



# The Bulldog Barker

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## A Note from the Principal:

It's hard to believe that a year ago we quickly shifted course and moved from in-person to remote learning. During the last year, our school community has been impacted by the pandemic in many ways. I am reminded every day of the resilience of our staff, students, and families. This hasn't been an easy road, but we have all come together to do what is best for our students. Ultimately, we want our students to continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

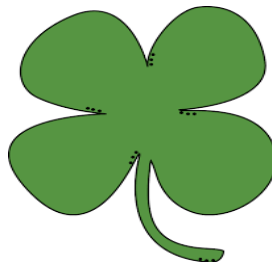
As we begin to assess the learning gaps students have experienced over the past year, OPS and our staff are committed to bridging these deficiencies. If you have not yet done so, please consider enrolling your child in Next Level Learning this Summer. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to engage in focused math and literacy instruction as well as theme-based project learning. All students are encouraged to enroll for a full day but can also choose a half day or one-hour option. Next Level Learning is Summer like our students have never experienced before. Please consider enrolling your child and supporting their growth prior to the new school year. (Please see attached flyers for our PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students entering middle school.)

Thank you all for attending third quarter conferences! Your time and commitment are always appreciated. Our teachers love sharing the progress that each child has made and celebrating their success.

Wishing you all a fabulous Spring break with loads of sunshine and happiness!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Johnson



# Calendar of Events:

WED.	MARCH 3	VIRTUAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, 4:05-7:30 PM
THURS.	MARCH 4	VIRTUAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, 1:30-7:30 PM
THURS. & FRI.	MARCH 4 & 5	<b>NO SCHOOL-CONFERENCES/TEACHER PLANNING DAY</b>
MON-FRI.	MARCH 8-12	<b>NO SCHOOL-SPRING RECESS</b>
MON.	MARCH 15	SCHOOL RESUMES!




# Belle Ryan Elementary

**MISSION**  
To Foster a Positive Learning Community where ALL are Inspired to Grow and Reach their Full Potential

**VISION**  
A Compassionate, Inclusive Community of Life Long Learners

**CORE VALUES**

<p><b>INTEGRITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindness</li> <li>• Respectfulness</li> <li>• Responsibility</li> <li>• Trustworthiness</li> <li>• Empathy</li> <li>• Encouragement</li> </ul>	<p><b>GROWTH MINDSET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effort Matters</li> <li>• Embrace Challenges</li> <li>• Value Mistakes</li> <li>• Try</li> <li>• Practice</li> <li>• Persevere</li> <li>• Be Mindful</li> </ul>	<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> <li>• Relationships</li> <li>• Outreach</li> <li>• Teamwork</li> </ul>
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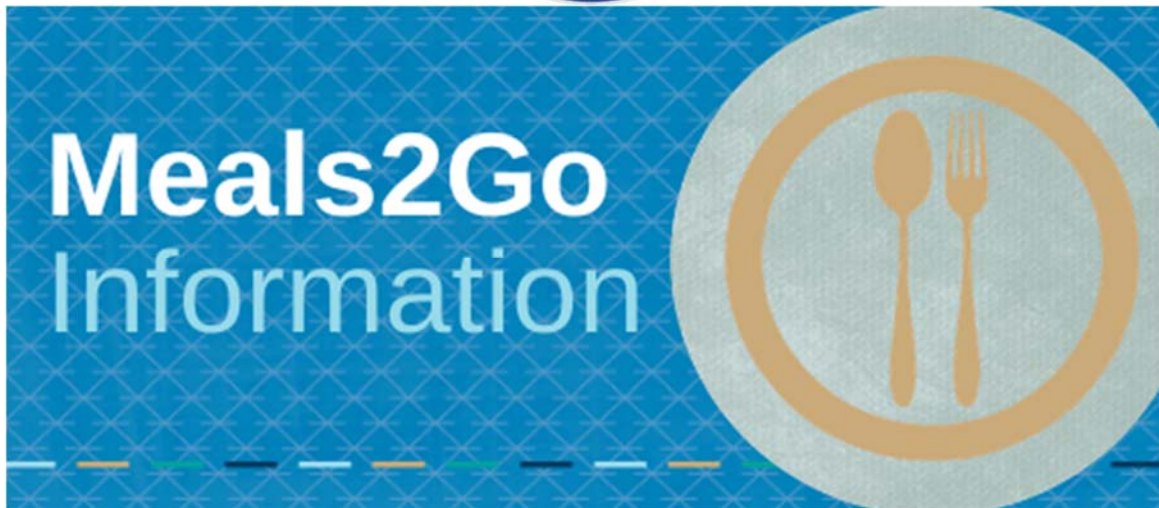
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## Important Attendance Information:

**Attendance Reminders: OPS does not offer a hybrid model in which students can move back and forth from in-person to remote learning on a day to day basis. Students enrolled in 5 day in person learning that are not physically present will be counted absent. The only exception for moving from in-person to remote learning would be because of a COVID related matter. Remote learners are always welcome back to 5 day in-person for the remainder of the semester!**



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION-SPRING BREAK-MEALS2GO**

The meals will be distributed  
between 11:30 - 1:30 on **Monday, March 8, 2021 only.**

Each bag will contain 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches.



# Next Level Learning for Summer 2021

Registration: March 1, 2021 – March 19, 2021

All current OPS elementary school students are invited to attend!

Theme and Project Based Learning

Fun and Engaging

Literacy and Math Focus

## Important Information

Dates: June 2 – July 23 (No School July 1 -5)

Times:

- Full Day (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
- AM Only (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- PM Only (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
- 1-hour options available in the afternoon only (see school for additional details)

Breakfast and Lunch available each day

Transportation provided for eligible students at the beginning and end of the day. If a student wishes to participate in an AM or PM session only, parent/guardian will need to pick up at the end of the AM or drop off for the PM session.

Scan the QR code or use the link to register



<http://bit.ly/OPSSummer2021>



# Middle School

## Next Level Learning 2021

Omaha Public Schools invites ALL students to participate in summer programming. Program offerings include experiences for incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at 6-8 middle schools and for incoming 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at 5-8 middle schools. These experiences provide for successful grade level and school transitions, curriculum reinforcement for all levels of learning, as well as enrichment opportunities.

### Welcome Camp

Middle School Welcome Camp is designed to help students transition between grade levels. Each day students will participate in fun activities designed to make them feel comfortable with the middle school environment and with their peers. Students will learn more about their school, principal, teachers, and classes, while having an opportunity to meet and make new friends.

### Next Level Learning

**AM Sessions – Learning Renewal and Acceleration**  
All-day and AM session students will all be enrolled in two Learning Renewal and Acceleration blocks focused on English Language Arts and Mathematics. These blocks will include a variety of engaging activities aimed at preparing all levels of students for success in their coursework in the fall.

**PM Sessions - Enrichment**  
All-day and PM session students will be enrolled in two enrichment opportunities each day. These opportunities will include STEM focused experiences at all sites as well as other hands-on enrichment activities.

Interest surveys and registration will be available through your school from March 1 – April 9, 2021.  
Students may choose to attend AM sessions only, PM sessions only, or all-day.  
Lunch will be provided between 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.  
Transportation will be provided for eligible students at the beginning of the day and at the conclusion of the day. If a student chooses to participate in an AM or PM session only, the parent/guardian will need to provide the midday transportation.

### Program Dates

**Welcome Camp**  
June 2 – 4, 2021  
**Next Level Learning June Session**  
June 7 – July 1, 2021  
**Next Level Learning July Session**  
July 6 – 23, 2021

### Program Times

**Welcome Camp**  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Next Level Learning Sessions**  
All Day: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
AM Session Only: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
PM Session Only: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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