

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School

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Principal's Message to Families

Happy October Bennie Dover families! This first month of school has gone by very fast and we are happy to say that students have been settling into school and expectations very well.

We want to stress the importance of students coming to school, on time, every day, to achieve academic success!

As a reminder, school hours are as follows:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. – 7:50 AM to 2:34 PM

Wed. (Early Release) – 7:50 AM to 1:54 PM

We are looking forward to an exciting year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have at (860)437-6480.



Parent/Guardian Engagements

On Tuesday, October 25th we will be hosting our first Virtual Parent/Guardian Engagement meeting, via Zoom, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We encourage all families to attend and hear about what's happening around Bennie Dover and ask any questions you may have.

Please use the following link to access the meeting on the day of:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77613873047?pwd=DUEBK2Fj5tdoA8V9VPxwBwTDQl3twvd.1>



Important Information

From the Nurse's Office:

We ask that if your student is feeling ill and/or has any of the following symptoms, fever, cough, nausea, vomiting, etc., that you do not send them to school. If you have questions about your students' symptoms and when they may return to school, please call the school and speak to the nurse.

Morning Arrival

Doors to the school open at 7:42 AM, for breakfast, and all students are expected to arrive at school by 7:50 AM. Any student who arrives after that time will need to stop in the Main Office for a tardy pass. We ask anyone who drop off students in the morning to please drop off at the gym entrance on Lincoln Ave, by 7:50 AM. Please avoid using the Main Entrance, during that time, due to bus drop offs.

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th and Retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th. We will be sending home the picture packages very soon.

Bennie Dover MLK Rising Scholars

Last night, was the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Dinner. Congratulations to our 5 New London High School seniors who received their \$25,000 scholarships! We are also so proud of our 3 MLK Rising Scholar students, from Bennie Dover, who were able to attend the event and are looking forward to being on that stage in four years.

The dinner is an inspiring event for all that attend. Our students were able to hear stories from the high school scholars and know that one day that could be them.



Fall Festival Dance

Student Council will be hosting a Fall Festival Dance on Friday, October 28th, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Permission slips were sent home this past week. The cost to attend is \$5 or 300 PBIS Reward Points. We encourage all students to come in costume! Please remember that costumes must be school appropriate (no masks, face coverings, props or weapons are allowed).

We have 300 spots available so please have your student bring in their signed permission slip and payment by Monday, October 24th.



Upcoming Events

- 10/25 | Virtual Parent Engagement via Zoom
- 11/8 | Parent Teacher Conferences – No School for Students
- 11/9 | Picture Day
- 11/11 | Veteran's Day – No School

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Happenings Around Bennie Dover



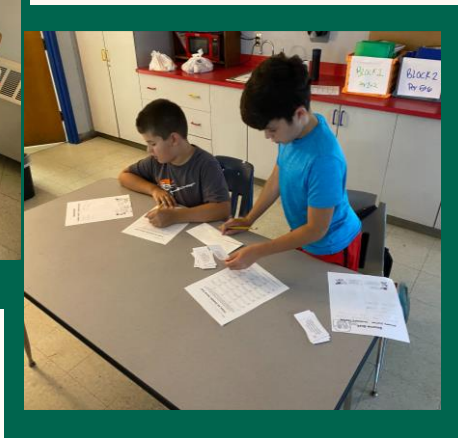
NL Whalers 14U Cheer Squad!

Congratulations to the New London Whalers 14U Cheerleading Squad! They placed 1st in their cheer competition, last weekend!



Cross-Country Team

Our cross-country team had 6 runners finish the 2.1 mile course at Ledyard Middle School, this past week with one of our girls finishing in the top 10 with a time of 18:26. The final cross-country meet will be home at Veterans Field on Wednesday, October 26th at 3:30 PM. Come cheer on our runners!



Fun Times in Mr. Murphy's Enrichment Class

Mr. Murphy's 6th Grade Enrichment class had fun figuring out the difference between primary and secondary sources. Students have spent the past few weeks doing various historical analysis on different events where they'll be able to make their own inferences based on sources that they have been researching.