



Welcome DPS families to the 2016-2017 school year at Bradley International!

I would like to introduce myself to our New Families, my name is Yvette Jarvis and I am the Program Specialist for Bradley. I have been fortunate to be a part of the Denver Public School's team for the past 2 years. I am enthusiastic and eager to meet your family and spend time getting to know every participant.

For our returning Families I am looking forward to another stellar year together!

I am delighted to have your student in the Discovery Link Early Riser and/or After School programs, and look forward to sharing the school year together with him/her.

As an educator, I endeavor to create an environment that will foster a passion for knowledge. Discovery Link is a tool to connect the community with the social, emotional, and academic needs of your child with **Personalized Learning** thereby enhancing performance and improving behavior within the classroom.

I believe that the best way to ensure the success of connecting your community, family, and school to the program is to have an open dialogue. Please feel free to discuss your questions, concerns, comments, and suggestions with myself and staff. We value your involvement. Any contribution of your ideas, time, and talents will be greatly appreciated. I'm often reminded that it takes a village to raise a child, and I personally feel lucky to be an addition to this amazing neighborhood.

We are fortunate to have currently hired two new Program Leaders, Mr. Kurt Ogbewele and Ms. Fredlyn Cooke. I have attached short bios on each of them for your perusal.

I am currently seeking to hire two more staff members, one Program Leader and one Program Aide.

Our program is expanding rapidly and in the interest of serving better the Bradley Community I am hoping to achieve this in the next few weeks.



To keep you informed, monthly newsletters and a calendar of activities and events will be distributed and posted on the Parent Information Board.

For any immediate changes, I will be contacting you via e-mail/phone. Please do the same by contacting me when your schedule changes, or in the event of your child's absence.

The program follows the regular school calendar. Attached is an explanation of Camp Days, Dismissal Days and Summer Camp.

Discovery Link begins at **6:30 a.m.** and operates until the start of the school day 1st bell at **8:50 a.m.** at which time Kindergarten students will be escorted to their classroom.

The afternoon session begins at the end of the school day at **3:45pm.** and operates until **6:00 p.m.**

Each day of our After-school program provides the perfect mix of play and exploratory curriculum. Here is a rough outline of what our daily schedule will look like:

Welcome:

- Attendance and Child-centers*
- Bathroom Break and Snack
- Afternoon Welcome and BOKS Exercise/Movement

Choice activities:

- Academic Support/Homework Help
- Project Based Learning**
- Athletics, Games, Life Lessons and Imath (laptop skills)

Reflection:

- Group Reflection and Team-Builder
- Continuation of Projects
- Child-centers

** Child-centers are well-defined areas that are geared towards your child's personalized interests. These areas include student work displays, arts and crafts, literacy, homework, science, games, manipulatives, creative and dramatic play, and music.*

*** Project Based Learning is the ongoing act of learning achieved by guiding students through identifying, researching, and developing solutions to real-world problems. Children present what they learn throughout the activity, interact with each other and assess themselves.*



I anticipate that this schedule will shift and mold itself around your children's individual needs. However I do believe that consistency is an essential element in making every student feel a sense of belonging and security within our program. Some of our goals for this year include active engagement that connects the current activity and the children's prior knowledge, and the establishment of responsibility and respect for one's space and for each other.

Below are some important dates and events for the beginning of the school year:

Monday, August 22nd

First Day of School! K-5 first bell 8:50 a.m.

School Wide Assemblies :

Primary- 9:50am-10:20am

Intermediate-10:30am-11:00am

Back To School Night Thursday August, 25th

Grades 1-5 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Labor Day September 5th

School Closed

I will be attending the Assemblies and Back to School Night, so I hope to see many of you there! If I don't get a chance to meet with you at either of these events, do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Yvette Jarvis
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