School Hours
- Arrival 8:45–9:05
- Students are late after 9:15
- No early dismissal after 3:30
- Dismissal begins at 3:55
- Distance learning schedules are posted on school website

Communication
To be sure the school can reach you, keep your information in Schoolmax up to date.
- Email staff member
- Follow-up with grade level assistant principal
- If unresolved, bring concern to principal.
- Our school uses email, phone calls, Class Dojo, Blackboard, etc to communicate.
- Staff has 24–48 hours to respond to parent concerns

Attendance
- Students should attend school daily.
- Monitor school calendar for updates on school closures
- Send a note when students are absent
- Regular attendance is mandatory to remain at BDF

Creative Art Departments:
Mr. Tracey Cutler
Arts Coordinator

Music
Drama
Visual Arts
Dance
Media Arts
Physical Education
Band
Orchestra

Benjamin D. Foulois
Creative & Performing Arts Academy

Parent Guide
2020–2021

Ms. Keshia Hogue, Principal

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Suitland Maryland
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### Academic Goals 2020–2021

- Increase and monitor student performance on state and district assessments in the areas of reading, math, and science.
- Provide instructional programs for enrichment and support.
- Empower students and parents with knowledge of academic data and goals.
- Parents should monitor Schoolmax regularly for student grades.
- All grade appeals are due 5 days after receiving report cards.

### Behavioral Expectations

- All students are expected to adhere to the code of conduct.
- School community and parents will collaborate to provide the necessary emotional, social, and behavioral support.
- Ongoing program disruptions are grounds for dismissal from BDF.

### Parent Involvement

- Parents must have the following on file in the office to volunteer and/or chaperone at BDF:
  - Fingerprint
  - Background Check
  - CPS clearance
  - Safe School Videos
- Please join the PTO to participate in school wide events and receive updates.

### School Visits

To arrange a classroom visit, observation, or volunteer adhere to the following:

- Make request with teacher 24–48 hours ahead of visit.
- Visit cannot be scheduled during testing.
- The visit should not interfere with classroom instruction or activities.
- Repeated or lengthy visits may be limited by school administrators.

### Student Funds

- Parents need to keep money on student accounts using Myschoolbucks.com.
- Field trip money and fundraisers will be collected via Myschoolbucks.
- Do not allow students to bring money or expensive items to school.
- BDF is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

### SPECIAL DATES

- Aug. 31: 1st day of school
- Sep 25: School closed
- Sep 28: School closed
- Oct. 12: Parent conferences
- Oct. 16: School closed
- Nov. 3: School closed
- Nov. 6: Early dismissal
- Dec 11: School closed
- Jan. 28: Early dismissal
- Feb 16: Parent Conferences
- April 12: Early dismissal
- May 13: School closed
- Jun 18: Last day of school

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