



# PARKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER and S. S. PALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

In the interest of keeping all students safe while they are arriving and leaving school, it is imperative that parents drop-off and pick-up students only at the designated areas at each school.

**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DOORS TO BOTH SCHOOLS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:15AM.**

### Parkside:

AM WALKERS:	Franklin Avenue/Side Door
AM PARENT/CAR DROP-OFF:	Back Parking Lot
PARENT PICK-UP K:	Fourth Street/Front Door
PARENT PICK-UP 1:	Franklin Avenue/Side Door
DAY CARES:	Side Door by Police Station

### Palmer:

Parents you must follow these directions for dropping off and picking up your child/ren in the morning and afternoon.

**WALKERS & PARENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP - Third Street ONLY.** The area in front of the school is designated as a **DROP-OFF/PICK UP area ONLY.** Parents should be pulling up as far as they can and allowing their students to get out of the car. The line should **CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD.** There is to be **NO PARKING** or **DOUBLE PARKING** on Third Street. Students must cross at the crosswalks only. Do not drop off students in the middle of the street....IT IS NOT SAFE!



*This area is designated as a drop off/pick up area as per Palmerton Borough Code #577, which was adopted August 25, 1999:*

*D. No person shall park a vehicle in this zone between the hours of 7:30AM to 3:30PM any day between August 20 and June 15 on days when school is in session.*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

**SAFETY FIRST 😊**

## PSSA TESTING

Our testing is finished today for Grades 3, 5 & 6. Grade 4 still needs to take PSSA Science tomorrow and then they too will be finished.

On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> we were visited by a monitor from PDE (PA Dept. of Ed), which was very nerve wracking for students, teachers and our entire staff.

The students commented after taking the test on Thursday that they thought we were making up that there were PSSA police.

This is the first year that we have been visited by PDE and I am happy to report that we received a letter yesterday stating that we met the expectations for the testing guidelines set forth by PDE.

Kudos to students, teachers and staff for a job well done 😊

**PLEASE NOTE:** The preliminary testing window for 2019 – 2020 is: ELA, Grades 3-6, April 20 – 24; MATH, Grades 3-6 and SCIENCE, Grade 4, April 27 – May 8.



Information was sent home last month to parents of potential kindergarten students for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Children that will be five years of age by September 1, 2019 are eligible to attend kindergarten next school year.

Registration is **by appointment only.** If you have a child eligible for kindergarten next school year, please call Mrs. Kim Ottinger, 610-826-7101, ext. 5023 to make an appointment. Also, for those families that are new to our district, we have full-day kindergarten in our elementary schools.



## ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent, please call the office to notify us of the absence:

Palmer 610-826-7538 and Parkside 610-826-4914. If we have not heard from you by 10:00AM, and your child goes to S.S. Palmer, we will contact you via Blackboard Connect to make sure you are aware that your child is absent.

### Please Mark Your Calendars:

<b>MAY</b>	1	DAY 1
	1	PSSA MATH – Grades 3-6
	2	PSSA SCIENCE – Grade 4
	3	Inservice – <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
	3	Prom in the Park, 4:00PM
	7	School Board Workshop, Parkside 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, 5:30PM
	8	& 9 Mother's Day Plant Sale, Palmer & Parkside
	12	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>
	13	Grade 5 – Parent Meeting Growth & Development, Palmer Library, 7:00PM (Please note date change)
	13	PTO Meeting, Palmer Cafeteria, 7:00PM
	14	Title I Parent Meeting, Palmer Room 102, 11:00 – 12:00
	14	Title I Family Night, Palmer Cafeteria, 6:00 – 8:00PM
	16	School Board Meeting, Parkside 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6:30PM
	17	Grade 5 & 6 Farewell Dance, Palmer Gym, <b>6:00 – 8:00</b>
	27	MEMORIAL DAY – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### FIELD TRIPS & END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

<b>MAY</b>	2	Grade 2 – Philadelphia Zoo
	8	Grade 5 – Lehigh Gap Nature Center
	8	Grade 6 – Iron Pigs
	9	Grade 2 – Camp Kresge
	10	Grade 3 – Lehigh Gap Nature Center
	14	Kindergarten & Grade 1 – Play Day AM
	14	Grade 2 & 3 – Play Day PM
	14	Title I Family Night, Palmer Cafeteria 6:00 – 8:00PM
	15	K – 6 Art Show, S.S. Palmer, 6:00 – 8:00PM
	16	Chorus Concert, Palmer Gym, 7:00PM
	17	Grade 5 – Lackawanna Coal Mine
	20	Grade 1 – Crayola
	23	Cadet Band Concert, SHS Auditorium, 7:00PM
	23	Kindergarten – Lehigh Valley Zoo
	29	Grade 4 – Harrisburg
	31	Grade 6 – JHS Visit
	31	Grade 3 – Quiet Valley
	31	Kindergarten & Grade 1 – Choral Concert, Parkside Steps, 6:00PM
<b>JUNE</b>	3	Grade 6 – Palmerton Pool Party w/Towamensing
	4	Grade 4 – Picnic @ Palmerton Pool
	5	Grades 4,5, & 6 Track & Field Day, SHS
	7	Grade 5 – Fun Day @ Park
	12	Grade 6 – Moving Up Ceremony, Palmer Gym, 9:30AM
	12	11:45 EARLY DISMISSAL
	13	11:45 EARLY DISMISSAL, Last Day of School for Students



## DRESS CODE



I think it is safe to say that the snowy weather is now gone. However, when the warm weather arrives for good, please make sure that your child/ren is/are following our dress code. Specifically, bare skin between the upper chest and mid-thigh is prohibited, tops must have a minimum of one-inch straps (racer straps are not acceptable) and students may not wear flip flops, thongs, sliders, bedroom slippers, or roller shoes on their feet. Note that shorts that are worn must be mid-thigh in length....we have been telling many of our girls that their shorts are too short and they do not appear to understand what the problem is ☹️



## HEALTH ROOM

All medications must be brought to school by an adult and cannot be sent with a child. If a medication is to be taken in school, we must have written authorization from the healthcare provider. All medications must be in their original containers.

Please make sure that while we are in the cold and flu season that you do not send your child to school when they are really sick, i.e. fever, endless coughing and/or vomiting. We do not want to spread germs and get everyone sick ☹️

If you need to speak with either of our school nurses you may reach them at:

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**Mrs. Megan Zurn, RN, MSN, CSN**  
610-826-7538, ext. 3006  
[mzurn@palmerton.org](mailto:mzurn@palmerton.org)

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