2018-2019 Welcome Back to Schnecksville Elementary School! Home of the Sharks!



<u>Bus Letters</u> expect to be mailed Thursday, August 24th. Your child's bus information, homeroom and teacher's name will be in the letter. If you have any concerns or changes that need to be made to the bus stop, please call the main office immediately at 610-351-5830. Office hours are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Keeping in Touch

<u>Every teacher has a website</u> that provides information about their classrooms. To access the websites, go to the Directory tab on our website at https://schnecksville.parklandsd.org/directory-websites.

<u>School Messenger</u> allows for automated call messages and emails to phone numbers and email addresses the parent or guardian has provided to the District. To receive text messages, parents must opt-in by texting the word "yes" to 67587. To view or change this contact information, parents need to submit a Student Update Form within Home Access Center (HAC). You will need your Home Access Center login and password to submit a Student Update Form. Both can be found on the Home Access Center welcome letter which you should have received between August 25 and September 2, 2018.

<u>e-Communication</u> Every week throughout the school year, we will send an email with updates on Schnecksville School news and happenings! Please be sure to check the Weekly Update tab on our website, as well, at https://schnecksville.parklandsd.org/weekly-updates. This is where we post important information, PTO news, upcoming events, and need-to-know school handouts. Please call the main office at 610-351-5830 if you are not receiving our weekly emails.

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School supplies

Please send your child to school with a backpack. They may bring any school supplies that you wish to provide. We do not publish a supplies list, since PSD provides the necessities. Your child's teacher may provide a "wish list" of classroom needs at Open House, if you'd like to contribute.

Interested in volunteering?

You must have *Volunteer Clearances* to volunteer for any school events, such as parties and field trips. Clearances are good for 5 years. If you completed them last year, there is no need to do it again at this time. Please click here for the link to important *Volunteer Clearance information* for Parkland School District: http://www.parklandsd.org/departments/human-resources/volunteers/

School Hours are 8:50 am - 3:30 pm. Doors open at 8:35 am. Office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

<u>Student Arrival and Dimissal</u> Students are encouraged to use bus transportation provided by the district. If a student is driven to school, the designated parent drop- off location for the school must be utilized. Parents may not park in the bus loop. The parent drop-off and pick-up location is at the Main Entrance (by the flagpole). Students may start entering the building at 8:35. Students who arrive after 8:50 am are considered tardy and must be signed in by a parent or designated guardian.

Absentee Reporting Procedures

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the absentee hotline at 610-351-5900, ext. 24711 by 9:00 am to report the absence. If you do not call or provide a written excuse, the absence is considered unlawful/unexcused. Homework requests may also be left with the message. Parents are requested to complete a Vacation/Emergency Permit for any planned or extended student absence from school. A week's notice must be given to complete homework for an absence of three days or more. This form is available from the school office and on our district website.

Students who arrive late or leave early

Any student who arrives late to school or leaves early from school must have a parent sign them in or out and that person may be required to show identification. Please note that parents are not to enter the main building due to security reasons, unless requested to do so by the school office. A written request from the parent is necessary for a student to leave school early. These requests should be given to the classroom teacher in the morning. Upon the parent's arrival, the child will then be called from class to meet their parent in the lobby. Whenever possible, please avoid changes to a student's dismissal plan once the school day has begun. In all cases, students will be released only to their custodial parent unless written or verbal permission from the custodial parent is received to do otherwise. That person may be required to show identification.

2018-2019 Elementary Lunch Prices

Student Lunch: \$2.60

Milk: \$.50 Breakfast: \$1.40

Reduced Price Lunch \$.40 Reduced Price Breakfast \$.30

Breakfast

We serve an OPTIONAL breakfast for our students. Breakfast begins at 8:35 am in the cafeteria and is over by 8:48 am. Students who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible for free or reduced breakfast.

Lunch Money

Lunch money may be deposited to your child's account in two ways:

- 1) You may send cash or checks (payable to the "PSD Cafeteria Account"), placed in an envelope clearly marked with the student's first and last name and the teacher's name. This should be sent to school with your child. If a parent would like to deposit money into more than one child's account, the envelope should clearly indicate the amount to be deposited into each account. Students may place their envelope in the box in the cafeteria as they arrive at school or give it to the classroom teacher.
- 2) You may also deposit money to your child's account through http://www.myschoolbucks.com using a VISA® or MasterCard®.
- 3) To apply for Free or Reduced Lunch, click here: https://www.schoolcafe.com/ If you have questions, please refer to the PSD Food Services page at http://www.parklandsd.org/departments/food-services/.

Administration of Medication

The school nurse will administer medications to students during the school day with parental and/or physician permission when necessary. Parents must complete a "Medical Authorization Form" before any medication can be dispensed at school. In addition, parents are required to bring the medication to school. Medication should not be sent to school with a student. These procedures are mandatory to ensure the proper and safe administration of medications.

New Staff to Schnecksville Staff

Mrs. Leigh Ann Gruen - 1st Grade Teacher Mrs. Jessica Miller - 5th Grade Teacher Mrs. Karen Reyburn - ESL Teacher Ms. Cory Thomas - Paraprofessional Mrs. Marci Sodl – Paraprofessional Mrs. Melinda Marciniak - Gifted

Staff in New Positions

Mrs. Nicole Barker - moved to Paraprofessional Mrs. Rachael Remmel - moved to 4th Grade Mrs. Sarah Weaber - moved to 3rd Grade Miss Jillian Szilagyi - moved to 2nd Grade

For more information about Elementary School, go to our website at https://schnecksville.parklandsd.org/ and select the Parents tab. Of course, you may contact the Schnecksville main office at 610-351-5830 with questions or concerns.