

## ***Mary T. Murphy Elementary School***

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To MTM parents and guardians:

I would like to welcome our faculty and staff, and all of our students and their parents to what promises to be an exciting, fun school year full of wonderful learning experiences and new friendships. As always our faculty and staff at Mary T. Murphy School are looking forward to working with you to ensure a successful school year for your child. Below I've included general information that will help with your planning for the start of school. Our website is also a wonderful resource for information about Murphy School, including the Branford Elementary School Handbook. Our website address is <http://www.murphyelementary.org/>. You are invited to our Back to School Night on September 12th. Please save the date- more info will be forthcoming..

### **THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Tuesday, September 3rd**

- School hours are from 8:55 A.M. to 3:25 P.M.
- Students should arrive no earlier than 8:40 A.M. and are tardy after 8:55 A.M.

### **SCHOOL DISMISSAL**

- Begins at 3:25 P.M.
- For your child's safety and to minimize any disruption of classroom instruction, students will report to the cafeteria and be released to a parent for dismissal. **You must send a note to the teacher, even if you always pick them up.**
- Parents picking up children will need to sign them out in the cafeteria. **A Note Template is included in this packet.**
- It should only be under extreme circumstances that students need an early pick up prior to 3:25.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Please encourage your child(ren) to ride the bus beginning the first day of school. This will assist in getting everyone into a regular routine and help facilitate independence.
- The bus transportation route is online and on the other side of this letter. The bus company is First Student. Their phone number is 203-488-6186 should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to transportation.

Sincerely,

Robin Goeler  
Principal