

To the class of 2034 and their caregivers:

On behalf of the Welcome Committee, hello and welcome to Bristol!

Like many aspects of the upcoming 2021-22 school year, things might look a bit different than usual. As a result, many of our plans are still up in the air. Normally, the Welcome Committee organizes several **play dates** throughout the summer at Larson Park, so kids and their caregivers can get to know one another before school starts. Last summer we held virtual play dates with an at-home scavenger hunt, which was really fun! We anticipate that this summer we will have a combination of in-person and virtual opportunities, to best fit each family's needs.

Shortly before school starts, the Welcome Committee delivers **yard signs** to each incoming kindergartener's home; we collect the signs a week or so after the start of school. The kids love these; it gets them really excited for the school year! We will circulate a form to sign up for receiving your yard sign this summer.

The **Welcome picnic** traditionally happens after the first week of school, also at Larson Park. That event includes the opportunity for families to meet Bristol staff and to sign up for volunteer opportunities with the PTO, as well as lots of fun games and activities for the whole family. The details of this year's event are also "TBD" due to evolving covid safety guidelines, but we will share the plans as soon as they are formed!

The best way to keep in touch with us is through our **Facebook group: Bristol Elementary Class of 2034**. That's where you can keep up to date as our summer plans develop, and also meet and chat with fellow parents. You can also follow our school's main Facebook page: Bristol Elementary & PTO. Please also be on the lookout for emails from bristolwelcomecommittee@gmail.com with plans and opportunities about everything above. You can also reach out to us at that address with any questions; we are happy to help you navigate this new school experience!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family, and be on the lookout for further communication from us as plans develop!

Yours,

Bristol Welcome Committee