



Dear Students, Staff, and Parents:

Our commitment at Philipsburg Elementary is to provide a challenging educational program for all students within a safe and nurturing environment.

High standards and expectations for each student in regard to academic performance, co-curricular participation, and responsible citizenship are the foundation of our school. It is the contribution of our students to our school and community that makes PE an exceptional learning community. Full participation in academic and co-curricular programs and a willingness to act responsibly as an individual within our educational environment are the factors that enable all to have a successful and enjoyable year.

I wish you all a wonderful school year. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and know that my door is always open. I can be reached at [jfye@pomounties.org](mailto:jfye@pomounties.org). I am honored to serve as your principal.

Mr. Fye

### Band and Chorus

Band (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Chorus (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) have been proven to help students:

- Develop language and reasoning
- Develop creative reasoning
- Learn teamwork
- Become self-confident
- Learn discipline

If your child is interested in joining the PE band and/or chorus programs, please contact:

#### **Band/Instrumental**

Mrs. Eva George

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#### **Chorus**

Mr. Don Henry

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## IMPORTANT DATES

September 6 – No School (Labor Day)

September 9 – Open House (6-8 PM)

September 15 – Parent Info. Night (K-2: 6-7:30 PM)

September 16 – Picture Day

September 22 – Parent Info. Night (3-5: 6-7:30 PM)

September 24 – PTO Homecoming Tailgate (4-6 PM)



Philipsburg Elementary Open House will take place on Thursday, September 9 from 6-8 PM. To help with minimizing the amount of people in the school at one time, please review the following:

- Teachers will send a scheduled one-hour time slot home to families. (Either 6-7 or 7-8)
- There will be a limit of two adults per student.
- Masks are mandatory

If you are unable to attend, e-mails or messages on Class Dojo are efficient ways to communicate with your child's teacher.



**Friday, September 24 from 4-6**

The Elementary PTO would like to invite all Philipsburg and Osceola Mills Elementary Students to our Homecoming Tailgate at Philipsburg Elementary.

Please stop by to see our High School Band, High School Athletes, participate in games and enjoy food!

All elementary students in attendance will receive a free ticket to the Mounties football game that evening!



**Grades K-2: Wednesday, September 15 from 6-7:30**

**Grades 3-5: Wednesday, September 22 from 6-7:30**

We will have a Parent Technology and Information Night for all PE families. During this evening, families will get insight on how to navigate the Parent Sapphire Portal, use the school's online education resources, and have a chance to participate in discussions about Philipsburg Elementary.

The resources to be covered include: **Clever, LightSail, LevelUp, STMath, GetMoreMath, GoMath, and many other instructional tools.**

A registration form will be sent home next week. Please fill it out and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, September 10. Prizes will be given away to parents during the event.

**School Attendance**

Attendance is extremely important for your child's education. Please be aware of the following key information about attendance at Philipsburg Elementary School.

- Homeroom begins at 8:25. (Students entering the building after this time will be considered tardy.)
- All absences shall be treated as unlawful until the school district receives a written excuse explaining the reason(s) for an absence. Parents/guardians and students should submit the written explanation within three (3) school days of the absence. If no written explanation is provided, the absence is recorded as unexcused/unlawful. Medical excuses can be turned in at any time during the school year.
- After a student has three (3) unlawful absences, the school sends an unlawful absence letter (first notice) which includes: a) dates of absences, b) request of an attendance meeting, and c) legal penalties for additional unlawful absences.
- After (10) lawful absences (excuses that are legal), a Doctor's Excuse required letter is sent to the parent/guardian. Subsequent absences will be considered unlawful.
- SAIP (School Attendance Improvement Plan) meetings will be scheduled to discuss attendance concerns throughout the year. Parties involved in the SAIP meetings include: parent/guardians, school staff, student, and Child and Youth Services.
- Any additional unlawful absences following the SAIP meeting may result in citations from the District Magistrate.

**ALWAYS  
DO THE  
Right Thing!  
EVEN WHEN  
NO ONE IS  
Watching!**