



Bendale Junior P.S. Community Newsletter

School Message

On behalf of the staff at Bendale Junior PS, we would like to extend a warm and friendly welcome to our students and families. We trust that you had a wonderful summer break with your children and that you were able to enjoy many shared activities. ***We look forward to welcoming students and families back on Tuesday, September 5th our first day of school.***

My name is Ms. Hager Awara, the new Principal at Bendale Junior, and am thrilled and excited to be placed in such a wonderful community. I also welcome Ms. Weeks our amazing Office Administrator who is coming back to Bendale.

I wanted to start by thanking all staff members who have been working so hard to ensure our school is a safe, engaging and welcoming learning environment for the students.

Thank you to Mr. Wilton our Head Caretaker and his team for this incredibly shiny clean school. They worked tirelessly to ensure we have a safe and clean school. On that note there has been construction to renovate our outdoor space, and this work will continue for a few more weeks. It will not impact the entry and exit routines, but the basketball nets are being replaced, and the playground along with the side field will be inaccessible until the construction is finished.

H. Awara

Recess and Outdoor Learning

It is very important that students enjoy a portion of the day in the outdoors especially when we are still enjoying the moderate weather conditions.

Therefore, it is really important that you please dress your child for the weather. We will be outside as much as possible unless it is raining hard, there is any risk of thunderstorms, or it is very, very cold outside. Should you require assistance with accessing appropriate clothing, please notify the Office.

Arrival, Dismissal and Lunchtime

2023-2024 school year Schedule at Bendale Junior PS

7:57 am - 8:12 am	Pavement and Bus Supervision
8:12 am	Student Entry
9:35 am - 9:50 am	Recess
11:00 am -12:15 pm	Lunch
1:35 pm – 1:50 pm	Recess
3:00 pm	Dismissal
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Bus and Pavement Supervision

Please note the following expectations:

- When picking up students, please be kind enough to wait outside of the exit doors. Parents are not permitted to wait inside the school. We would request that parents who walk their children to school drop them off at the class line and meet them outside the exit doors. Should a student arrive at school after entry time they must enter using the front doors and report to the office for a late slip.
- Please do not park in the parking lot at arrival and dismissal times. The parking lot is for staff, volunteers, and visitors only. Too many vehicles driving in and out pose a serious safety concern for our children walking to and from school. Parents who transport children by car are asked to use the designated drop off zone. The small parking lot located adjacent to the front doors of the school is not to be used for student drop off at any time – it is strictly for staff/TDSB employee use.

Lates and Absences

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. Parents/Guardians are asked to follow the prompts and leave a message with the following information if your child will be absent or late: Call the school at 416-396-6045.

- Your child's first and last name
- Your child's grade and teacher
- Reason and length of absence
- Date of your call

