



SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Belmont – Cragin Elementary & Early Childhood Center

Every Child Matters! Every Moment Counts!

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As the principal of Belmont-Cragin Elementary and Early Childhood Center, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited to see our returning students and happy to meet all of our new students and their families. It is our mission to help every child and family member feel welcomed, connected, and part of our preschool family. We appreciate your support as your child enters the classroom, learns, and grows through the year. I encourage families to get to know each other so that we can build new friendships and support each other throughout the school year. We are excited to display our first *Parent Resource* board that is located near the main entrance. This board will be a great way to enhance our Home/School connection.

Please see Ms. Hernandez (Assistant Principal) if you have any questions.

Mrs. Stacy Stewart

Pedestrian Safety Week

During the week of September 18-22, 2017 our preschool will be implementing Pedestrian Safety Week as a school wide initiative.

Child pedestrians are at a much higher risk for injuries than adults. Their smaller size makes them more difficult for drivers to see. These tips will help you protect your loved ones by teaching them safe crossing behaviors and other important safety rules:

1. When crossing the street with your child, cross at a corner or crosswalk with the walk signal. Stop at the curb. Exaggerate looking LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for traffic in all directions before and while crossing the street.
 2. Explain that you are looking for either no traffic or that traffic has stopped for you to cross safely. Hold your child's hand and WALK across when it is clear. Keep looking for cars as you cross. As you both safely cross together, praise your child for copying your safe crossing behavior.
 3. Teach kids to understand and obey all traffic signals, and to also be responsible and cautious regardless of signals.
 4. Make sure kids know not to run out into a street under any circumstance, and to ask an adult for help retrieving a ball or any object in the street.
- When walking, teach kids to walk on the sidewalk if one is available. If no sidewalk is available, teach them to walk facing traffic.

Attendance

School attendance is a baseline factor for determining student success.

Students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. Research has shown that students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble and cause problems in the long run. Attendance especially matters during the preschool years, when you are promoting and modeling good behaviors for your child.

Our goal this school year is to have 96% attendance throughout the school year.

