



PARKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER and S. S. PALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Volume 11, Issue 1

SEPTEMBER 2019



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 ☺



The 2019 – 2020 school year began on Monday, August 26th for the students in Palmerton Area School District. Approximately 630 smiling faces arrived at Parkside and S.S. Palmer to meet their new teachers! In addition to our 94 kindergarten students, we welcomed more than 40 new children to Palmer and Parkside. We also have new staff members at Palmer and Parkside. At Parkside, Mrs. Ord is our new kindergarten teacher. At Palmer, Ms. Bush is our new third grade teacher, Mrs. Nencel is our new math coach and Mrs. Zulic and Mrs. Frockowiak are our new instructional aides. Welcome to our new students and new staff!



Please remember that our school busses transport your children to/from school/home or daycare and cannot be used to transport students to play dates, etc. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



Our SHINE program has now expanded to Grade 4 this year. Currently, we have a full class of students in Grades 1-4 participating in this wonderful program at Parkside Education Center after school. The program runs Monday through Thursday, from September until May. For more information, please contact Ms. Michelle Davis at mdavis@palmerton.org.



Pre-K Counts

This is the second year that we are able to offer Pre-K Counts. This program is funded by the State of Pennsylvania and operated by the Lehigh Valley Children's Centers. Pre-K Counts is a pre-kindergarten program located in Room 108 at S.S. Palmer. For more information, please contact Ms. Brynn Leabold, who is the Pre-K Counts Lead Teacher, at sspalmer.prek@rcn.com, or Pre-K Counts Manager, Jamie Popp, 610-820-5333, ext. 230



MUSIC

Students in grades 4,5 & 6 are eligible to participate in an instrumental program here at school. Parents of interested students are invited to attend an Instrumental Parent Session which will be held on Tuesday, September 17th, 6:30PM, at the S.S. Palmer Cafeteria. If you have any further questions, please contact theinick@palmerton.org

Chorus will begin Tuesday, September 10th. Chorus is held for students in grades 4, 5, & 6 in Room 103 after school until 4:30PM. Transportation is not provided and parents are to pick up their student/s in the **back** of the school **promptly** at 4:30PM. Students walking home must have a written permission slip signed by their parent. Mrs. Burkhardt is our chorus director and may be reached at cburkhardt@palmerton.org.



ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

If you have been bringing your pets with you when you drop-off or pick up your child/ren at either Palmer or Parkside, **please remain in the park with your pets, not in front of the schools.**

There are many students that have serious allergies and cannot be around pets. There are also many students that are simply afraid of animals and it is important that those students are not overly anxious either coming to or leaving school. Thank you for your cooperation!

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

Keeping you informed is a top priority in Palmerton Area School District. BLACKBOARD CONNECT allows us to send a telephone or e-mail message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. We use BLACKBOARD CONNECT to notify you of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, as well as remind you of various events. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone.

What you need to know about receiving calls sent through BLACKBOARD CONNECT:

- Caller ID will display the school's main number when general announcement is delivered
- Caller ID will display 411 if the message is a dire emergency
- BLACKBOARD CONNECT will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail
- If the BLACKBOARD CONNECT message stops playing, press 1 and the message will replay from the beginning
- The number that is used for calling is the **home number** listed on the student's demographic information. If you need a different number called, please put your request in writing to your child's teacher as soon as possible

Mark Your Calendars:

Sept	-	3	DAY 5
		6	to Sept. 8, Palmerton Community Festival in the Park
		16	PTO Meeting @ Palmer Cafeteria 7:00PM
		17	PICTURE DAY @ Palmer & Parkside
		17	Instrumental Meeting @ Palmer Cafe, 6:30PM
		17	School Board Meeting, Parkside 3 rd Floor, 6:30PM



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.

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



**DON'T FORGET...
PICTURE DAY
IS
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 THESE SCHOOLS!