



Dear Kindergarten families and families new to Boxford,

Welcome to Boxford Elementary Schools!

Entering a new school can be both exciting and daunting. To alleviate some of the anxiety around the first day of school, the Boxford Elementary Schools Trust (BEST), one of Boxford's elementary school parent organizations, has created a new family Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program aims to help ease the transition into a new school environment by providing support and information to new kindergarten parents and/or families that are new to the Boxford Elementary Schools.

**How does the Mentoring Program work?**

Each new family will be offered a "Mentor" who is familiar with the school and community to serve as your liaison and information resource. Mentors will be paired with new families at a before school "Playground Playdate" – and BEST would love for you and your family could join us.

**The "Playground Playdate"**  
**August 22, 2017 from 10am - 12pm**  
**Boyscout Park Playground**  
**(Cahoon Road, off of Topsfield Road)**

This is a great opportunity for new families to come and meet their BEST mentors, socialize with other families new to town, and for your children to make some new friends before school begins. Think how much easier the first days of school will be when your child sees some friendly faces he or she met at the playground!

We truly hope that you will take advantage of the Mentoring Program. Your mentor is someone who has committed to their role throughout the school year. Please feel free to use your mentor as a sounding board or general resource with any questions you may have about school matters or the community in general all year long.

We will be assigning mentors in the next few weeks and will be sending an EVITE to confirm your attendance and get an approximate headcount for the event. If you would like to meet new Boxford families and be paired with a BEST Mentor, please respond via email to [info@bestforboxford.org](mailto:info@bestforboxford.org) with "BEST Mentor Program" in the subject line. Please include your name, your child(ren)'s names and grades/ages, and your email address. We look forward to meeting you and your family soon.

Welcome to the community!

Sincerely,

BEST Mentor Program Co-Chairs