

explore!

Greetings!

My name is Wendi Biesemeyer and I am excited to be your child's principal at Bowerman for the July 2018 session of EXPLORE. I began my teaching career as an elementary teacher at Robberson Elementary. I joined Jarrett Middle School as a 6th grade teacher with a focus on English Language Arts in 2002. I've worked as a Coordinator of Site Interventions for the last five years at Carver and Jarrett Middle Schools and will begin a new adventure as a PALS teacher at Study this fall. In my spare time I can almost always be found with a book, although I'm discovering a new passion in gardening!

Explore will begin Thursday, July 5th and will continue until Tuesday, July 31st. We start promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Breakfast will be available at 8:20 a.m.

Transportation for Summer School will be available to specific sites for eligible elementary students. Students must register by April 1 to be guaranteed bus transportation the first day of Summer School. They are eligible only if they live within the designated attendance area and their residence is more than 1.5 miles from their assigned summer school site. Students may choose to attend any Summer School location if they provide their own transportation. Call 417-523-0500, 417-523-0011 or 417-523-0005 for transportation questions.

[District-wide elementary school transportation eligibility map.](#)

Both breakfast and lunch will be served during Explore and is free for all students.

Having good attendance is extremely important during Explore. There are many activities and experiences to take part in, and we want to make sure your child doesn't miss out. Your efforts in making sure your child is here everyday is appreciated!

Demonstrating good behavior is also an expectation during Explore. Student misbehaviors will be addressed in a proactive manner using principles of positive behavior interventions. Explore Coordinators will review instances with students having repeated inappropriate behaviors. At the Explore Coordinators' discretion, students with repeated inappropriate behavior may be dropped from the program.

Students are encouraged to bring their leftover supplies from this past school year to Summer School. Supplies your child may bring include: pencils, a notebook, crayons, a folder, glue and scissors.

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact our school nurse for the proper paperwork to be completed.

I look forward to meeting you in July for Explore! Until then, enjoy these last few months of the 2017-18 school year! 😊

Respectfully,

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