



Brasser Bugle

Lead Learner Updates - September 2023



Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! We extend a heartfelt greeting as we, once again, commit to serving as your building administrators for the upcoming school year. We feel very privileged to be a part of these important years during which we will have the opportunity to work with you and your most treasured resource...your student. Brasser is a great place for learning. We invite you to be a part of the Brasser experience!

District Mission: Together we teach and inspire excellence for all learners.

Building Vision: Learning, Leading and Achieving TOGETHER

- **We look forward to working with families in learning.** How will you LEARN TOGETHER alongside your student to support their education?
- **We look forward to working with families in providing opportunities for meaningful feedback and input in assisting our school.** How will you support your student and Brasser to LEAD TOGETHER with us in making Florence Brasser the best school possible?
- **We look forward to celebrating great accomplishments together.** How will you work with us in supporting your student's academic needs so that we all ACHIEVE TOGETHER?

Did you hear the exciting district announcement this summer? Every Brasser Bear **can receive a free breakfast and lunch at school every day in the 2023-24 school year!** Gates Chili Central School District was recently approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), a program that will have a transformative impact on our students and families. Under this program, students can eat breakfast and lunch at school every day at no charge to families.

• Families do not have to complete any forms for their student(s) to receive free meals at school.

· Families should still complete an Income Eligibility Form, formerly known as the Free and Reduced Meal Application, which is tied to other important benefits for students such as fee waivers and state funding, which helps keep costs lower for our local taxpayers. The Income Eligibility Form is available on our website at gateschili.org/IncomeForm and will be available through MySchoolApps this fall. Don't get rid of your MySchoolBucks account either! Individual items are still available for purchase. To read more about free meals and meal accounts, see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday, September 5th and to welcoming families at Open Houses on September 27th (K, 2, 4) and September 28th (1, 3, 5) from 6:00-7:00pm.

Sincerely,
Mr. Young and Mrs. Ugine

Looking Ahead.....Key Dates

September 5 - First Day of School

September 11 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm

September 20 - College Wear Wednesday

September 27 - Open House Grades K, 2, 4 6:00-7:00pm

September 28 - Open House Grades 1, 3, 5 6:00-7:00pm

September 29 - SPIRIT DAY - We are RED-Y for a GREAT YEAR!
(Wear Red)

September 30 - FBFA Fundraiser Starts

October 5 - Picture Day

October 6 - NO SCHOOL

October 9 - NO SCHOOL

October 16 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm

October 18 - College Wear Wednesday

October 21 - Apple Dumpling Festival, 12:00-4:00pm

October 27 - Brasserie Pride Day

October 31 - Character Day





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 FBFA Playground, Popsicles, Pals Grades 3-5 6:30 pm	29	30 Kindergarten Orientation 3:30-4:30 pm	31 FBFA Playground, Popsicles, Pals Grades K-2 6:30 pm	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 First Day of School 8:50-9:00 am Arrival	6	7	8	9
10	11 Brasser Family Association (FBFA) Meeting LIBRARY 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 COLLEGE WEAR	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Open House Gr. K, 2 & 4 6:00 –7:00 pm	28 Open House Gr. 1, 3 & 5 6:00 –7:00 pm	29 BRASSER PRIDE DAY Wear Brasser Shirt or school colors	30 FBFA Fundraiser Starts Upcoming Events: 10/5—Picture Day 10/6 - No School - Conference Day 10/9—No School—Holiday 10/21—Apple Dumping Festival (12-4)

Welcome New Staff Members

Ms. Acevedo - Part Time Physical Education
 Mrs. Ake - 4th Grade Teacher
 Ms. Anderson - 2nd Grade Teacher
 Mrs. Buttles - 3rd Grade Teacher
 Mr. Groom - 3rd Grade Special Education Teacher
 Mrs. Horton - Teacher Aide
 Ms. Koepnick - Teacher Aide
 Mrs. Mims - Building Substitute
 Mr. Phillippsen - Head Custodian



FBFA (Florence Brasser Family Association)



Hello Brasser Families!

Welcome back to School!!

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are your Florence Brasser Family Association representatives and we look forward to serving the Brasser community during the 2022-2023 school year. As Brasser families, you are now a member of the FBFA, so WELCOME! We would like to point out that the association is run solely on a volunteer basis. Any level of involvement is welcome and greatly appreciated. Supporting our

kids, staff and faculty is a rewarding experience, so please take a minute to review [this survey](#) and see the many ways you can join us!

Each year we create a Family Directory for anyone within Brasser that would like to add themselves to it. **Returning families need to fill out a new form every year.** This is super helpful for birthday party invites or setting up playdates with that friend your child comes home telling you about.

Please complete [this form](#) and we will add your family to the directory and send one your way.

Come join us for our next meeting Monday, September 11th ! We will be in the Brasser Library starting at 6:30. There will be snacks and a child watch available. We will introduce ourselves, go over our 2023 -24 budget, discuss upcoming events and provide opportunities for open discussion. Please see our [June meeting minutes](#) to get a taste of what to expect. Also, check us out on [facebook](#) and Instagram!

We look forward to an AMAZING year!

Katie Banta - President

Jen Gutzmer - VP

Tina Carney - Secretary

Mariko Yamada - Treasurer

Back to School Checklist

Let's get ready for a great year – review the check list below and reach out if you have any questions.



- Interested in volunteering at school or being a field trip chaperone? [Apply to be an approved volunteer.](#)
- Review and [update your contact information](#) (ex. phone number, email address) in our Parent Portal.
- Review individuals authorized to pick up your child from school in Parent Portal. To add a new authorized individual, contact district registrar at 247-5050 ext. 12224 or via email at nmvaldez@gateschili.org
- If you have a student entering grade 1 or grade 5, be sure to complete the [Laptop User Agreement](#). Your student will not be issued a new laptop until this is complete.
- All families are encouraged to complete the [Income Eligibility Form](#), which is tied to important benefits that help keep costs lower for our local taxpayers.
- If your student plans to purchase snacks or extra items at lunch this year, make sure you have set up and loaded funds onto [MySchoolBucks](#).

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Student Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off at school between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Students who are dropped off at this time do not need to be signed in at the main office. When dropping off or picking up students, you must use the entrance off of Laredo Drive. Drop your child off in the side parking lot. Students may walk up the sidewalk to the side entrance to enter school.

Here's what to expect when you come to pick your child up from Brasser:

- If you are picking your child up during the school day: You will need to park and enter our main office foyer where you will be asked to sign out your child and to show Identification. Only

parents/guardians are allowed to sign a child out during the day. Those that are on our emergency contacts may pick the students up at the end of the day without a note.

- If you are picking your child up after school: Please let the office know by 2:00 that your child will be picked up. If you are unable to contact the office ahead of time, you will not enter the pick-up line; you will need to park and enter through the main office foyer.

If the office knows you will be picking up your child, please line up in your car in the lower parking lot extending onto Laredo drive by 3:15. You will need to show proper ID for us to release your child. You will not need to leave your car.

We believe you will find this process provides the care that is needed to ensure your children are safe. As invested members of our school community, thank you for participating in these efforts to make our district a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Florence Braser Family Handbook

Elementary Pattern Day Calendar

Spirit Day Calendar 2023-24

Florence Braser Elementary Online Store

😊 Interested in some Braser gear for you or a family member? 🥳 Great news - there are several ways to show your Braser Pride.

1. The button above will take you to the Florence Braser Elementary Online Store. All items ordered through this site will ship directly to your home.
2. The FBFA fall fundraiser apparel sale will be kicking off very soon. More information will be coming home to you in a few weeks about the Braser gear you can order through this fantastic fundraiser!



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<https://www.gateschili.org/fbs>



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