on a school schedule.

The weekend before school starts: Don't make any stressful plans for big events or trips.

Don't forget to check out that bus schedule!

Call your school or organization and get the facts about fall sports teams and social clubs. Don't be late or miss something!

Make sure to get all immunizations and physicals completed.

Make a master list of Mom and Dads phone numbers along with doctors and emergency numbers.

You are sure to need these several times.

If you have medical concerns make sure to meet with the school nurse prior to the first day. Especially if medicine must be given at school.

Get a couple of rolls of quarters and dimes. Put them in the cabinet so you don't have to hunt for change at the last minute.

Make a check list of items easily forgotten at the last minute and hang it in an obvious place.

Put up several hooks for backpacks, jackets, and lunch boxes. Don't hang them too High!

Make up some freezable lunch and breakfast items for those crazy days. Thaw and nuke!

Label, Label, Label; All items that will be taken to school or worn and taken off at school!

Make a list of rules and adjustments for school days: Homework schedule, TV schedule, bath time, bed time etc...

Make sure to arrange after school daycare!

Save 35 mm film canisters for change in lunchbox.

Try to set up a time to meet the teacher; some schools provide this occasion.

Go over school rules with your child.

Make a calendar to place in a visible spot; fill in events and school vacation days.

Make a special box for your children to place forms from school which need special attention.

Back To School Shopping!

Buy smaller glue and crayons. Space is limited and teachers stress children sometimes lose these items easily.

Remember school dress rules when buying clothing. Some schools have rules about the verbiage appearing on t-shirts.

Don't buy plastic scissors for your school aged children as they just don't perform up to standards.

Consider the new Velcro straps for books as some schools require backpacks be stored upon arrival at school.

Buy socks that are all the same for easy matching at laundry time.

Make sure to buy lots of extras before school starts. Take advantage of the lower prices.

Again when possible let kids choose their own items or at least the color or design.

Buy a good backpack and lunch box as these are probably the most abused. Save on the trendy stuff.

Make sure you buy a lunch box or backpack that your small child can open easily.

When buying shoes buy extra shoe strings and polish if necessary.

If you have trouble telling your kids's socks and underwear apart; Buy different brands as they usually have a different colored stripe, or band on them

Make Life Easier!

Pack lunches the night before and refrigerate!

Make sure backpacks are packed and ready to go the night before.

Create a homework center. Stock with extra crayons and supplies needed to complete homework. Make sure it's not near a TV

Lay out clothes the night before.

Remember kids need to make as many decisions as possible. Avoid power struggles by letting them make small decisions.

Create a special hamper in the laundry room for uniforms and other rush items.

Fold T-shirts so that the design is recognizable without unfolding.

Each evening have a 30 minute family clean up time to get everything back in place.

First Day At School

Its hard to explain, the way I feel;

A place unknown but is so real!

A soft voice welcomes me to the place,

I look up to see a lady's smiling face.

I am led to a table that is covered with shapes,

A young girl my age says 'Hi I am Grace,

I am three, but soon will be four.

I am a big girl and not afraid anymore.

Days go on and I encounter many new experiences and friends,

I feel like I'm on a roller coaster, which never seems to end.

I forever trying new things and learning everyday.

And the best thing is I'm having fun while I play!

Today I wrote my name for the very first time,

My teacher hugs me and gives the most gracious smile.

I feel full of pride; confident I can do anything if I try.