



PE Family,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a fun-filled summer with your family. The entire Philipsburg Elementary faculty and staff have worked throughout the summer to prepare for another exceptional educational experience for each child.

As the school year approaches, our staff will continue to work diligently to create engaging learning environments in the classrooms. All we need now is our students!

Our school year starts on Wednesday, August 25, for all students (grades 1-5). Kindergarten will have a staggered start once again this year. (Please see the Kindergarten section in the newsletter for more information.)

As the school-year approaches, we wanted to share a few items that may assist you in preparing for the year. We encourage you to review the resources in this newsletter to learn more about our school hours, school year guidelines, parent drop-off and pick-up information, school supply information and recommendations on sleep hours for children. We look forward to another amazing school year full of learning and adventure!

Thank you,

Mr. Fye



IMPORTANT DATES

August – PTO School Supply Pick-up

August 25 – First Day of School

September 6 – No School (Labor Day)

September 9 – Open House (6-8 PM)

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Our teachers do an excellent job of communicating information regarding academics and programs. These sites will help you stay informed proactively:

- Philipsburg-Osceola District Website: www.pomounties.org
- PE Class Dojo – A phone invitation will come from your child's classroom teacher.
- Monthly Newsletters and Flyers
- Sapphire Parent Portal – View attendance, grades, schedules, and other important information. (Sign up through the district website.)
- COVID Updates – Will be provided on an as needed basis.
- School Messenger – School and District Notification System

Phone calls, e-mails, or messages on Class Dojo are efficient way to communicate with your child's teacher. Please remember that our teachers are with students throughout the day and will return the call/email as soon as they are able.

2021-2022 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

We would like to welcome the newest members of the PE Family! Kindergarten teachers have scheduled Kinder Camp meetings with their students and families during the week on August 16. During these meetings, teachers will discuss what a typical day in school will be like, get to know the students and parents, and answer any questions.

Teachers will share information on our staggered start for the first week of school. Half of the kindergarten students will attend PE on August 25 (first official day of school). The second half of kindergarten students will attend on August 26. On Friday, August 27, all kindergarten students will attend PE.

School Supplies



Many parents would like to know what school supplies they should purchase for the upcoming school year. Please know that our PTO donates many school supplies to PE, so you may not have to get items such as crayons, glue sticks, pencil boxes, etc.

If you are planning on getting items, here is a list of items that may be beneficial for your child.

- Water Bottle (Please make sure it can be closed.)
- Pencils
- Crayons/Colored Pencils
- Pencil Box
- Glue Sticks
- Tissues

Teachers are more than likely to send a list of items home with your child at the beginning of the school year to inform you of what may be needed.

PARENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

The safety of your children and all of our students is our number one priority. Our parent pick-up procedures are designed to maintain a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal for you, our students and our staff. Please review the procedures below to ensure a prompt and secure drop off and pick up. A traffic pattern map is located on the Philipsburg Elementary homepage for your review.

Drop-off time is from 7:35 to 8:15 am 1. Enter the drop off area through lower parking lot entrance. (Near the soccer field) 2. Upon entering the parking lot, parents will turn directly right and travel up through the faculty/staff parking area. 3. At the top of the faculty/staff parking area, parent/guardians will loop around and pull up alongside the long sidewalk by the cafeteria entrance doors. 4. Students should be ready to exit vehicles immediately and only from the passenger side, if possible.

Pick-up time begins at 2:45 pm (Once buses depart from the school.) Parents will need to complete a Parent Pick-up Permission Slip. This will be sent home to begin the year and is located under the "Parent" tab on the PE homepage. Once completed, you will receive two parent pick-up cards. Parents are not permitted to enter to pick up students until 2:00 pm. The traffic pattern is similar to the drop-off. The only exception is that the incoming flow of traffic will loop around through the top circle. Please make sure to follow all school traffic regulations.



SLEEP RECOMMENDATION

Summer schedules can be quite different than throughout the school year. Many of our students tend to shift their bedtimes back a few hours during these relaxing months. Sleep is very important to each child's health and education.

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WHY SLEEP MATTERS FOR KIDS

SLEEP RECHARGES KIDS' BODIES AND BRAINS SO THEY CAN:

- Feel calm and refreshed.
- Make good choices.
- Have a healthy weight.
- Pay attention in school.

AFTER 1 OR 2 NIGHTS OF LESS SLEEP, YOUR CHILD MAY:

- Have more meltdowns.
- Make poor choices.
- Zone out in class.

KIDS WHO ARE SLEEP-DEPRIVED MAY:

- Feel sad, hopeless, or anxious.
- Become overweight.

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

9-12 hours for ages 6-12 8-10 hours for ages 13-18

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In addition, it is recommended that all screens be turned off 30 minutes before bedtime and that TV, computers and other screens not be allowed in children's bedrooms. For infants and young children, establishing a bedtime routine is important to ensuring children get adequate sleep each night.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch are served everyday beginning on the first day of school at no charge.

Breakfast will be served between 7:35 am to 8:25 am. After 8:15, students may get a grab-n-go breakfast to eat in their classroom.

Breakfast and lunch menus will be available on the school's website.

Please contact the school nurse and food service department if you child has food allergies or dietary restrictions.



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm @ 7:00 pm

Take time to meet your child's teacher and learn about the exciting school year ahead. This night will feature light refreshments and door prizes! See you there!



As we prepare to begin the 21-22 school year, please be aware of a few of the guidelines, accommodations the Philipsburg-Osceola Areas School District will follow: * Mask wearing is optional for all students, faculty, and staff while in the buildings. * Masks are mandatory for all students and drivers on buses and vans. * 3-feet social distancing will be utilized in classrooms and the cafeteria. * Temperature checks will be utilized for all individuals who enter the building. * Special area classes (Gym, Art, Music, Library, and Computer) will be held in their respected classrooms. Cleaning of desks and chairs will be done at the end of each class period.