

# Home of the Bluebirds

Compassionate  
**H**onest  
Independent  
**R**espectful  
**P**ositive

## BLUEBIRD PLEDGE

I am ready to respect myself.  
I am ready to respect others.  
I am ready to learn.  
I am ready to have a great day  
and be mindful because  
bluebirds fly high!

## BLIND BROOK | K-12 PTA 2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULE



In-person meetings held  
at Ridge Street School

### 2022

September 15 (9:00 am)  
October 13 (7:00 pm)  
November 17 (9:00 am)  
December 15 (7:00 pm)

### 2023

January 12 (9:00 am)  
February 16 (7:00 pm)  
March 16 (9:00 am)  
April 13 (7:00 pm)  
May 11 (9:00 am)  
June 8 (9:00 am)

To join the PTA or to learn more about upcoming PTA sponsored events, please visit the BMRSS website for updates at <https://www.blindbrook.org/Page/53> or follow the Blind Brook PTA on Facebook and Instagram @blindbrookpta



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390 North Ridge Street  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
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[www.blindbrook.org/bmprss](http://www.blindbrook.org/bmprss)

## PTA Co-Presidents



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# CONTACT INFORMATION

## BMPRSS School Day

8:30 am – 3:10 pm

## Letter Days (A - F)

To view the calendar of letter days, visit

<https://www.blindbrook.org/bmprss>

## After School Activities (ASA)

On campus ASA are offered between 3:10 pm – 6:30 pm through Rye Brook Recreation, call 914-939-3235 to learn more. Additionally, the PTA organizes ASA, please contact Leah at [BlindBrook.PTA1@gmail.com](mailto:BlindBrook.PTA1@gmail.com) to learn more about all of the exciting activities planned.

## Assembly Days

Please have your child wear blue and/or white or Blind Brook spirit wear which can be purchased throughout the year at various PTA sponsored events.

## COVID Absences


To report a COVID absence, please email [covidrss@blindbrook.org](mailto:covidrss@blindbrook.org)

## Parent Portal

To access your child's official student profile which also includes information on bussing, report card, and designated teacher information, visit the eSchoolData parent portal at <https://esdparentportal.lhric.org>

## Technology Resources

Contact Charles Von Hollen, Director of Technology at [cvnhollen@blindbrook.org](mailto:cvnhollen@blindbrook.org) x1005.

<p><b>Attendance</b> <a href="mailto:rssattendance@blindbrook.org">rssattendance@blindbrook.org</a></p>	<p>Parents/Guardians are required to report an absence, illness, or conversely, a return to school to the school nurse's office at 914-937-3600 x2217. An absence note is required. Please email your child's teacher and the attendance office - <a href="mailto:rssattendance@blindbrook.org">rssattendance@blindbrook.org</a>. If your child is experiencing COVID-like symptoms, please keep your child home and contact your child's physician. <b>If your child tests positive for COVID, email <a href="mailto:covidrss@blindbrook.org">covidrss@blindbrook.org</a> in a timely manner.</b></p>		
<p><b>Dismissal</b> Main Office x2199</p>	<p>If you are making a change to your child's regular dismissal routine, please use the Change of Dismissal Form found on the BMPRSS homepage under "Quick Links" / Parent's Tab. This form should be sent in with your child so that he/she can give it to the classroom teacher. If your child has already left for school, please fill out form, scan and send it to the Main Office at <a href="mailto:ridgestreetmainoffice@blindbrook.org">ridgestreetmainoffice@blindbrook.org</a></p>		
<p><b>Guidance Counselor</b> Kathy Gerber x2510</p>	<p>The guidance counselor, Kathy Gerber, is responsible for all aspects of the guidance program in grades K-5. The counselor's function is to assist students with academic and personal concerns. The goal is to help students realize their academic potential and make informed decisions regarding their studies. Another goal is to help students explore options available to resolve personal and social issues. Parents may make appointments to discuss any concerns they may have by calling Mrs. Gerber's office at ext. 2510 or <a href="mailto:kgerber@blindbrook.org">kgerber@blindbrook.org</a></p>		
<p><b>Lateness</b> Security Desk Sign-in</p>	<p>Students who enter the school building after 8:35 am must sign-in at the security desk in the main lobby. If students do not sign in when they are late, they will be marked absent.</p>		
<p><b>Pupil Services</b> Harry Burg, Director, x4504 Amelia Carpanzano, Asst. Dir. x1008</p>	<p>Inclusion, collaboration and communication are the cornerstones of the Pupil Services Office and the services provided. Whether educational or health services, our belief that inclusion is a philosophy of education guides our decision-making process. A small student community and a talented staff enable our programs to be as diversified as our students' needs. High standards for each student, and we carefully select instructional and related services from a continuum of options to achieve progress. For more information, reach out to <a href="mailto:hburg@blindbrook.org">hburg@blindbrook.org</a></p>		
<p><b>School Psychologists</b> Nicole Hirschler, x2518 Tania Insinga, x2226</p>	<p>The school psychologists work closely with the guidance counselor to assist students with their academic and personal needs and are responsible for all individual psychological testing. Mrs. Hirschler is available to provide individual or group counseling, to refer students to outside agencies or to provide parent consultations.</p>		
<p><b>Transportation</b> Juan Zhindon, Head of Transportation, x2441</p>	<p>Bus pick-up and drop-off times are posted on your child's eSchoolData portal. If you need any further clarification, please reach out to <a href="mailto:jzhindon@blindbrook.org">jzhindon@blindbrook.org</a></p>		
<p> <b>Main Office</b> 914-937-3600, x2199 <b>Main Office Secretary</b> Patricia Shaw x2099</p>	<p><b>Superintendent</b> Dr. Colin Byrne x1004  <b>Secretary to Superintendent</b> Vivian Groccia x1001</p>	<p><b>Principal</b> Tracy Taylor x2101  <b>Secretary to Principal</b> Anna Montemurro x2098</p>	<p><b>Assistant Principal</b> Teresa Letizia x2100  <b>Senior Office Assistant</b> Lisa Torchia x2097</p>