

Student Council Information

What is the Bethesda Elementary Student Council?

Our Student Council (StuCo) is a group of students who develop ideas to make our school better. Each StuCo member has the opportunity to actively participate in school-wide activities, make decisions, and see democracy in action.

Who leads the student council?

Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Flynn, sponsors the student council.

Who is on the council?

4th and 5th grade students may apply to serve on the council. There are 10-12 council spots available per grade level.

The 4th and 5th grade students who've applied and have been accepted serve on the council.

Why is this good for students?

Student leaders gain responsibility, experience working as a team, increase pride in their school, and have the opportunity to interact with their fellow students in making decisions and debating issues. The Student Council experience is learning to share ideas, to think critically, and to work through problems.

What do student council members do?

The members attend Student Council meetings. They also bring ideas and suggestions from their class members to the meetings. StuCo members report information back to their classrooms and share other important information with K-3 grades. StuCo members carry out several main projects each semester that benefit the school (e.g. Food Can Good Drive, Leukemia Coin Drive, Holiday Toy Drive, etc.). It will be the Councils job to create publicity about school events, promote school pride, and carry out important school events to help the community.

When and where does the student council members meet?

The Council usually meets on the first Friday of each month at 8:00 AM in Mrs. Flynn's classroom, 115. Members may also be called upon to work on various projects or activities, which will usually be outside of class time. Once the Student Council members are chosen for the year, they will receive a meeting schedule.

What do I do if I want to run for a student council position?

Students who are interested in being Student Council representatives should submit an application and written essay (at least three paragraphs in length) explaining why they would make a good student council member.

The content of the essay must include why they think they should be on student council, how they would make a good representative in their classrooms and for the school, what type of community service ideas they could bring to the table, and how they show our school character traits such as respect, responsibility, cooperation, and best effort. The essay can be hand-written (legibly) or typed. It must be turned in to Mrs. Flynn by Monday, August 27th. (An envelope/box labeled "Notes for Mrs. Flynn" will be on the outside of her classroom). The essays will be rated on content (not spelling or grammar). Students will then need to give a 'reflection sheet' to 3 teachers (current teacher and previous teachers). These will be confidentially sent back to the Student Council leaders. **All StuCo paperwork is due by Monday, August 27th

There is a limited number of available spots for student council members.

The students chosen for Student Council will receive an acceptance letter, permission slip, and meeting schedule by Friday, September 7th. There will be a 'Meet & Greet' meeting on Friday, September 14th at 8:00 AM to begin our year together. The first meeting will be Friday, October 5th! Student Council members will need to bring their permission slips to the 1st meeting. Once permission slips have been returned, the official 2018-2019 Student Council members' names will be posted outside the cafeteria.

Can a student lose the privilege of being on the student council?

One office visit is automatic probation for all Student Council members. TWO office visits will mean a loss of Student Council membership for the year.

If I am elected but do not like the job, can I quit?

When you decide to be on the School Council, you are making a commitment. It is for the entire school year. Make sure before you apply that you are sure it's something you'll want to do all year long.

What do I do when I miss classwork?

There will be very few, if any, times that this occurs. However, most teachers will require that you find out whatever work or lesson you missed and turn it in the following day. If you don't think you can keep up with the extra workload, this job is not for you. We will try to minimize the amount of class time missed, but it may happen occasionally.

What if I was on the student council last year?

You will need to complete the process of being a Student Council member each school year.