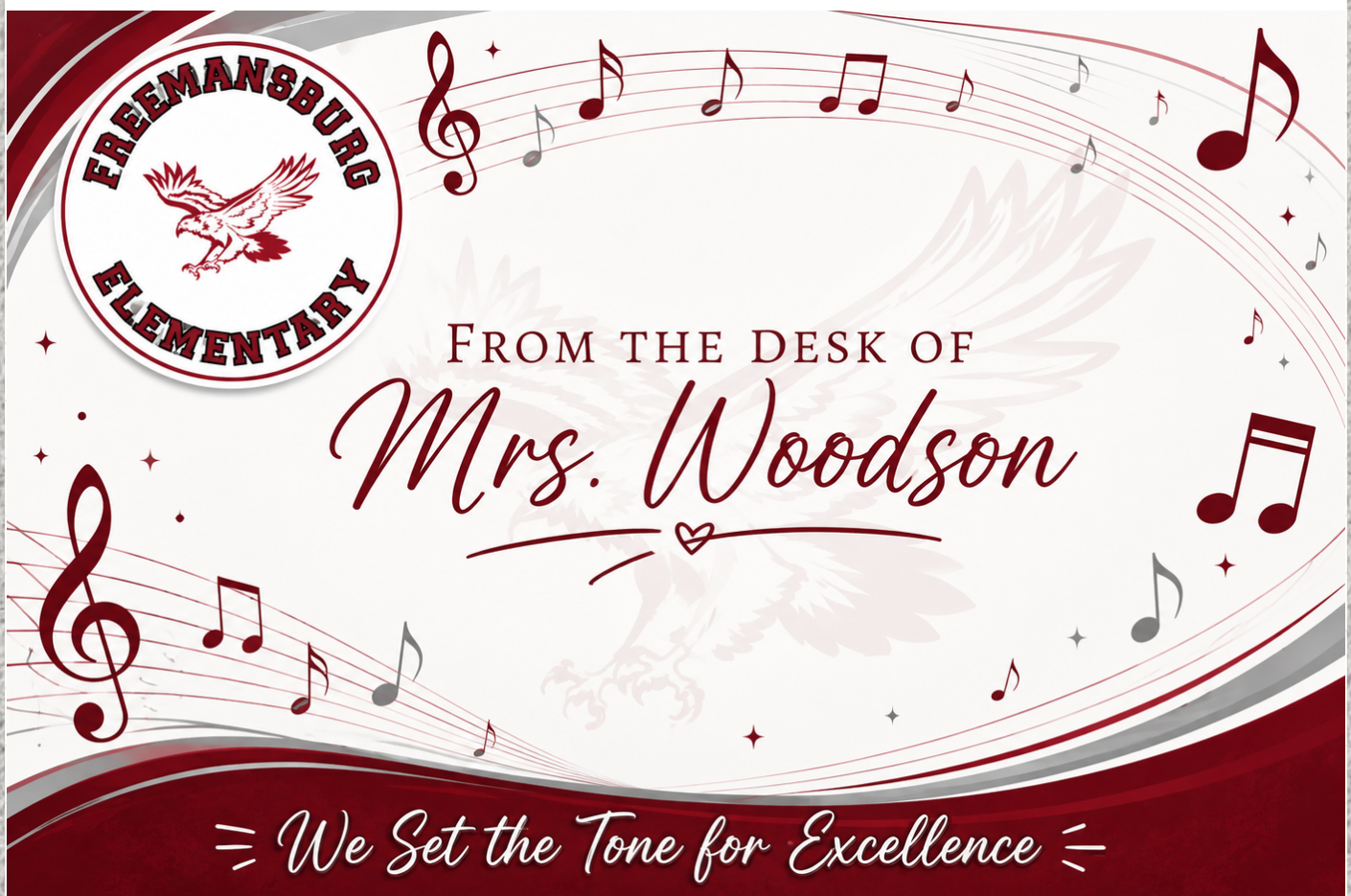


The Eagle Express: Summer Edition

July 29, 2026

Mission Statement ✚

At Freemansburg, we create a community of lifelong learners and leaders by inspiring our students to become the best versions of themselves.



Dear Freemansburg Families:

We hope you and your family are enjoying a fun, safe, and relaxing summer! Our staff has been hard at work preparing for another incredible school year for our Eagle community. As we get ready for the first day of school, we wanted to share a few important reminders below.

We are looking forward to another year of learning, leadership, and partnership with our Freemansburg families. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon!

In Partnership,
Mrs. Woodson, Principal

Important Reminders

Back-to-School Letters:

Letters will be mailed next week and will include important information for the start of the school year, including your child's teacher assignment. If your family has recently moved, please be sure to contact Ms. Onofre in the main office to update your address so you don't miss your letter. She can be reached at 610-866-6681 or konofre@basdschools.org.

ParentSquare is Coming!

Bethlehem Area School District is transitioning to ParentSquare, a new districtwide communication platform that will be used across all K-12 schools. As a result, ClassDojo will no longer be used for school or classroom communication.

More information about ParentSquare, including how to download the app and connect with your child's teacher, will be shared soon. **Please watch your email for important updates and instructions.**

Chromebooks:

All students should bring their fully charged Chromebook to school on the first day. Chromebooks will remain at school throughout the school year to support daily instruction.

Kindergarten Orientation:

Thursday, August 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Kindergarten families are invited to meet our kindergarten team, learn about daily routines and expectations, tour the building, and help prepare your child for a successful start to the school year.

First Day of School:

Monday, August 24th

The countdown is on! Our Eagles return on Monday, August 24th!

Save the Date – Open House (Grades 1-5):

Thursday, September 10 | 5:30 p.m.

Join us to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and learn more about the exciting year ahead.

Greetings from our New Superintendent

Dear BASD Community,

I am honored to serve as Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District. As I begin this journey, I want to take a moment to say hello and thank you for the warm welcome you have already extended to me.



I am grateful for the trust the Bethlehem Area School District Board of School Directors has placed in me and for the opportunity to serve this incredible community. I look forward to partnering with our students, families, staff, and community as we begin this next chapter together. I am humbled by the support and encouragement I have received across the community. You have made me feel like family.

As I begin this work, I will lead with integrity, transparency, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring every student has access to excellent opportunities and the support they need to succeed. Together, we will build on the strong foundation already in place and continue creating opportunities for every student to learn, grow, and thrive.

Throughout the summer, you'll find me out in the community - visiting parks, festivals, neighborhood events, swim team meets, and other gathering places. I hope you'll stop and introduce yourself. I look forward to listening, learning, and hearing your hopes for our schools and our future together.

Thank you again for the warm welcome and for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff of the Bethlehem Area School District. I am excited about what we will accomplish together.

Here's to a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you around Bethlehem and welcoming our students back for another outstanding school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Renato M. Lajara

Superintendent of Schools

Family Meet & Greet Storytime

☀️ Meet the new superintendent ☀️
of the Bethlehem Area School District!



Dr. Renato Lajara

August 12 @10:30

Main Library
11 W Church St
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610.867.3761

August 13 @10:30

Coolidge Branch
2740 Fifth St
Bethlehem, PA 18020
484.892.6267

August 22 @11:00

South Side Branch
400 Webster Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610.867.7852



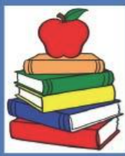
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AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



BETHLEHEM AREA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Register for PreK

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten is still opened!



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AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



Register your child for **PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

Step 1: Fill out the interest form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vK9V-Kvw00zbL1xLrv_uXgUtVcstiM9gHRSrwOdJ1U8/edit

Step 2: After confirming that all criteria are met on the intake form, the Pre-K secretary will contact each family to review the Pre-K program and discuss the next steps.

Step 3: Registration will be completed by filling out the information on the link provided by the Pre-K secretary. Please make sure all requested documents are uploaded.



Pre-K Intake Form



BETHLEHEM
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



Inscribe a su hijo(a) para **PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

Paso 1: Complete el formulario de inscripción en:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vK9V-Kvw00zbL1xLrv_uXgUtVcstiM9gHRSrwOdJ1U8/edit

Paso 2: Después de confirmar que se cumplen los criterios en el formulario de inscripción, la secretaria de Pre-K se pondrá en contacto con cada familia para revisar el programa de Pre-K y discutir los siguientes pasos.

Paso 3: La inscripción se completará llenando la información en el enlace proporcionado por la secretaria de Pre-K. Asegúrese de que todos los documentos solicitados estén adjuntos.



Formulario de Inscripción



Dining Services

The 2026-2027 Free & Reduced Meal Application is now available! Families may apply online or by completing the paper application attached. We've also included a helpful flyer with additional information.

Please Note: Unless you have received a Direct Certification notice, a new meal application must be completed each school year to determine your family's eligibility for meal benefits.



26-27 English Application Packet.pdf

[Download](#)

1.2 MB



26-27 Spanish Application Packet.pdf

[Download](#)

1.3 MB

LET'S DO LUNCH

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE
2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR
ARE NOW OPEN!!**

www.schoolcafe.com/BethlehemASD

MEAL APPLICATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

When families apply, school districts may receive more funding. Approval can also lead to reduced fees for other school activities, such as sports, exam fees, or field trips!

**MEAL APPLICATIONS ARE
REQUIRED EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**



BETHLEHEM
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DINING SERVICES



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ALMUERZO

**SOLICITUDES PARA LA
¡EL CICLO ESCOLAR 2026-
2027 YA ESTÁ ABIERTO!**



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¡LAS SOLICITUDES DE COMIDAS MARCAN LA DIFERENCIA!

Cuando las familias solicitan ayuda, los distritos escolares pueden recibir más fondos. ¡La aprobación también puede conllevar una reducción en las cuotas de otras actividades escolares, como deportes, exámenes o excursiones!

**SE REQUIERE SOLICITAR EL
PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS
ESCOLARES CADA AÑO.**



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DINING SERVICES



Health Services 

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Bethlehem Area School District

🎉 Get ready for a great school year with
Star Community Health!

FREE School Supplies (while supplies last!)

FREE HEALTH SERVICES

- Vision Checks
- Hearing Checks
- Dental Screenings
- Sports Physicals (bring appropriate paperwork)
- Community Resources: Developmental Peds, Vaccine appointments, Insurance Information and more



Date: August 4th

Time: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: 520 E. Broad St., Bethlehem

For more information visit: www.starcommunityhealth.org

¡FIESTA DE REGRESO A CLASES!



EVENTO COMUNITARIO GRATUITO

Distrito Escolar del Área de Bethlehem

🎉 ¡Prepárate para un gran año escolar con Star
Community Health!

Suministros escolares GRATIS (hasta agotar existencias)

🏥 SERVICIOS DE SALUD GRATIS

- Revisiones de la vista
- Revisiones de audición
- Evaluaciones dentales
- Exámenes físicos deportivos (traer la documentación correspondiente)
- Recursos comunitarios: Pediatría del desarrollo, citas de vacunación



Fecha: 4 de agosto

Hora: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ubicación: 520 E. Broad St., Bethlehem

Para más información visite: www.starcommunityhealth.org

Community School Information

Summer Farmers Market

Tuesday, August 11th, is our next FREE Farmers Market here at Freemansburg! Remember, summer market hours are ☎ 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM!

Please spread the word to friends and family! We'll see you there!

A vibrant poster for the Freemansburg Elementary School Farmers Market. The background is white with green line-art illustrations of various fruits and vegetables like grapes, corn, and leafy greens. The text is arranged in several sections: a red banner at the top, a central title, a green banner below it, a date and time section with sun icons, another red banner for the schedule, a green banner for instructions, a contact line, and a final green banner at the bottom.

FREEEMANSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FREE FARMERS MARKET

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

DELICIOUS, NUTRITIOUS, FRUITS & VEGETABLES!

NEW SUMMER HOURS
1:45PM TO 2:45PM

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY THIS SUMMER 6/9 · 7/14 · 8/11

PLEASE LINE UP AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE

CONTACT lconversano@basdschools.org WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

**DONATIONS MADE POSSIBLE BY
FREEZER MINISTRY & GARDEN GATHERING PROGRAM**

ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FREEMANSBURG

GRATIS

MERCADO AGRÍCOLA

**TRAJE TU
PROPIO
BOLSO**

¡FRUTAS Y VERDURAS DELICIOSAS Y NUTRITIVAS!



NUEVO HORARIO DE VERANO

1:45PM A 2:45PM



CADA SEGUNDO MARTES DE ESTE VERANO 6/9 · 7/14 · 8/11

POR FAVOR, HAGA FILA EN LA ENTRADA PRINCIPAL

COMUNÍQUESE CON LCONVERSANO@BASDSCHOOLS.ORG SI TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA.

**DONACIONES POSIBLES GRACIAS AL
MINISTERIO FREEZER & PROGRAMA DE REUNIÓN EN EL JARDÍN**

The Bethlehem Housing Authority is hosting its Back-to-School Carnival on Saturday, August 15, from 12:00–3:00 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center!

Have a great day with your family enjoying activities, connecting with community resources, and get ready for the new school year!



Parent Teacher Organization

PTO Executive Board:

Malikah Younger – President

Lynette Silva – Vice President

Kate Stallings – Secretary

Any questions regarding PTO, please reach out to PTO.Freemansburg@gmail.com

Follow us on Social Media!

Facebook: [Freemansburg PTO Official Facebook](#)

Instagram: [Freemansburg PTO Instagram](#)



A colorful poster for 'Freemansburg's Back to School Bash!'. The background is light blue with white clouds. At the top, there are two strings of colorful bunting flags (red, orange, blue) and a red apple in the center. The title 'FREEMANSBURG'S BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, it says 'JOIN US FOR:' followed by a list of activities: 'Games and inflatables', 'Raffles & Prizes', 'Free school supplies', and 'Food and drink for purchase'. To the left of the list is an illustration of a small blue and yellow playhouse, and to the right is a slice of pizza. Below the list, the date and time are given: 'FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH' and '5:00-7:00'. At the bottom, it says 'Interested in helping out with the fun? Reach out!' followed by three social media icons (Email, Instagram, Facebook) and their respective contact information: 'PTO.freemansburg@gmail.com', '@freemansburgptopa', and 'Freemansburg Elementary School PTO'. In the bottom left corner, there is a cloud shape with the text 'FOLLOW US!' inside.

**FREEMANSBURG'S
BACK TO
SCHOOL BASH!**

JOIN US FOR:

- Games and inflatables
- Raffles & Prizes
- Free school supplies
- Food and drink for purchase

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH
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with the fun? Reach out!

FOLLOW US!

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