

# CHAMPLAIN PTO

## Champlain Elementary PTO Meeting/Community Check-In Minutes

September 9, 2021

### Check in with Principal Resteghini

- Harvest Fest is tomorrow!
- Thanks to Jordan Buntain for playing the star spangled banner on the first day of school (and also thanks to Champy for high fives!)
- The new “bright start” Pre K/ K transitional program is off to a good start. It's great to have 4 years old in the building and in the future it would be nice to expand pre- school opportunities either within the building or in the neighborhood. Mr. Eric and Ms. V are leading the Bright Start Program which has students who speak several different languages.
- There are job responsibilities for recess and before school so please contact Principal Resteghini if you are interested.
- Ms. Jackie Patrizio is the new 2nd Grade teacher who worked previously at IAA. She is a great new addition to the team. Welcome Jackie!
- All of the first graders had the chance to see each other outside last week and there is another first grade get together tomorrow.
- Ms. Patrick is leading an interesting batik project.
- Kindergarten is off to a good start with a good routine that feels more “normal” with a more regular schedule of 5 days a week in- school.
- COVID Protocol: Students and staff are fully masked in classrooms or outside for lunch/ (no cafeteria for now). In order to open the cafeteria there needs to be assigned seats and more clear contact tracing protocol.
- Recess is mask break time, masks are up indoors. Because the students at Champlain are not vaccinated, safety is a top concern. BSD is awaiting further guidance from the state.
- Baseline testing will be concluded by the next PTO meeting in October.
- lots of exciting activities are coming up in October (including Ukulele, Gaga ball)

### Q&A

Q- (JB) How can someone sign up for the “Bright Start” program.

A- The students has to have turned 4 after last 9/1 or just recently turned 5

A- Brettan- what are the plans for the outdoor classroom?

A- Thanks to PTO for \$5,000 grant and \$3,000 for funding. There is some logistical things that are slowing down the project due to the priority of Burlington High School. The tents are very expensive so the more permanent outdoor classroom is a priority.