North Bellmore Union Free School District

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School Board Meetings

The dates of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District are listed below. The meetings are held at the Martin Avenue School and begin at 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, September 5
- Thursday, October 3
- Thursday, November 14
- Thursday, December 5
- Thursday, January 9
- Thursday, February 6
- Thursday, March 5
- Thursday, April 2  
  (Budget Adoption)
- Thursday, May 7  
  (Budget Hearing)
- Tuesday, May 19  
  (Following Budget Vote at Newbridge)
- Monday, June 1  
  July and August Meeting To Be Announced
- Thursday, May 7
  (Budget Adoption)
- Tuesday, May 19
  (Following Budget Vote at Newbridge)
- Monday, June 1
  July and August Meeting To Be Announced

Central Administration

2616 Martin Avenue  
North Bellmore, NY 11710  
Phone: 516-992-3000  
Website: www.northbellmoreschools.org

Superintendent of Schools
Marie L. Testa.................. ext. 3001

Deputy Superintendent
Carol A. Eskew................. ext. 3004

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Janet Pollitt.................... ext. 3002

Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jacqueline Rehak.............. ext. 3005
Our Elementary Schools

John G. Dinkelmeyer School
2100 Waltoffer Avenue
North Bellmore, NY 11710
(516) 992-3114
Principal: Danica Brugge
Nurse: Kathleen Pekoff

Martin Avenue School
2616 Martin Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710
(516) 992-3115
Principal: Leyna Malone
Nurse: Susan Quinn

Newbridge Road School
1601 Newbridge Road
North Bellmore, NY 11710
(516) 992-3116
Principal: Denise Fisher
Nurse: Eileen Turner

Park Avenue School
1599 Park Avenue
North Merrick, NY 11566
(516) 992-3117
Principal: Eileen Speidel
Nurse: Teresa Losquadro

Saw Mill Road School
2801 Saw Mill Road
North Bellmore, NY 11710
(516) 992-3118
Principal: Jeff Rosof
Assistant Principal: James O’Brien
Nurses: Annemarie Jankowski, Elizabeth Ferreri

Departments
Main Phone Number: (516) 992-3000

Technology ......................... ext. 3041
Director of Technology and
Chief Information Officer: Jason Fischetti

Educational Programs
and Staff Development ........ ext. 3024
Director: Tillie McNamara

Facilities .................................. ext. 3003
Director: Richard Russo

Food Services ........................ ext. 3044
Manager: Patricia Daley-Jimenez

Transportation ......................... ext. 3017

Personnel ................................. ext. 3023

School Hours

Kindergarten   8:30 a.m.- 2:55 p.m.
Grades 1 – 6   8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Children may not arrive at school before 8:20 a.m. since there is no supervision. After 8:35 a.m. school doors are locked for the security of our students and staff.
Introduction to the 2019-2020 Calendar
The North Bellmore UFSD calendar is designed to provide the members of our school community with information about upcoming events and activities. The calendar includes information that we hope will be of interest and use to you. Additional information regarding school events and activities will be disseminated from our schools during the academic year. Additionally, please refer to the North Bellmore website at www.northbellmoreschools.org for district and school-related information.

Five elementary schools serve North Bellmore students: John G. Dinkelmeyer School, Martin Avenue School, Newbridge Road School, Park Avenue School and Saw Mill Road School. Each school is scheduled on a six-day cycle. The numbered days are indicated on the calendar.

Upon completion of sixth grade, children continue their education in the middle and high schools of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

North Bellmore Schools, which are recognized for their fine educational programs, are child-centered schools that help students become lifelong learners. The district recognizes the importance of our students meeting the New York State Learning Standards and achieving the promise held in the district’s Mission and Core Values. The importance of good citizenship, building character and encouraging children to respect themselves and others is emphasized.

The Board of Education, administration, teachers, support staff, parents and community members work together to make our district a wonderful place for students to grow and learn. The responsibility to ensure that they are prepared for the challenges of the future is a shared one. District parents and community members are encouraged to participate in the educational process.

We look forward to a successful school year.

Mission Statement
Our mission is to inspire all students to be confident, passionate learners with the courage and skills to lead their lives with integrity, while contributing to our global community with creativity and compassion.

Core Values
- Communities and individuals thrive when the talents and abilities of all are valued and fostered.
- Each individual is responsible for his or her choices and the impact they create.
- There is no limit to human potential.
- Honesty, integrity and trust are essential to sustaining meaningful partnerships.
- All people want to learn and succeed.
- A safe, healthy environment optimizes learning.
- Human life is precious.

Strategies
1. We will create the means necessary for the entire North Bellmore community to understand, support and contribute to our mission and objectives.

2. We will redefine, align and create curriculum in accordance with district and New York State Learning Standards, and create a range of authentic assessments that drive instruction and measure the degree to which we are meeting our objectives.

3. We will align and coordinate the delivery of programs, resources and services throughout the school district so all students will achieve our mission and objectives.
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| **Labor Day**  
SCHOOLS CLOSED | **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
PTA Second Cup of Coffee  
All Schools 8:45 a.m. | **Board of Education Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. @ Martin | **PTA Coordinating Council**  
7:30 p.m. @ Martin | **Labor Day**  
SCHOOLS CLOSED | **Martin PTA Meeting**  
6:00-8:00 p.m. | **PTA Coordinating Council**  
7:30 p.m. @ Martin |
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| **Back-to-School Night**  
Newbridge 6:00-8:00 p.m. | **Back-to-School Night**  
Park Avenue 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Dinkelmeyer PTA Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Saw Mill PTA Meeting  
7:30 p.m. | **Patriot Day** | **PTA Coordinating Council**  
7:30 p.m. @ Martin | **Newbridge PTA Meeting**  
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Park Avenue PTA Meeting  
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| **Rosh Hashanah**  
SCHOOLS CLOSED | | | | | | |
School Attendance

New York State law requires that all school districts adopt an attendance policy. A copy of the district attendance policy can be obtained by contacting your school office or by visiting North Bellmore’s website at www.northbellmoreschools.org.

While it is recognized that attendance is important for success in school, from time to time students will be absent or late. In such cases, parents should call the school nurse before 8:35 a.m. If no call is received, the school nurse will contact the home.

It is required by law to have a written excuse each day a student is absent or tardy to school. The excuse must state the reason and the date(s). If the reason is illness, the excuse must state the particular illness – cold, headache, virus, sore throat, fever, etc. A student who has had a contagious disease should also have a note from the physician in attendance attesting to the child’s readiness to resume school activities. Students are late if they arrive to school after 8:35 a.m.

Parent-Requested Early Dismissal

Parents are encouraged to schedule medical and dental appointments after school. However, this is not always possible. Parents requesting that children be released prior to the usual dismissal time must send a note explaining the reason. Students must be picked up at the nurse’s office or main office. Parents should familiarize themselves with their child’s school’s early dismissal procedure. No child will be dismissed to anyone other than a parent or designated adult. Parents and designated adults are required to sign for the release of the student.

Home Instruction

Students who miss school should, whenever possible, keep up with their academic work. Teachers prepare assignments which parents may obtain at the end of the school day. The school district will provide home instruction for students who must be absent for an extended period of time. In such cases, please contact your school principal.
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Raptor Visitor Management System
The Raptor Visitor Management System provides the North Bellmore School District with the ability to keep an up-to-the-minute log of visitors, contractors and volunteers whom we have given access to our schools, thereby creating a safer environment for our school community.

Upon entering a district school building, all visitors must present a valid, state-issued picture ID, which will be scanned into the Raptor system.

Once entry is approved, Raptor will print a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of the visit. Badges must be returned to the main office at the conclusion of the visit so that the visitor can be logged out of the system. In the event that a visitor does not have proper identification, he or she will be escorted by a staff member to and from the visitation location.

Safe Schools
The goal of the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), enacted in July 2000, is to promote “a safe and healthy learning environment, where students are secure in their pursuit of educational success.” This legislation requires districts to develop school safety plans at both the district and building levels, including a Code of Conduct for students, a Code of Conduct for parents and visitors, and a Student Dress Code. The North Bellmore District-Wide School Safety Plan was developed by the district school safety team and is reviewed annually and can be accessed via the website at www.northbellmoreschools.org.

Code of Pupil Discipline/Cooperation
In North Bellmore we wish to create a safe learning environment emphasizing mutual respect among pupils, parents and staff. We see discipline as a process that fosters responsibility and caring for self and others. The goal of our discipline process is to be firm, fair, positive and respectful of the child’s dignity, with due process being practiced and taught at all times. At the beginning of each school year, we distribute a copy of the district Code of Pupil Discipline/Cooperation for parents to read and discuss with their children.

Project SAVE Guidelines for Parents and Visitors
Recognizing that schools are a place of work and learning, Project SAVE requires that guidelines be set for parents and other district residents who visit our schools and classrooms. These guidelines are contained in the district Code of Conduct for parents and visitors, and require that all persons on school property or attending a school function conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. The Code of Conduct for parents and visitors is distributed in pamphlet form to all parents at the beginning of each school year and is also posted at the security desk in each building.

Student Dress Code
All students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school functions, so that they are safe and their appearance is appropriate and non-disruptive. Guidelines are contained in the School Dress Code which is distributed at the beginning of the school year.

District Emergency Response
School safety is the job of the entire school community. This effort requires leadership and coordination by school administration and involvement and participation from all sectors of the school community. North Bellmore School District plans, conducts drills and participates in exercises with law enforcement, fire, emergency officials and other members of the school community to ensure a comprehensive, unified approach to school emergency response planning.

In the event that the safety of our students is in jeopardy, the appropriate safety response plan will be implemented. Such responses include lockout (external threat), lockdown (internal threat), on-site or off-site evacuation and shelter in place (weather-related emergency). Parents will be notified of emergency situations via the Connect-Ed system. Parents are strongly discouraged from coming to school during an emergency unless directed to do so as it can impede the district and law enforcement’s response to the emergency. Parent support and community engagement are vital to building a safe school community.
### November 2019

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Food Services
The North Bellmore School District offers hot lunch daily at each school, along with assorted snacks and beverages. Monthly school lunch menus are available on the district website, www.northbellmoreschools.org. The district manages all food sales through the NutriKids Point of Sale System, offering parents the opportunity to fund student lunch accounts online via myschoolbucks.com. Other options for purchasing meals include cash or check payments. If a child has qualified for free or reduced lunch, that information is noted in the system.

Parent/Teacher Communication
Parents are encouraged to discuss concerns with teachers as soon as they are evident. Appointments for conferences can be made by telephoning the school.

There is also a formal reporting process, which includes report cards, Back-to-School nights and conferences. In September, each school schedules a Back-to-School night which parents are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the classroom teachers and to learn about the academic and social expectations for the school year. In November and March, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to discuss students’ individual achievement. Report cards will be posted to the Parent Portal on:
December 6, 2019, March 20, 2020, and June 26, 2020. For instructions on accessing the Parent Portal, please visit the district website at www.northbellmoreschools.org.

Please note the following Back-to-School Night dates:
Newbridge ..........................September 9  Saw Mill.........................September 17
Park Avenue ........................September 10  Martin Avenue.............September 18
Dinkelmeyer .......................September 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences:
While students will not be required to report to school on Election Day, November 5, 2019, parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for that date.

Please note the following Parent-Teacher Conference dates:
November 4  —  6:00–8:00 p.m.
November 5  —  10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
April 1  —  12:00–3:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m. (11:00 a.m. dismissal for students)

Conferences are scheduled by your child’s classroom teacher. Parents who have questions regarding the reports should make an appointment to meet with the teacher.
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SEPTA Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Martin
Newbridge Winter Concert 6:00 p.m. @ Brookside
Saw Mill Winter Concerts 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. @ Brookside
District Orchestra Concert 6:00 p.m. @ Brookside
Park Avenue Winter Concert 7:15 p.m. @ Brookside

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PTA Coordinating Council 7:30 p.m. @ Martin
Dinkelmeyer PTA Holiday Brunch 8:45 a.m.
Martin PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Saw Mill PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Dinkelmeyer Winter Concert 5:30 p.m. @ Brookside
Martin Winter Concert 7:15 p.m. @ Brookside
Park Avenue PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Christmas Day

Holiday Recess
SCHOOLS CLOSED

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Holiday Recess
SCHOOLS CLOSED
Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be held on January 7 and January 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To register for kindergarten you must appear in person at Newbridge Road School, 1601 Newbridge Road.

Central Registration (K-6)
Children entering school throughout the year, must register at the Business Office located at the District Administration Building, 2616 Martin Avenue. You may call (516) 992-3000, extension 3017 to schedule an appointment to register.

Children who are residents of the district will be admitted to school provided they have the following:
1. They are 5 years of age on or before December 1 of the year of entrance (birth certificate required)
2. New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164 requires that schools will not permit a child to attend school unless the parent provides the school with a certificate of immunization or proof from a physician, nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant that the child is in the process of receiving the required immunizations. Your child will not be permitted to attend school without the necessary immunizations. The exact date each immunization was given must also be included in the record.

The deadline for obtaining first dose vaccinations for children attending school is 14 days from the first day of attendance. Within 30 days of the first day of attendance, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses.

Please see the district website at www.northbellmoreschools.org for complete information relative to immunizations including a chart detailing the required immunizations. You may also contact the school nurse with any questions.

Physicals are required for students entering grades K, 1, 3, 5 and all new entrants.

3. An original birth certificate or passport.

4. Proof of Residency
   One of the following:
   • Mortgage document for residence.
   • Notarized rent/lease document for residence.

Two of the following:
   • Driver’s license of parent/guardian.
   • Telephone bill of residence.
   • Utility bill of residence, i.e., electric, oil, cable, etc.
   • Most recent income tax document.
   • Updated voter registration card.
   • Paid real estate tax bill.
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Title IX, Section 504 and Sexual Harassment
In accordance with the provisions of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the New York State Human Rights Law prohibits discrimination because of age, disability, national origin, race, religion or sex. In addition, the North Bellmore Union Free School District is committed to the principle that all students and employees are entitled to an environment free from all forms of sexual harassment. For procedures regarding grievances call Carol A. Eskew, Deputy Superintendent, at 516-992-3000, ext. 3004.

Dignity Act Coordinator
As adults, it is our responsibility to ask why a child is able or unable to successfully follow the rules. Based on our understanding of this child, we can then make a decision to offer a consequence or action, which will benefit both the child and the school community. Each of our schools has a designated Dignity Act Coordinator, who is thoroughly trained to handle human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (identity or expression) and sex. The Board of Education shall appoint the Dignity Act Coordinator(s) and share the name(s) and contact information with all school personnel, students and parents/persons in parental relation. The Dignity Act Coordinators for the 2019-2020 school year are:

**District:** Marie L. Testa, Superintendent, 516-992-3000, ext. 3001
**John G. Dinkelmeyer School:** Keri Dejak, 516-992-3000, ext. 4500
**Martin Avenue School:** Lauren Brady, 516-992-3000, ext. 5500
**Newbridge Road School:** Cheryl Glass, 516-992-3000, ext. 6500
**Park Avenue School:** Jillian Sears, 516-992-3000, ext. 7500
**Saw Mill Road School:** JoAnn Signorelli, 516-992-3000, ext. 8500

Annual Asbestos Notification
In accordance with the Asbestos Hazards Emergency Response Act, all North Bellmore school buildings have been inspected by an accredited firm which identified all assumed or confirmed asbestos-containing building materials. The findings of this inspection are categorized in an asbestos operations and management plan. The operations and management plan, as well as the most recent reinspection and surveillance reports, are maintained in the main office of each building. A complete set is available in the district facilities office. Any asbestos abatement activity will be accomplished in strict accordance with AHERA regulations.

Pesticide Application Notification
New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. In accordance with this law, the North Bellmore Union Free School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. If you wish to register to receive 48-hour prior notification of any pesticide application that is scheduled for your school, please phone 516-992-3000, ext. 3014 or write to Facilities and Operations, North Bellmore UFSD, 1602 Bellmore Avenue, North Bellmore, NY 11710.

Notification Of Rights Under FERPA
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act affords parents and students over 18 years of age (eligible students) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:
- The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.
- The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA.
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Winter Recess
SCHOOLS CLOSED

President’s Day

1. President’s Day, January 20, 2020
2. Winter Recess, January 20-31, 2020
4. Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Martin, February 6, 2020
5. Dinkelmeyer, Martin and Park Avenue PTA Meetings 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2020
6. Saw Mill PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m., February 9, 2020
7. Newbridge PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m., February 11, 2020
8. SEPTA Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Martin, February 13, 2020
9. PTA Coordinating Council 7:30 p.m. @ Martin, February 23, 2020

Note: The calendar includes specific dates and events for meetings and special days. The events are listed under the corresponding days of the week.
Weather Related Closing
When adverse weather conditions arise, the Superintendent may close schools. In such cases, the Superintendent or her designee will distribute an important and urgent message to our school community via Connect-Ed, a system that enables us to personally communicate with parents about emergency situations, school events and important issues within our schools. The system allows us to send personalized voice messages to your family’s home, work or cell phones.

The announcement will also be posted on the school’s webpage: www.northbellmoreschools.org. Additionally, News Channel 12 on Optimum and Verizon FiOS1 will list school delays and closings on the television screen and on their webpages: www.news12.com and www.fios1news.com. The decision to close school due to inclement weather will be consistent with the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. Closings due to weather will also be broadcast via the following radio stations:

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Please Note: If school is closed for one day due to inclement weather, the calendar remains the same.

Two Days Closed – School will be in session on May 26, 2020
Three Days Closed – School will be in session on May 22, 2020

Emergency Closing During School Hours
In the event of an emergency during the school day, Connect-Ed will be used. If necessary we will also use PTA phone chains and radio announcements. However, students will not be dismissed before the regular time unless parents or designated contact persons are notified. The closing announcement will be for the North Bellmore Union Free School District.

Delayed Opening of Schools
The Superintendent of Schools will implement a two-hour delayed opening when hazardous road or weather conditions that could prompt the closing of schools are expected to improve later in the morning.

Important Note: A delayed opening is subject to change if the weather or road conditions remain hazardous. The Superintendent retains the option to issue another Connect-Ed message directing a school closing when the potential for a hazardous situation continues to exist.

Notification of Delayed Opening
If it is necessary to delay the opening of school because of inclement weather, dangerous road conditions, or any other emergency, parents will receive a phone call and an email via the automated phone system, Connect-Ed, as early as possible. The announcement will also be posted on the school’s webpage: www.northbellmoreschools.org. Additionally, Channel 12 and FiOS1 will list school delays and closings on the television screen and on their webpages: www.news12.com and www.fios1news.com.

The Time Schedule: Delayed openings will delay the opening of school by two hours.

Regular Starting Time: 8:30 a.m. Drop-off begins at 8:20 a.m.
Delayed Starting Time: 10:30 a.m. Drop-off begins at 10:20 a.m.

Students are NOT to be dropped off at school prior to these designated times — this is when supervision is scheduled to begin.

If Bus Transportation Is Provided: Bus schedules will also be delayed by two hours. For example, if a child’s bus is normally scheduled to arrive at his or her home or bus stop at 8 a.m., the two-hour delay will change it to approximately 10 a.m. Keep in mind that the poor weather conditions that necessitate a delayed opening are likely to cause some delays in bus pick-ups.

Morning Activities Are Canceled: If there is a delayed opening, morning activities such as The Bellmore-Merrick Child Care Breakfast Program and all before-school activities will be canceled.

School Lunch Program Continues: Delayed openings do not affect the school lunch schedule. Lunch will be available and served to all students at their regularly scheduled lunchtime.

Dismissal Time Remains Unchanged: A delayed opening has no effect on dismissal time or after-school activities unless otherwise announced. As always, school will end at 2:55 p.m. for kindergarten and 3 p.m. for grades 1-6. Buses should drop students off at approximately the regular time, allowing for inclement weather conditions.
## March 2020

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Transportation

School district policy provides transportation for students in grades K-3 living more than one-half mile from school and for students in grades 4-6 living more than one mile from school. The building principal can tell you if you qualify. Children who have a temporary or permanent medical disability may be eligible for special bus service. Requests must be submitted to the principal for review. Since many families live within the one mile limit, most children must walk or be driven by parents. For those who walk, crossing guards are provided by the Nassau County Police Department. Parents should instruct children to cross major streets only where a guard is assigned. Parents who drive children should respect the rights of our neighbors by parking only in legally designated areas. They must also take great care to watch for children who walk to school.

Transportation Deadline: New York State law requires that all requests for school bus transportation to private/non-public schools be submitted in writing to the North Bellmore School District Transportation Office. The deadline for the 2020-2021 school year is April 1, 2020. Applications may be obtained by visiting the transportation office located in the administrative offices at 2616 Martin Avenue, North Bellmore or by calling 516-992-3000, ext. 3017.

Bus Rules And Conduct

Students are expected to behave on school buses in the same manner as they are expected to behave in school. Bus drivers are required to report any improper behavior to the school principal and complete a Bus Incident Report when applicable. Parents are required to sign a Code of Bus Discipline Contract at the beginning of the school year. Inappropriate behavior on a school bus may result in disciplinary action ranging from temporary loss of bus privileges to school suspension.

Parents should be aware that:

- Bus drivers should not be asked to bring notes, medication, etc. to the school for a child. Bus drivers are not permitted to transport such items.
- Drivers are not permitted to leave their buses when there are children on board unless there is another authorized school or bus company adult on the bus.
- Drivers are prohibited from blowing their horns or idling their bus for more than two minutes when they arrive at a designated stop. Parents or other caregivers must be at the stop before the bus arrives and be visible to the driver.
- New York State law does not mandate that children wear seat belts while on school buses. However, children should be encouraged to do so.

Expected Student Bus Conduct:

- Students must remain seated on the bus at all times. Changing seats is prohibited whether or not the bus is in motion.
- Students must speak in a quiet voice and use appropriate and respectful language at all times.
- Students must follow the directions of adults at all times.
- Students must keep their hands to themselves.
## APRIL 2020

### Calendar

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**Long Island 2020 Census**

**4 Kids in 4 Years**

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

- **Dinkelmeyer PTA Meeting**
  - 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

- **Festival Band and Chorus**
  - 6:00 p.m. @ Brookside

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

- **SEPTA Meeting**
  - 7:30 p.m. @ Martin

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

- **11 a.m. Dismissal**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
  - 12:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 9, 2020**

- **Board of Education Meeting and Budget Adoption**
  - 7:30 p.m. @ Martin

**Friday, April 10, 2020**

**Saturday, April 11, 2020**

- **Spring Recess**
  - **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

**Sunday, April 12, 2020**

**Monday, April 13, 2020**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

**Thursday, April 16, 2020**

**Friday, April 17, 2020**

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

- **Park Avenue PTA Meeting**
  - 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

- **Saw Mill PTA Meeting**
  - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

- **Newbridge PTA Meeting**
  - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

- **SEPTA Meeting**
  - 7:30 p.m. @ Martin

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

- **Martin Spring Concert**
  - 6:00 p.m. @ Brookside
  - **PTA Coordinating Council**
    - 7:30 p.m. @ Martin

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

- **Dinkelmeyer Spring Concert**
  - 6:00 p.m. @ Brookside

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

- **Saw Mill Spring Concerts**
  - 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. @ Brookside

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

- **Newbridge Spring Concert**
  - 6:00 p.m. @ Brookside

**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

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**Sunday, May 31, 2020**
Health and Wellness Services
The Health and Wellness Center in each school is staffed by a registered nurse. The Health and Wellness Center in each school has been designated as a Safety Station for students, faculty and staff. Any student, faculty or staff member seeking physical or emotional safety is encouraged to visit the nurse. The nurse will contact the appropriate administrator, faculty or staff member for additional assistance if necessary.

Nurses
The nurse in each school building provides first aid and comfort to students who are ill or injured. The nurse will determine if the student should remain in the health office or return to class. The nurse will call the parent, guardian or emergency contact if he or she feels the student should go home. New York State law prohibits nurses from providing medical treatment, except for emergency first aid. In a situation where a head injury has been sustained, the parent will be notified immediately. Refer to District Policy 5420 on the district website at www.northbellmoreschools.org for further information. Therefore, it is most important that parents provide complete and accurate information on the emergency contact card and notify the school of any changes.

Medication
Nurses will administer medication to children or a child may self-administer only under the following circumstances:
- Parents must provide a written request.
- The request must include a note from the family physician indicating the need for medication, the appropriate dosage and time to be taken. (The district provides a form for this information, which can be obtained from the school nurse.)

Examination and Screening
Students in grades kindergarten, second and fourth, and new entrants, are required to have physical examinations. These may be provided by the family physician, who must complete a form provided by the school. If this is not possible, the school physician will conduct examinations and notify parents of conditions requiring further attention.

Students in certain grades also have their hearing and vision tested by the school nurse. Those in grades 5 and 6 are also screened for scoliosis (curvature of the spine). Parents are notified only if a potential problem is revealed by these screenings.

It is important to remember that these tests and examinations are required to ensure early detection and correction of problems, which could hinder the development of children.

Special Education
The North Bellmore Union Free School District provides a full range of special education services including: consultant teacher services, resource room support and expanded resource room to help children in general education classes access the curriculum. Self-contained classes are also available for students requiring a more structured special education environment. Speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling and assistive technology are also available to students who require these services. The Committee on Special Education, which includes the student’s parents, regular education teacher, special education teacher, related service providers, a school psychologist, a parent member and the school physician (upon request), meets to determine the eligibility of each student who is referred to the CSE. Parents are included in all phases of the CSE process, including placement decisions and the development of educational goals. Parents who believe that their child requires special education services should discuss concerns with the classroom teacher who can guide them through the CSE referral process.

Parental Right to Obtain Testing
Parents who suspect that their child (3 years to 12 years) may have a learning, behavioral or medical problem, which could significantly affect their child’s ability to perform in school, have a right to a free evaluation through the Committee on Special Education or Committee on Preschool Special Education. To request this evaluation, contact the principal of your child’s school or the Deputy Superintendent at 516-992-3000, ext. 3004. Parents of children from birth to 3 years old may obtain testing through the Nassau County Early Intervention Program by calling 516-571-3749.

Pre-School Special Education
Any resident who has a child between 3 and 5 years of age, who is disabled or who they suspect is disabled, should contact the Deputy Superintendent at 516-992-3000, ext. 3004. Based upon the nature of the suspected disability, parents are referred to the appropriate Nassau County evaluation site. If the evaluation indicates that services are required, they will be provided. In addition, this process provides the school district with valuable information as we develop plans to meet the needs of our future kindergartners.
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Communication
The district has established procedures to respond to questions and suggestions from parents and residents. The procedures start with the person closest to the situation because it is that person who will have the most information. Because situations sometimes require additional staff to be involved in the conversation, we have listed the major areas of interest, with those responsible for each area. If you have questions about the school district, school matters or your child’s progress, we encourage you to call.

• General Classroom Issues Involving an Individual Child
   Step 1 Classroom teacher, if not resolved
   Step 2 Building Principal, if not resolved
   Step 3 Carol A. Eskew, Deputy Superintendent, ext. 3004, if not resolved
   Step 4 Marie L. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, ext. 3001

• Curriculum Questions
   (Subject matter being taught, textbooks and materials used, etc.)
   Step 1 Classroom teacher, if not resolved
   Step 2 Building Principal, if not resolved
   Step 3 Tillie McNamara, Director of Educational Programs and Staff Development, ext. 3024, if not resolved
   Step 4 Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, ext. 3002, if not resolved
   Step 5 Marie L. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, ext. 3001

• Medical Questions
   Step 1 School Nurse, if not resolved
   Step 2 Building Principal, if not resolved
   Step 3 Carol A. Eskew, Deputy Superintendent, ext. 3004, if not resolved
   Step 4 Marie L. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, ext. 3001

• Transportation Questions
   (Pickup, route problems, etc.)
   Step 1 Linda Van Name, Transportation Coordinator, ext. 3017, if not resolved
   Step 2 Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business, ext. 3005, if not resolved
   Step 3 Marie L. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, ext. 3001

• Transportation Concerns
   (Behavior on school bus, etc.)
   Step 1 Bus Driver, if not resolved
   Step 2 Building Principal, if not resolved
   Step 3 Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business, ext. 3005, if not resolved
   Step 4 Marie L. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, ext. 3001

• Special Education/Special Education Needs Questions
   Step 1 Classroom teacher/special education teacher, if not resolved
   Step 2 Building Principal, if not resolved
   Step 3 Carol A. Eskew, Deputy Superintendent, ext. 3004, if not resolved
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North Bellmore Union Free School District
## JUNE 2020

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- **Sunday, May 2020**
  - Board of Education Meeting
    - 7:30 p.m. @ Martin
  - New York State Science Written Assessment
    - Grade 4

- **Monday, June 1**
  - **Tuesday, June 2**
  - **Wednesday, June 3**
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- **Monday, June 28**
  - **Tuesday, June 29**
  - **Wednesday, June 30**

- **Newbridge PTA End-of-Year Dinner**
  - 7:00 p.m.

- **Martin PTA End-of-Year Dinner**
  - (Time To Be Announced)

- **Sixth Grade Graduation**
  - All Schools

- **Sixth Grade Picnics**
  - All Schools

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
  - 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
  - PTA Last Cup of Coffee
  - Report Cards Post to Portal
Parent-Teacher Associations
The North Bellmore UFSD PTAs play an important role in providing our children with a high-quality education. Our PTAs are very supportive and adhere to the following mission:
Support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; assist parents in developing skills they need to raise and protect their children; encourage parent involvement in public schools in this nation.
All parents are invited and encouraged to join the PTA.

Parent-Teacher Association Presidents 2019-2020
Coordinating Council
Jessica Wessell President
John G. Dinkelmeyer
Melissa Fulgieri Co-President
Kiera Kaufman Co-President
Martin Avenue
Pamela Ferro Co-President
Stephany Margaronis Co-President
Newbridge Road
Joann Bucci Co-President
Lisa Calvagno Co-President
Park Avenue
Elizabeth Rolston Co-President
Rosemarie Savall Co-President
Saw Mill Road
Christine Braun Co-President
Michele Addeo Co-President
SEPTA
Regina Bongiorno President

District Communication
The North Bellmore UFSD communicates with families and residents through different print and digital mediums. The district publishes the quarterly Beacon newsletter, along with a budget edition, which is mailed to homes, available in all school buildings and posted on the district website, www.northbellmoreschools.org. Photos and videos of student learning and school events are regularly shared on the district's Twitter account, @NBUFSDpride.

Photography and Video
It is a North Bellmore School District practice, as in most Long Island public school districts, to highlight the learning process by taking photographs or videos of students, staff and parents to use in district publications, press releases and/or other media. If you do not wish to have your child photographed and/or videotaped, you must submit your request, in writing, to your child’s building principal.

Parent University
The district is pleased to offer a series of workshops through North Bellmore Parent University, which are designed to bridge the home-school connection. As partners in your child’s education, these workshops are intended to provide you with information to best support your child’s academic, social and emotional growth. Please visit the district website throughout the year for information about upcoming workshops and for educational resources.

Community Use of School Facilities
Approved community organizations are welcome to utilize North Bellmore’s school facilities according to specific policies set forth by the Board of Education. Applications for facilities use are available at all school buildings and on the district website, www.northbellmoreschools.org. Inquiries should be directed to Department of Facilities, at 516-992-3000, ext. 3003. While the Board of Education encourages community groups to use our school facilities according to our guidelines, school-sponsored activities must always take precedence in scheduling the use of buildings and grounds.
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**Independence Day**

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