

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE

We have been busy here at Taft getting ready for our doors to open in late August. Can you believe students return 1 week from today! We have hired many new staff to join our team, and I look forward to introducing all of them to you during Open House on September 19th.

Bus passes are available for pick up. The Taft office is open today (**Tuesday**) **from 12-3 pm**, **Wednesday from 8-6:30 pm**, and **Thursday 7-3 pm**. The office is closed for final cleaning on Friday.

The district has been examining schedules. We have changed our schedule to add in a 15 minute morning meeting block, all grade levels will have lunch and recess individually. This will allow for only 6 classes at each lunch and recess instead of 9. There will be no assigned seats at lunch to foster peer interactions. Our OT has been working on movement hallways, as we know that students should be moving all the time. We have also added 2 additional PE blocks for all classes in every 6

week rotation. Our goal is to provide more opportunities for movement and peer interaction. We will continue to monitor the schedule and make changes as necessary.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-3 is Tuesday, September 3rd. Kindergarten Open House will be during the day on Wednesday, September 4th, and Kindergarten students first day is Thursday, September 5th. Please see attached Open House schedule.

This year is going to be amazing! My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email, jbelle@uxbridge.k12.ma.us, to discuss any concerns throughout the year or stop by to say hello. I am looking forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Taft Early Learning Center meet their goals and have a successful school year!

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