



# Brainerd Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Baxter Elementary Students:

I hope you had a wonderful summer. After the cold winter, many people needed a change; however, my son is a Nordic skier, so we are a family that celebrates good snow! I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal at Baxter Elementary School. While I am new to Baxter, I am not new to the area. This is the start of my 29th year in education and my 27th year with Brainerd Public Schools. The Baxter Staff and I are excited for the new school year, and are looking forward to a partnership with you in the education of your child/children.

We strongly encourage you to attend the Baxter Open House Night on Wednesday, August 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 as there will be many informational opportunities. The classroom teachers are eager to meet you and their students (Kindergarten teachers will not be available as they were here during KinderCamp); Baxter Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will provide a snack and information on joining the PTO, along with ways you can help support PTO sponsored events; District Technology will be here with laptops for you to sign up for Family Access; Information on volunteering at the school will be available; our Family Collaborative Worker will be on site; a drop box for lunch & breakfast money will make your first deposit easy and packets for Free & Reduced lunch will be ready for you to complete; finally, I will be giving a brief message for parents at 5:00 and 5:30 in the library.

Successful schools help children grow academically, socially and emotionally. For this to happen, we must develop an environment that is safe and positive, promoting student growth. We encourage you to participate in your child's education by ensuring regular attendance and engaging your student in regular reading for enjoyment. We would love to have you share your time and special talents by volunteering at school. For school information, please check out the Baxter Webpage (updates are currently in progress) or find us on Facebook - both Baxter Elementary School and Baxter PTO.



The first day of school is Tuesday, September 4. During the first week of school, we allow parents to share the excitement of "Back To School" and walk children to their classrooms. Please remember to park in the back lot. After that, if you are visiting or volunteering in the school, you will be required to sign-in and wear a visitor's badge. This system is in place to provide safety for all and to record who is in the school during student contact time.

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. If you have any questions regarding the information shared please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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