



# Beechwood Middle School

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Hello Bengal Families!

It is with great excitement and optimism that I write this letter to you. Middle school is an amazing and unique time of personal growth for an early adolescent. As your principal, I am honored to walk alongside you and your child through their middle school journey. We look forward to the 2024-25 school year as we empower our Bengals to “lead locally and serve globally.”

Our talented teachers and staff are already working hard to prepare for our students and families in August! Grounded in positive relationships, we are committed to providing our Bengals with meaningful, engaging, and responsive learning experiences. Through our variety of course offerings, our students are able to pursue their gifts in academics, arts, athletics, or other unique abilities while growing and developing as balanced, creative, and reflective citizens who will make a positive impact on our world.

Below is some information to help our Bengals get ready for a great school year ahead!

## **Bengal Bootcamp (for 6th-graders and any students new to BMS) - July 31st**

Sixth graders and 7th and 8th graders new to BMS are invited to attend Bengal Bootcamp from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31st! This is a wonderful opportunity for our new Bengals to tour the school, meet lots of our Bengal teachers, hear from current students, and make new friends! If your student can't attend, don't worry. We will take care of all of our new Bengals when school begins.

## **Beech Bash - August 5th**

All Bengals and their families are invited to drop in at the Beech on Monday, August 5th from 5:30 - 7:30 to tour BMS\*, meet teachers\*, pick up fun and important information, pay school fees if needed, and enjoy the festivities. We will have food trucks on campus, so be sure to bring your appetites!

*\*We will NOT have printed schedules available at the Bengal Bash, so please complete your child's online registration prior to attending so that you may access their schedule during the Bengal Bash.*

## **Suggested School Supply and Beech Wear (“Dress Code”)**

We know many of you will be taking advantage of our upcoming tax-free shopping weekend! Before you begin shopping, please review our suggested [school supply list](#) and the Lexington School District One [dress code information](#). Particularly in the warmer months, we ask that you please pay attention to [our school board's policy](#).

## **Become Involved at the Beech**

We LOVE when our Bengal parents and community [become involved](#)! Whatever time, talent, or resources you can lend - we are grateful for the support! Please stay connected with us by accepting our ParentSquare updates and following us on the social media platform of your choice (Twitter and Facebook @BeechwoodMiddle, and Instagram @BeechwoodMiddleSchool)!

We are eagerly anticipating the return of our Bengals and are thrilled to be TOGETHER at the BEECH!

Go Lead, Go Serve, Go Bengals!

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