



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 😊



INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is that time of year again, when we need to be prepared for inclement weather that may impact our school opening and/or closing.

Remember, that we use Blackboard Connect, to automatically notify you by phone if school opening or closing is impacted by the weather. In addition, we will continue to post this information on our district website www.palmerton.org. The following radio and television stations will also be notified regarding weather related school information: WBRE-TV28, WNEP-TV16, WYOU-TV22, WFMZ-TV69, BRC-TV13, WAEB-FM B104.1, WODE-FM 99.9, WLEV-FM 100.7 and WCTO-FM 96.

For unannounced early dismissals, please do not call the school office, so that normal school business may be conducted. Please note that our school dismissals and/or closings are impacted by neighboring districts as well as our bus company.

We cannot and do not close school just because it is snowing. Thank you for your cooperation!



PARENTS, PLEASE STOP/DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET AT PALMER AND ALLOW THEM TO CROSS. This is an accident waiting to happen. Magically, it does not happen when there happens to be a policeman at the corner. You should either drop your child off on the school side of Third Street or have them use the cross walk and crossing guard. The same applies to parents @ PARKSIDE at dismissal. Please make sure you use the cross walks and crossing guard to get to the other side of the street.



Kids Heart Challenge took place **February 25th through March 1st**, during your child's gym class. Our goal is to raise over \$19,000 this year. All money raised should be turned in by **Friday, March 8th**. Checks may be made payable to **The American Heart Association**. Thank you in advance for all of the time you put in to help your child, and our school, with this very special event! Also, thank you to all of our parent volunteers that helped make this event so successful ☺

BRRRRRR BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!



Please remember to dress your child/ren appropriately for the morning temperatures as well as for recess since they go outside as long as the temperature is above 32°. Just because we had two very warm days, does not mean that winter is over. There have been children coming to school in the mornings without coats or jackets with temperatures below freezing. **Students should no longer be wearing shorts to school.**



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.

PSSA TESTING

Just wanted to give you a heads-up that our PSSA testing dates are as follows: ELA – April 16, 17, & 18; MATH – April 29 & 30; SCIENCE (Grade 4 only) – May 1 & 2

Please mark your calendar:

MAR	-	1	DAY 5
		2	Dr. Seuss' Birthday – Read Across America
		5	School Board Workshop, Parkside 3 rd Floor, 5:30PM
		5	Music in Our Schools, SHS, 7:00PM
		11	PTO Meeting, Palmer Cafeteria, 7:00PM
		17	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
		19	School Board Meeting, Parkside 3 rd Floor, 6:30PM
		19	Grade 2 & 3 Spring Concert , Palmer Gym, 7:00PM
		20	Spring Picture Day, Palmer & Parkside
		30	Spring Clothing Swap/Gertrude Hawk Candy Pick-up, Palmer Café, 9:00AM – 2:00PM

HEALTH ROOM



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

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

S.S. Palmer Elementary School
Mrs. Megan Zurn, RN, MSN, CSN
 610-826-7538, ext. 3006
mzurn@palmerton.org

Parkside Education Center
Mrs. Michelle Bisbing, RN, PHRN
 610-826-4914, ext. 5003
mbisbing@palmerton.org



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10, 2019!



**DON'T FORGET...
 SPRING PICTURE DAY
 IS
 WEDNESDAY,
 MARCH 20, 2019**



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT S.S. PALMER AND PARKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER ARE NUT FREE AND **NO NUT PRODUCTS** OF ANY KIND MAY BE IN/NEAR OUR SCHOOLS.