



Browning Elementary School
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August 14, 2025

Greetings Browning Bears-

Welcome to the official beginning of our 2025-2026 academic school year at Browning Elementary! Our staff at Browning sure have missed our BEARS. Please be sure to check our website often as well as the Community S'MORE Newsletter that will be sent out each week for update information: www.uticak12.org/Browning. We look forward to welcoming all returning students and new students on the **first official day** of school on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 with a half-day dismissal at 12:09.**

***NEW* START TIMES:**

As a reminder, our late start time has shifted by five minutes. Our new start time for a full-day of school will be 9:05-3:55 with half-days being from 9:05-12:09PM. Our first day of school is a HALF-DAY.

BROWNING COMMUNICATION:

A community newsletter will be shared with our families weekly. These will be emailed directly to the address we have on file. If you are not receiving the emails, please be sure to contact our office directly. It will be in the form of a S'MORE newsletter. All updated information will be posted here as well as to our school website.

***UPDATED* MEET THE TEACHER/SUPPLY DROP OFF/BROWNING BEAR DAY: August 25th from 5-6:30pm.**

On Monday, August 25th from 5-6:30 pm, we would like to invite families to visit the school for our official 2025-2026 Browning BEAR DAY OPEN HOUSE (a Meet the Teacher event and supply drop off event). The original date of our Browning Bear Day on August 21st has been CANCELLED. During this Open House event, you and your BEAR may see your child's classroom, meet the teacher, and drop off any/all school supplies during the 5-6:30 time frame. Please note: This will be our OFFICIAL OPEN HOUSE for the 2025-2026 school year. We will not begin the evening in the gymnasium this year and will instead be inviting you to visit your children's classrooms and meet their teachers during that time frame. Please know that any/all additional and pertinent information will be shared with families in our weekly S'MORE NEWSLETTER by the end of the first week of school.

SACC & BREAKFAST:

Browning will be hosting AM and PM SACC at our building next year as well. [REGISTER FOR SACC HERE](#). In addition, we will continue to have our breakfast door (DOOR 2) open at 8:45AM.

***UPDATED* IMPORTANT DATES**

Please see below for updated dates communicated on August 14th to families via email communication. Please also be sure to check our S'MORE Newsletter for updated information):

- Aug. 20: Classroom assignments available in PowerSchool after 3pm.
- Aug. 24: DeKeyser Open House event (see newsletter and website [DeKeyser Open House Information](#))
- **Aug. 25: 5-6:30 pm BROWNING OPEN HOUSE (Meet the teacher/Browning Bear Day/Supply Drop off Event)**

- Aug. 26: FIRST DAY! School starts at 9:05 and is a Half-day dismissal @12:09PM
- Aug. 27: FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL 9:05-3:55
- Aug. 29: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY RECESS
- Sep. 1: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY RECESS
- Sep. 2: School resumes 9:05-3:55

2025-26 School Calendar Update: Communication Sent on August 14, 2025

Dear Families,

We are pleased to share an update on the 2025-26 school calendar. The school calendar is a negotiated item with Utica Community Schools and the Utica Education Association. While the parties are continuing to work collaboratively and productively toward a successor agreement to their Collective Bargaining Agreement, an agreement has been made to share the full calendar with families so they can make plans through the school year.

The new calendar has an important change to strengthen the partnership between our school and parents. The change will give our students a stronger start to the school year by creating an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher prior to the start of school.

This year, parents will have an opportunity to meet their teachers before the first day of school. As UCS continues to implement innovative approaches to enhance community engagement, traditional mid-September Open House events will be replaced with an earlier, before-school event so that students and parents can meet their teachers prior to the first day of school.

This year, our school will be hosting a "Meet the Teachers" event at all 25 elementary schools on Monday, August 25, 2025 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Therefore, our previously scheduled BROWNING BEAR DAY for August 21st has been cancelled. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED UPDATED SHEET.

At these events, families will be warmly welcomed to their school and classrooms, suggested school supplies may be dropped off, and students can meet other classmates. Additionally, information previously communicated to parents at Open House will be made available to parents by the end of the first week of school through electronic communication, class newsletters, and/or printed handouts.

The goal of this change is to create a positive experience for families prior to the opening of school. It also provides parents with important class and curriculum information more efficiently and earlier in the school year than ever before.

***SPECIAL UPDATE*: BROWNING'S OPEN HOUSE "MEET THE TEACHER" and SUPPLY DROP OFF EVENT will NOW BE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 from 5-6:30pm.**

***Please note, the "Browning Bear Day" that was originally scheduled for Thursday, August 21st, from 4-5 pm HAS BEEN CANCELLED and will now be on MONDAY, AUGUST 25th from 5-6:30pm.**



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A positive strength of our school is the effective relationships that our teachers and staff create with our students and their families. With these changes, we begin building those relationships at the very start of the school year.

Finally, we recognize families are anxious to make plans for the upcoming school year. While UCS and the UEA continue the bargaining process, an agreement was made to release the 2025-26 UCS vacation calendar for everyone's planning purposes.

- Monday, August 25, 2025 Teacher First Day Full Day DPPD
- Monday August 25, 2025 Elementary Building "Meet the Teacher" 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Students 1st Day of School – Elementary Half Day; Secondary Full Day
- Labor Day Holiday No School Friday, August 29, 2025 – Monday, September 1, 2025
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 No School; Teacher Full Day DPPD
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025 No School; Teacher Full Day DPPD
- Election Day Tuesday, November 4, 2025 No School; Teacher Virtual DPPD Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday No School Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – Friday, November 28, 2025
- Winter Holiday Break No School Monday, December 22, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 No School Teacher Full Day DPPD Day
- Monday, January 19, 2026 No School MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Mid-Winter Break No School Monday, February 16, 2026 – Friday, February 20, 2026
- Spring Break No School Monday, March 30, 2026 – Friday, April 3, 2026
- Memorial Day Holiday No School Friday, May 22, 2026 – Monday, May 25, 2026
- Last Day of School Wednesday, June 10, 2026 More information on our calendar is available at this [link](#).

We look forward to the official start of our 2025-2026 school year, with a half-day on August 26th from 9:05-12:09PM here at BROWNING THE BEST! As a reminder, we will not have any school on FRIDAY, August 29 and MONDAY, September 1st, due to the Labor Day holiday. As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 586-797-4200.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Ciacchella

Mrs. Ciacchella, Ed. S
Browning Elementary Principal



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PLEASE JOIN US AT BROWNING

MEET THE TEACHER

SUPPLY DROP OFF & OPEN HOUSE



We look forward to welcoming you all into the building on Monday, August 25th anytime from 5-6:30pm for our official meet the teacher and supply drop off event!

WHEN: MON. 8/25/25

TIME: 5-6:30PM

WHERE: BROWNING!

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