

# Mustang ROUNDUP

## Back to School - August 24, 2017 for K-9 August 25, 2017 for All Learners

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*Superintendent*



*"Once a Mustang, always a Mustang"* – This phrase caught my eye and my attention during visits to the schools this summer. It is a phrase that clearly speaks to the rich tradition and history of the South Western School District. A phrase that tells me, and all who come to

the district, about the standards of excellence that we all work to attain on behalf of our students each and every day. A phrase that communicates a simple, yet powerful, message about the feelings of pride and honor in the community and the school district. A phrase that will stay with me each and every day.

As we approach the start of the 2017-18 school year, I cannot express to you how excited I am to be joining the South Western School District. I am eagerly anticipating my first official day in the school district on Monday, August 14, 2017. I look forward to seeing many of you at school district events as we begin our time together. Finally, it is with great pride that I will now be a part of the Mustang Family, and also, I will have the privilege of...always being a Mustang!

### NEW in 2017 – Summer Learning Camps

South Western children entering grades 4, 5, or 6 were invited to attend Summer Learning Camps this year. The students and instructors were excited about the learning opportunities. Below is a group of participants from the **Animal Antics** camp, including Big Bertha, an 11.5 foot Burmese Python. Big Bertha visited during Reptiles and Snake day.



Elementary Schools..... 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Intermediate School..... 8:15 a.m. - 3:16 p.m.  
High School..... 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

### Back-to-School Family Reminders

#### 🐾 *Bus Transportation Tips:*

##### **Be Five Minutes Early**

Children should arrive to the assigned bus stop at least five minutes early. Drivers are not able to wait for late arrivals due to later stops and routes.



##### **Be Patient, Delays Happen**

Drivers strive to help students feel comfortable and safe, and to know what to expect when riding the bus. During the first two weeks of school, buses may be delayed up to 15 minutes as drivers help students to learn and understand bus procedures. By the third week of school, buses should routinely be on schedule.

##### **Reassurance For Bus Riders**

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

##### **Emergency Transportation Changes**

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

#### 🐾 *Additional Back-to-School Reminders:*

##### **Emergency Information Forms**

Please complete and submit emergency information forms as soon as possible. Up-to-date forms help to keep children safe when emergencies arise and timely notification is necessary.

##### **School Messenger Notifications**

Student data sheet information is required for timely and accurate parent and guardian notification by phone, email, or text messages.

##### **Volunteer Clearances**

Individuals interested in volunteering for the district must complete and submit required clearance documents. Detailed clearance information is located at [www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us) under *Community*.

### Animal Antics - Summer Camp Visitor



# Calendar...

## August 14

- HS Mandatory Freshman Parent Meeting, 10 AM or 6 PM

## August 15

- Elementary Mandatory Kindergarten Meetings, 6:30 PM

## August 22

- EHMIS Grade 6 Mandatory Parent Meeting, 6 PM

## August 23

- School Board Meeting, 7 PM

## August 24

- First Day of School Grades K-9

## August 25

- First Day of School Grades 10-12

## September 4

- Labor Day Holiday, Schools Closed (K-12)

## September 13

- School Board Planning Meeting, 7 PM

## September 27

- School Board Meeting, 7 PM

## South Western HALL OF EXCELLENCE – Year 3

The South Western Education Foundation is proudly sponsoring the third annual Hall of Excellence program. The Foundation is seeking nominations to recognize and celebrate alumni who have achieved significant success, have strong moral character, and have excelled in the fields of business, the arts, military, law, education, politics, public service, medicine, or athletics. Nominated alumni must be post-graduation 15 or more years to be considered. A nominating committee will review all nominations and make recommendations to a selection committee, who will select no more than 9 for induction.

Year 2 inductees were: Laurie A. Saltzgeber, 1983; G. Paige Winger, 1983; Troy A. Cromer, 1995; and Trent A. Hollinger, 1997. The inductees were recognized during the Hall of Excellence celebration, November 2016. Year 1 inductees were: Patricia Trump, 1962; Scott Sager, 1982; Frank LeCrone, 1989; John Norwig, 1975; and Phil Hempfing, 1969.

Please help us recognize the remarkable achievements and significant success of South Western alumni by submitting a nomination for this prestigious honor. Nomination forms are available in all school buildings and the district office. The form is also posted at [www.swsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us) under South Western Education Foundation or under Alumni. Please note that nominations from family members will not be accepted. **Nominations must be received by October 13, 2017.**

## South Western Breaks Ground For New High School Stadium Turf



South Western School District Board of Directors, administration, and Capital Campaign Committee broke ground July 5th in preparation for the replacement of the existing natural grass field with synthetic turf. The project is being paid for in part by a newly launched capital campaign set to fund a number of athletic improvements over the coming years. The campaign was launched through a \$250,000 gift from an alumnus.

The new stadium turf will be marked for football, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse. Project completion is expected in time for the football season opener.



## In Honor of Cpl. Jeffrey H. Miller...

At the first home football game, the Class of 1967 will honor the life and ultimate sacrifice of classmate,

### *Army Corporal Jeffrey H. Miller*

who was killed in action June 9, 1970, at Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam. A bronze plaque displaying Corporal Miller's military picture and service history will be permanently displayed in a glass case in the high school. The school district encourages all South Western Veterans to contact the administration to submit a picture in uniform for inclusion in the display case.



## Scholarships Awarded to the Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 has journeyed beyond the halls of South Western High School, but they leave a lasting impression. Over **\$2,668,455** in scholarship money was awarded to this class for their post graduation pursuits.

We are excited for the potential this group of graduates possess to impact the world and accomplish great things.



## School Lunches...

### Elementary Lunch:

Choice of:

- Chicken Nuggets
- Pizza
- Chef Salad



### Middle School and High School

This year we will offer 4 different lines at each school. The items will vary by day on each line. All lunches come with fruit, vegetable and milk.

### Free & Reduced Meal Application

Please apply for free or reduced meals at: [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)

## Lunch & Breakfast Prices

### Lunch:

High School & EHMIS.....	\$2.45
Elementary .....	\$2.20
Adult .....	\$3.30
Milk.....	\$ .50

*Milk choices include:*

*1% White, Fat Free White, Chocolate, or Strawberry.*

### Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS.....	\$1.55
Elementary .....	\$1.45
Adult .....	\$2.00



### Find Menus At:

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