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School Starts Monday, August 26th!

Grades K-9 Start August 26th • Grades 10-12 Start August 27th



DAILY *school schedule*
 Elementary Schools . . . 7:45am - 2:30pm
 EHMIS 8:15am - 3:16pm
 High School 8:15am - 3:15pm

August 23rd, 7:45am - 12pm • **ORIENTATION for Sixth Grade**
 W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs)

ALL MEANS ALL!

Dr. Barbara Rupp



Welcome to school year 2013-14. As always, we are excited about the awesome opportunities we have to establish meaningful relationships with the children of our community, and we are enthusiastic about the privilege to educate them. Education is the key to life-long success, and we strive to help students understand that each and every day.

But what implication does "all means all" have for South Western School District students? It means that we continue to have high and consistent expectations for all students. As each school year progresses, we know more and more about how children learn. Through professional development, our teachers and administrators increase their knowledge of ways to deliver instruction to meet the needs of all students. In addition, our school board provides the resources and support, in the most fiscally responsible way, that we need to educate all students.

School improvement plans have been developed for every school as our ongoing goal at South Western is continuous improvement. Throughout this school year, you will hear about the challenges and celebrations of our improvement plans. Improving what we do means we are continuing the tradition of excellence. That excellence is for all students, and we are committed and determined in that quest.

Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Riding the Bus



Be Five Minutes Early

Have your child at their bus stop at least five minutes early. Since the elementary run is scheduled before others, drivers do not have the flexibility to wait for late arrivals.

Be Patient, Delays Happen

During the first two weeks of school, the buses may not be on schedule. Drivers need extra time to help students who are new or unsure of their buses. At the end of the day, drivers will not leave the school until they are sure all students are on the bus. Delays of up to 15 minutes may occur. By the third week of school, buses should be on schedule.

Reassurance For Young Ones

Take young children to the bus stop before school starts. Familiarize them with the surroundings. Reassure your child that the bus driver WILL bring them home, but may take other children home first.

In Case of Emergency...

If your child needs alternate transportation due to an emergency, please contact the Director of Transportation at 717-633-4776.

2013-14 Health News

Return Emergency Forms!

Please fill out or correct your child's emergency info as soon as possible for updates. These forms keep your child safe in case of emergency and the district must have accurate and up-to-date information. **ALSO NOTE:** the info on your student data sheet is also required for the district's "school messenger," an automatic system that will contact parents via telephone with important updates.

Asthma Inhaler Permission

The medication policy for the district follows state law regarding students' self-administration of asthma inhalers. Students are permitted to carry and self-administer emergency medication such as an asthma inhaler with written permission from parent(s), a physician's order and after review by the school nurse.



Allergies

Please notify the school nurse at your respective building of any allergies your child may have so the nurse and other staff can assist your child.

COMMUNITY PORTAL: sign up!

South Western parents now have access to a wealth of information about their student via our new Community Portal. Click on the "Community Portal" link at www.swsd.k12.pa.us and set up your account now!

DATES NOTE

August 26
First Day of 2013-2014
School Year for Grades K-9

August 27
First Day of 2013-2014
School Year for Grades 10-12

September 2
Labor Day Holiday
Schools Closed

September 11
School Board Planning
Meeting, 7 PM

September 25
School Board Meeting, 7 PM

School Board Meetings are conducted at 7 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Administrative Conference Room, unless otherwise announced. Residents are invited to attend. Requests to formally address the Board should be made in writing to the Superintendent's office ten days in advance of public meetings.

The Mustang Will Return!

As many may already know, the "Mustang Tree" was destroyed by natural causes back in May. We are pleased to report that the original carver will be carving a new, third mustang for the district! Watch our newsletter and website for updates on the project.



South Western Education Foundation 5K Run/Walk

On **Saturday, October 5th** the South Western Education Foundation will host a 5K Run/Walk to raise funds to be used for students in the coming school year.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization, created to help teachers, staff and administrators implement unique educational opportunities. When these folks request Foundation funds, they submit a proposal summarizing the program they'd like to implement. The proposal then goes before a nine person board, who review and take the proposal to committee each year. Applications for funds are due each April and reviewed by June of that year. The board then decides who gets funding

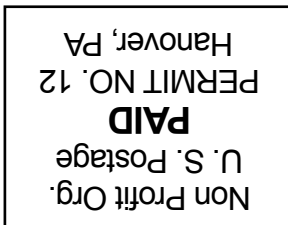


and which programs are created. Last school year nine proposals were submitted, and seven grants given to the total sum of \$5,041. A gift given to the Foundation is the gift of a new and innovative educational opportunity for students and residents in our community.

The event is for all ages, family friendly walk or run, starting from EHMIS. Check in is from 7:30-8:30am that morning with start times at 9. The stadium concession stand will be available during the 5K event.

Please visit sites.google.com/a/southwesternsd.org/sw-triathlon/home for more information.

POSTAL PATRON LOCAL



South Western School District
225 Bowman Road
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Mission Statement *The South Western School District is dedicated to providing a continually improving educational environment, through a cooperative effort with the family and the entire community, in which all students are encouraged and expected to achieve their full potential, to express themselves clearly, to think reflectively, and to interact responsibly in preparation for lifelong personal growth.*

Adopted by the Board of School Directors October 24, 1990: Revised March 25, 2002

What's for Lunch?

Monday, August 26th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll, Mini Americian Sub or Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn or Fresh Veggie Pack

Tuesday, August 27th

Cheeseburger, Chicken Teriyaki on Rice or Turkey & Cheese Sand, California Blend or Fresh Veggie Pack

Wednesday, August 28th

Soft Shell Taco, Chicken Fajita Wrap or Yogurt cup, Red Beans & Rice OR Fresh Veggie Pack

Thursday, August 29th

Cheese Pizza or Johnnie Rib or Bologna & Cheese Sand, Peas or Fresh Veggie Pack

Friday, August 30th

Toasted Cheese, Cheese Steak, Peanut Butter & Jelly or Marshmallow Sand, Tomato Soup or Fresh Veggie Pack

Menus: blog.swsd.k12.pa.us/foodservices/menus-2



Lunch & Breakfast Prices

Lunch:

High School & EHMIS. . . \$2.15
 Elementary \$1.90
 Adult \$3.00
 Milk. 50¢

Milk choices include: 1% White, Fat Free White, Chocolate, or Strawberry. Menu subject to change without notice.

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS. . . \$1.25
 Elementary \$1.15
 Adult \$1.70

BLACK OUT T-shirts On Sale Now!

Friday, October 4 is our annual Black Out day. You can purchase a \$10 T-shirt and help Black Out the Mustang Corral for homecoming. Order forms are at the high school office or at southwesternclassof2014.weebly.com. Contact Ms. Tammy Fritz at Tammy_Fritz@swsd.k12.pa.us or 717-633-4807 x21927



Adult Education Zumba Classes

Starting September 9, the district will offer Zumba and Aqua Zumba classes on Mondays for a small fee. To join the classes or for more info, call the district business office at 717-632-2500.

