

Open House: Montessori Family Meeting

August 2026



Meet the Bucknell Team



Rashida Green
Principal



Gina Toler
Assistant Principal



**Tracey
Spivey-White**
Montessori
Principal Coach

How We Work Together

- Include all leadership on emails so everyone stays informed
- **Rashida and Gina:** school operations, classroom procedures, discipline, student issues
- **Montessori Principal Coach:** Montessori philosophy, lottery, instructional, staff issues



We have many programs and learning experiences, but we are ONE Bucknell community.



What to Know Before The 1st Day

Montessori at Bucknell

- Fosters independence, responsibility and respect
- Hands on learning
- Classrooms are designed to build routines and self-confidence
- First weeks focus on school procedures and expectations



School Supplies

- Supply list on school website
- Bookbag large enough for a folder
- **PreK:** napsack for rest time; goes home every Friday
- Extra set of clothes
- Water bottle
- Please label everything



Arrival Procedures

- **1st Day Only:** families may walk students to class
- **Kiss & Ride:** back of school, Door 5; child must be on the passenger side and families should remain in the car
- **Walkers:** front of school, Door 1; PreK & K at 8:50am, 1st – 6th at 9:00am
- **Bus Riders:** staff help students off the bus and to class

FCPS Transportation

- Bus information emailed last weekend
- No email? Contact FCPS Transportation directly



Late Arrival Procedures

- Late bell rings at 9:10am
- Enter through Door 1
- Sign your child in at the main office
- A staff member will escort your child to class
- For K-1st, buddies may help with transition



Daily Routine

- Arrival & Breakfast
- Morning Work Time
- Lunch and Recess
- Specials for Kindergarten
- Nap/Quiet Time for PreK
- Snack
- Afternoon Work Time
- Dismissal



Dismissal Procedures

- School ends at 3:55pm
- **Kiss & Ride:** Families will get a Kiss & Ride number the first week of school
 - Car and Bookbag Tag
- **Walkers:** PreK & K delivered by an adult to families outside of Door 1, 1st will walk outside to find their family



Dismissing Early

- 3:15pm is the latest time for early pick up
- Dismissal changes must be emailed to bucknelldismissal@fcps.edu
- Students ended a consistent dismissal plan and the same bookbag each day



Attendance Matters

- Students should attend every day unless they are sick
- If your child will be absent, report it by:
 - 703-660-2929
 - BucknellELEM.attendance@fcps.edu



Attendance Matters



Plan Ahead: School Calendar

Fairfax County Public Schools 2026-2027 Standard School Year Calendar

July 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

3 Independence Day (Observed)

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2026

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

4-7 Labor Day Break
12 Rosh Hashanah (begins sundown 9/11 - sundown 9/13)
21 Yom Kippur (begins sundown 9/20 - sundown 9/21)

October 2026

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12 Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 2026

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

1-2 All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos
3 Election Day
8 Diwali
11 Veterans Day
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

December 2026

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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4 Chanukah (begins sundown 12/4 - sundown 12/12)
8 Bodhi Day
21 January 3 Winter Break
25 Christmas

January 2027

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1 New Year's Day
6 Three Kings Day/Epiphany
7 Orthodox Christmas
18 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
19 Orthodox Epiphany

February 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6 Lunar New Year
8 First Full Day of Ramadan (begins sundown 2/7 and continues with daily fast and nightly prayer until 3/8)
19 Ash Wednesday
15 Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day

March 2027

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19 Eid al-Fitr (begins sundown 3/9 - sundown 3/19)
28 Nowruz
22-26 Spring Break
28 Good Friday
28 Easter

April 2027

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29 Theravada New Year
21 First Evening of Passover (begins sundown 4/21 - sundown 4/29)
22 Second Evening of Passover
30 Orthodox Good Friday

May 2027

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2 Orthodox Easter
17 Eid al-Adha (begins sundown 5/16 - sundown 5/17)
31 Memorial Day

June 2027

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18 Juneteenth (Observed)

FCPS

Some holidays and observances, such as Eid al-Fitr, may shift due to anticipated lunar sightings.

Legend

F	First Day of School
QE	End of the Quarter / 2 Hour Student Early Release
YE	Last Day for Regular Classes / Early Release
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s)
/O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s) - Evening Only
TW	Teacher Workday / Student Holiday
SD	Staff Development Day / Student Holiday
SP	School Planning Day / Student Holiday
H	Student Holiday
NT	New Teacher Training

Quarter Duration

Quarter	End Date	# of Days
1	October 30	46
2	January 28	48
3	April 16	47
4	June 16	39

Number of 5-Day Instructional Weeks
1st Quarter - 6
2nd Quarter - 7
3rd Quarter - 7
4th Quarter - 5

fcps.edu/calend
Updated 4/10

If Your Child Is Sick

- Keep children home if they have a fever, are vomiting, or are too sick for school
- Notify the front office of the absence
- Contact the teacher as needed



Medication & School Health Aide

- All medication must go through the nurse and/or health aide
- Do not send medication in bookbags
- Contact the nurse and/or health aide with questions

Caroline Stutts – cstutts@fcps.edu
School Nurse

Malikah Mara – mdmara@fcps.edu
School Health Aide



Lunch

- All students eat lunch for free
- Students can bring lunch / snacks from home
- Early Childhood classes eat in their classrooms (PreK-K)
- Lower Elementary students eat in the cafeteria (K-1st)
- Dietary Restrictions please email dietary.forms.fns@fcps.edu

[Dietary Accommodation FCPS Site](#)

Communication with Families

- **TalkingPoints:** main communication tool
- **Thursday Folder** comes home weekly
- **Friday Bucknell Buzz** newsletter
- Volunteers connect with child's teacher
- Keep contact info updated with the main office





Questions?

