May 9, 2023

Dear Parents of Rising BIS 5th Grade Students,

At Berlin Intermediate School, we are looking forward to Fall 2023 when we welcome our newest Jr. Seahawks to BIS! Next week, we will open our doors to the rising 5th grade students into BIS for a tour and orientation. We hope this will help to calm some of the anxiety that students may have as they think about this transition. We are blessed with three amazing elementary schools in the North End of Worcester County where academic and social emotional wellness are priorities. I want to assure you the same is true at BIS!

During the student orientation, we will share information about the programs and initiatives that make BIS a well-rounded place to learn. This includes our Apple Distinguished School status and use of technology with students to demonstrate mastery of learning, our focus on the arts and arts integration, our House System for building community and character, our robust after school academy, and our use of STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) to support 21st century learning. Please check out the enclosed flyer titled “Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow” which contains links to short videos that spotlight these initiatives. We encourage you to scan the QR codes and watch the videos for an overview.

Also included in this mailing is a flyer announcing our “Tuesday Tours” this summer. Each Tuesday at 1 PM, staff and students will be available to give an informal tour and question and answer session. Tours will be offered each Tuesday from June 27th - August 15th and should last around 30-45 minutes. During the first week of August, you will receive our summer mailing with your student’s homeroom teacher. On August 30th, we will host Back to School Night at BIS from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. This event, for students and parents, is a chance to visit and tour, to meet teachers and find classrooms, and to preview the learning students will engage in during the first few months of school. Back to School Night is also a time to learn the best ways to communicate with teachers and staff when you have questions or concerns. Your summer mailing will include additional details.

Finally, we have sent you information to help your child select their choice of music for the 2023-2024 school year. The music selection flyer contains background information, course descriptions and a QR code for you to scan and register online. The online music selection window will open May 19th at 5:00 PM and close on May 26th at 5:00 PM. Failure to complete the music selection form means your student will be assigned a music class according to availability. Be mindful that popular classes fill up quickly. All students will be assigned PE, keyboarding, and health. The other specials that will be chosen for students may include: 2D art,

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3D art, tech ed, Spanish, and STEAM. If you have any questions while you are filling out the form, please call BIS and we are happy to help!

At BIS, we use the school website, www.berlinintermediate.org and Facebook (Berlin Intermediate School) to share information and spotlight our amazing students and programs. We encourage you to visit both throughout the summer and into the school year to remain current. We also send text messages through School Messenger, so you will want to be sure you have opted in to our WCPS text messages. We also encourage you to call or email us with questions or concerns. We look forward to partnering with you during your student’s time at BIS!

Every day, we say, “At Berlin Intermediate School, Jr. Seahawks Believe- Imagine- Succeed and are Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.” We cannot wait for you to learn what this means and how we make it a reality for our students. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Berlin Intermediate School