



# Bamford Elementary School Parent Handbook and Events Calendar

## Student Drop Off/Pick Up Process

Bell Schedule
7:30 am: Earliest drop off (supervision begins on the playground)
7:40 am: First bell
7:45 am: Tardy bell
2:23 pm: Dismissal bell
2:35 pm: Latest pick up (supervision outside of clubs, etc. ends)

### **Kiss and Go Arrival Procedure**

Please use the Travers Stakes entrance for all arrivals and departures. Enter into the Bamford parking lot and use the two lanes to the east of the parking lot. As you pull around the turn, you will be directed to zipper into the west lane closest to the school. Have your child(ren) ready to go and exit the vehicle on the passenger side only. Driver should remain in the car. Staff will be there to assist kids. Students will use the sidewalk to walk around to the north side of the school and enter the playground through the gates (weather permitting).

### **Kiss and Go Dismissal Procedure**

During dismissal, follow Kiss and Go Arrival Procedures. When you pull around to the school entrance, staff will help children get to the correct car. Driver should remain in vehicle.

### **Bus Procedure and Transportation Info**

Buses will drop off and pick up students in the back (west) parking lot. Staff will be on duty to make sure they enter and exit safely. The ***Here Comes the Bus*** app (free) provides real-time locations of each bus and can be accessed via desktop and mobile devices. This information is secure and only provided to parents through a private ID that grants access to only their child's bus information. PSD school code is 75840. Student ID is the same as the student's lunch number, which can be found by logging into Parenvue.

### **Late Drop/Early Pick Up**

If you will be bringing your child to school after the 7:45 am bell, you will need to walk them into the building and sign them in for the day. If picking your child up early, please come in to the front office and sign out your student. They will be paged to come to the office.

### **Alpha Best (Before/After Care)**

To learn more about before and after school options/rates or to register, check out [www.alphabest.org/poudreco](http://www.alphabest.org/poudreco).

### **Lunch/Snacks**

For the 2024-2025 school year, Bamford will offer free meals to all students. Healthy School Meals for All is a program that was approved by voters. All breakfast and lunch will be free to all students this year. Students have snack time each day. Parents are encouraged to pack a healthy snack (fruit, crackers, etc.) and defer to teacher guidelines regarding allergies.

### **Wolf Wear Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday is Bamford's spirit day...Wolf Wear Wednesday! Remind your kids to wear their Bamford T-shirts or school colors (navy blue, turquoise, green, and grey) each and every Wednesday!

### **Lost and Found**

Looking for a jacket, sweatshirt, water bottle or other item that never made it home? Make sure to check the Lost and Found located in the cafeteria. All items not claimed by the end of each month will be donated to Goodwill.

### **Inclement Weather/Snow Days**

Poudre School District decides if there will be any schedule changes by 5:30 am. Families are notified via email, phone, news outlets, and the district website ([www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org)). Temperatures or "feels like" temperatures below 15 degrees will indicate indoor recess. Due to the location and layout of our school, Bamford experiences high winds, making it feel colder than qualifies for indoor activity. Please be sure to send appropriate gear with students.

### **Volunteering**

#### **Register with Poudre School District**

You **MUST** be a registered volunteer with PSD to volunteer at Bamford. All volunteers are background checked. If you are already registered, you must login each year to verify all information is up-to-date. The first time you volunteer, you will be asked to scan your driver's license for identification. A volunteer badge will be printed for you. Leave your badge at the volunteer station in the front office. Each subsequent time you volunteer, check in with the front office staff and grab your badge. Follow this link <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NjA0Mzplbi1VUw==> or use the QR code and scroll down and click on "Register to Volunteer".



### **PTO Volunteer Opportunities**

There are many PTO events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Whether you want to help for one shift during one event or head up a committee, there is a spot for you! PTO uses SignUp Genius as a way to share volunteer opportunities with families. Keep an eye out in weekly emails and Friday folders for chances to participate. Go to [PTOBamford.com](http://PTOBamford.com) or email [ptobamford@gmail.com](mailto:ptobamford@gmail.com) for a full list.

### **Classroom Volunteer Opportunities**

Many teachers rely on parent helpers to assist with a variety of classroom needs, such as coordinating class parties, working with students in small groups, stuffing Friday folders, etc. Follow up with your child's teacher if you would like to be involved in supporting classroom teachers/activities.

### **PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)**

#### **PTO Contact Info**

Email: [ptobamford@gmail.com](mailto:ptobamford@gmail.com)

Website: [www.ptobamford.com](http://www.ptobamford.com)

PTO Cell Phone: 970-213-4480

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BamfordPTO>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bamfordelementarypto>

PTO Website



PTO Facebook



PTO Instagram



#### **PTO Registration**

Every parent is already a member of the PTO just by having a child at Bamford. There are no dues required. Register with the PTO (name and email) to be the first to know how we are positively impacting the students, staff, and school and to receive SignUp Genius links if you wish to be involved! Registering does not mean that you are volunteering to do anything. It only means that you will receive advance notification of volunteer needs and school activity reminders.



## PTO Meetings

PTO meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6pm-7pm. Meetings will be offered both in person (upstairs in the Media Center) and virtually. For virtual participation, an email link will be provided prior to the meeting. All parents/guardians/teachers are welcome! Participation in meetings does not mean that you are signing up for a volunteer position. The purpose of the meetings is to provide members with an update on school activities, fundraisers, and other ways in which the PTO is supporting Bamford staff and students. Monthly meeting minutes will be posted on the PTO website.

## Fundraisers

It takes a lot of money to help a school function. All of these great events and activities wouldn't be possible without your support and generosity...**THANK YOU!** The PTO will be funding things like Eco Week for staff, Staff Fab Fridays, Wolf Pack Run & Fitness Prize Day, class/grade parties, staff appreciation week, teacher and classroom needs. The money raised during the 2024-2025 school year will be used during the 2025-2026 school year.

~ Wolf Pack Run & Fitness: While there are other fundraisers throughout the year, the Wolf Pack Run is the primary fundraiser. This pledge event is held in the fall, providing children with fun and exciting experiences with grade and schoolwide prizes based on amounts raised.

~ Golf Tournament & Silent Auction: This is the other of the 2 major fundraising events. This event is held in the spring, providing parents and the community with opportunities to raise money for Bamford.

~ Monthly Pack Nights: Enjoy dinner at various local restaurants while earning money for Bamford! Keep an eye out in Friday folders for information on upcoming Pack Nights!

~ King Soopers Neighborhood Reward Cards: Earn 5% back every time you use your Sooper card at any King Soopers. Select Bamford Elementary PTO as your Community Rewards Organization when registering (takes 1-2 min). Ask friends and family too—this works for ANY store under the Kroger Parent Company (even in other states)!

1. Create or Log In to your account
2. Select "My Account" under your profile
3. Select "Community Rewards"
4. Type in "Bamford Elementary PTO" and select

~ Morning Fresh Dairy Caps 4 Cash: Each Morning Fresh Dairy milk cap collected earns 5 cents for Bamford. Ask friends and family to help too! These can be turned in at the front office

## **Staff Fab Friday and Staff Appreciation**

Fab Fridays are an opportunity to show the entire staff each and every month how much they are appreciated! During staff appreciation week, staff will be celebrated with different themes each day! All staff will be celebrated together!

### **Class/Grade Level Parties**

There are 3 different class/grade level parties each year: fall party, winter party, and Valentine's party. The PTO will provide a budget/funds for all of these parties across all grade levels to be spent at the room parents' and teachers' discretion.

### **School Directory**

The student directory opt in information will be collected at Back to the Pack/School Supply Drop Off. The information will be compiled and set home in Friday folders in September. Check out this QR code for more info!



### **Pack Pantry**

The Gary Bamford Pack Pantry is a student-led community resource center dedicated to helping those in need by offering free food, clothing and shoes, toiletries, etc. This program evolved as a result of Bamford's involvement in Project Heart, a form of problem-based learning that teaches students to use empathy and design thinking to make positive changes in their community with philanthropy and/or entrepreneurship. Bamford students help to keep the Pack Pantry organized for openings to the public twice a month. If you are interested in donating or volunteering during openings, reach out to [BamfordPackPantry@gmail.com](mailto:BamfordPackPantry@gmail.com) or scan the QR code.



### **Parent Check List and Reminders**

- Register with the PTO (see QR code above)
- Like/follow Bamford Elementary **AND** Bamford Elementary PTO on social media
- Register for Here Comes the Bus (if your child takes the bus)
- Register to be a PSD Volunteer
- Opt in for the Student Directory (see QR code above)

- Select Bamford Elementary PTO as your King Soopers Community Rewards Organization
- Save Morning Fresh Dairy Caps
- Watch for important forms/reminders in Friday Folders throughout the year
- Read the Weekly Friday Office and PTO emails to stay in the loop on Bamford happenings and opportunities to get involved!

### **Bamford Elementary School Websites/Social Media**

Bamford Elementary Website: <https://bam.pedschools.org>

Bamford Elementary Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bamfordelementary>

Bamford Elementary Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bamfordelementary>

Bamford Elementary YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@bamfordelementary407>

Bamford Elementary Website



Bamford Elementary YouTube Channel



Bamford Elementary Facebook Page



Bamford Elementary Instagram Page

