



## **FAIRVIEW PANTHER PRIDE AUGUST 2016**

**Welcome to another exciting year at Fairview Elementary....a school alive with much ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM, and a high standard of EXCELLENCE in EDUCATION. It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AMAZING new school year, as we work to make each day better than the one before. WE ARE FAIRVIEW PANTHER PROUD!!**

### **School Hours**

- School doors open at 8:30 a.m.
- School day begins at 8:45 a.m.
- School dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

### **Food Services**

*Please complete the free and reduced lunch application at the start of the school year for your family. This form is available online at [www.wssd.k12.pa.us](http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us) and click on Departments and then click on Food Services and then at the left you will see a link for Free & Reduced Lunch. It is very important that we have every student's form, as the school receives funding based on this information.*

### **Breakfast Program**

- A breakfast program is operational in all District schools prior to the start of the school day. The program focuses on good nutrition and developing healthy eating habits. Monthly breakfast menus are posted on the District web site at [www.wssd.k12.pa.us](http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us). Students use their Point of Sale pre-paid accounts for breakfast. The cost for breakfast at the elementary school during the 2016-2017 school year will be \$1.60, the price for a reduced breakfast will be \$0.30. The charge for milk will be \$0.60.

### **Lunch Program**

- Cost of elementary lunch this year will be \$2.55; reduced price lunch- \$0.40; charge of milk \$0.60
- We welcome and encourage families to come to Fairview to eat lunch with their child. Please ensure to stop in the office to receive a visitor's pass.
- Lunch times are as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade- 11:15 a.m. -11:45 a.m.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade- 11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade- 12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade- 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.



### **Recess Policy**

- With the increasing safety measures that we continue to implement at Fairview, similar to last year, parents and family members will not be permitted to attend recess with their child after the lunch period is over. Please be sure to sign out in the office after lunch is over.

### **Car Rider Drop-off Procedures**

- Please be mindful of your speed as you travel through the parking lot; we would hate to see anyone get injured because of speeding
- As many parents are dropping off students in the morning, please be sure that as you pull up to the front of the building you have students quickly gather their belongings, as to not hold up the line of traffic
- If you plan on getting out with your child at drop off time, it is preferred that you park in one of the parking spots to do so

### **Car Rider Pick-up Procedures: Dismissal Procedures at the End of the Day for K-5 Car Rider Students**

- Dismissal time will remain the same at 3:30 PM.
- **Parents that have arranged a pick-up schedule with the office, call in ahead on any given day by 2:59 p.m., or send a note to the office by 2:59 p.m.** will be called to the office hallway at 3:30 p.m. to stand quietly and wait for parents at dismissal time. Parents will report to the side door by the office hallway. Parents/guardians will report their child's name and the staff member on duty will check the student off on the pick-up sheet. Upon completion of this process their child will be released for dismissal from these side doors. At no time will parents enter the building through these side doors.
- If you need to report to the office for any reason you will have to go through the front doors. If you arrive after 3:40 p.m. to pick up your child, you will have to report to the front vestibule to pick them up. A Fairview staff member will be present to facilitate these procedures.
- Parents that **notify the office after 3:00 p.m.** will have to report to the front of the building to pick-up their child. Inside the front door vestibule parents will sign the pick-up sheet and wait until their child's name is called for dismissal at 3:35. Children will be dismissed out of these front doors and be released to parents/guardians. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building to sign-out and wait for their child. A staff member will be present to facilitate these procedures.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures for Kindergarten**

- **Kindergarten pick-up-** parents for AM kindergarten will wait in the front door vestibule until the teacher comes to the door to dismiss the students. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building and wait for their child.
- **Kindergarten drop off-** parents for PM kindergarten will wait in the front door vestibule until the teacher comes to the door to let students in. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building and wait with their child.

### **Behavior Expectations for Fairview's Positive Behavior Support Program**

There are 3 underlying expectations for behavior at Fairview: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. No matter where students are at in the building they are expected to model these behaviors. There are friendly reminder posters in classrooms, specialist rooms, in the hallway, in the lunch room, and on



the bus. We will continue to recite our Panther Pledge daily to remind students what it means to exhibit behaviors of responsibility, respect, and safety everywhere.

**Panther Pride Pledge:  
We are....Responsible, Respectful, and Safe!!**

Practicing school safety  
Accepting responsibility  
Noticing when others need a helping hand  
Taking care of my classroom and school  
Handling conflict with care  
Embracing others differences  
Respecting adults and peers  
Showing my best effort

**Positive Behavior Support Programs**

**Principal 100 Club**

The goal of the Principal 100 Club Program is to: (1) assure a positive school environment (respectful, responsible, and safe), (2) increase desirable, prosocial student behaviors, (3) decrease bullying, teasing, defiance, disrespect, and (4) provide multiple levels of praise for the student, plus positive communication with parents.

Students “caught” displaying exemplary behaviors in responsibility, respect, and safety, will receive a yellow “Way to Go!” ticket from any of our staff members. If your child is awarded with this ticket, they will report to the office. They will sign Fairview’s Celebrity Book of Fame, and pick a number from 1 to 100. Their name will be placed on the 100’s board in the office with that corresponding number. That student will receive a positive ticket home, a small prize, and their name will be read over the announcements. Once we have a complete line of 10 numbers, across, up and down, or diagonally, each of those 10 students will receive a **NEW and IMPROVED** Fairview Principal’s 100 Club t-shirt.

Our hope this year is to recognize even more students for exemplary behaviors. We hope to recognize all students each time the chart of 100 is complete by doing something special as a group. ***Please be mindful, that this program recognizes behaviors that go above and beyond the normal, daily expectations of Fairview Elementary School.***

**“Caughtcha” Making Fairview Proud- New This Year**

All students and staff at Fairview have the ability to receive Panther Tokens throughout the week for making good choices and making Fairview Proud. Students and staff place these awarded tokens in a large container outside of the office. Once the Panther Container is filled up all students and staff will receive a school-wide reward.

**Panther of the Month**

Each month Fairview staff also recognizes students who show exemplary behaviors with important character traits that make each student an exceptional citizen. Parents are invited to attend this recognition assembly in the beginning of each month as students from each classroom are chosen and showcased. Each student receives a certificate to show them how proud we are of them. They will also have their picture taken for display on the school bulletin board and webpage. ***We have created some new character traits for this school year using our Panthers Acronym.*** These traits will be taught through lessons provided by the counselor and content teachers.



**P- Politeness- September**  
**A- Acceptance- October**  
**N-Neighborly- November**  
**T- Trustworthiness- December**  
**H- Humility- January**  
**E- Enthusiasm- February**  
**R- Respectfulness- March**  
**S- Self-Control- April**

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### **Equaling Leadership in May**

#### **District Mission**

The West Shore School District is committed to providing this generation with a quality education serving as a foundation for responsible and successful citizenship.

#### **District Vision**

- The vision of the West Shore School District is to continuously cultivate a safe and invitational school climate that welcomes the involvement of students, parents, educators, staff, and the community.
- Working cooperatively, the school community will nurture lifelong learners who adapt to the diverse and changing global society.
- The District insists upon a dynamic approach to teaching and learning that fosters continuous improvement.

#### **Fairview Elementary Goals**

The 4 Building Goals at Fairview were compiled based on the District's Mission and Vision and Fairview's Areas for Growth.

1. Students will demonstrate at least grade/course level proficiency as measured by individually personalized, locally standardized, or required state assessments.
2. Establish a system within the school that fully ensures each member of the school community promotes, enhances, and sustains a shared vision of positive school culture.
3. Provide students and staff with the skills necessary to establish and maintain technological literacy.
4. Foster student involvement with community partners and seek active community support for instructional and extracurricular student success.

\*These building goals are shared with students at the beginning of the year; making sure that students are aware of what the expectations and goals for the year are. Teachers also collaborate and review data often to identify an area(s) of focus and work together to complete data analysis plans to work towards and successfully accomplish the established goal(s).

\*Please ask your child's teacher for classroom specific goals!

#### **Fairview Staff Members**

***We are so thankful for our dedicated and highly qualified staff members at Fairview!!***

- Kindergarten- Mrs. Gottdiner
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- TBD
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Mrs. Scanlon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Mrs. Bergenstock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Mrs. Plever



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Mrs. Stupka
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Ms. Fleisher
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mrs. Lund
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mrs. Harman
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mrs. Estep
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mrs. Chmiola
- Learning Support- Mrs. Spinella
- Literacy Specialist- Mrs. Naugle
- Art Teacher- Ms. McInroy (cycle day 2 and 5)
- Music and Chorus Teacher- Mrs. Herring (cycle day 4 and 6)
- P.E. Teacher- Mrs. Klumpp (cycle day 1 and 2)
- P.E. Teacher- Ms. Wolfe (cycle day 3)
- Band Teacher- Ms. Lynch (cycle day 3 and day 4 in the AM)
- Orchestra Teacher- Mrs. Ketterer (cycle day 6)
- Speech Therapist- Mrs. Dixon
- Special Interest Teacher- Mrs. Miller
- Psychologist- Mrs. Nuss
- Special Education IA- Mrs. Peters
- School Secretary- Mrs. Evans
- Building Aide- Mrs. Brenneman
- Learning Support Aide- Mrs. Fontanella
- Lunch Staff- Ms. Bennett and Ms. Santana
- Nurses- Mrs. Kambic and Ms. Murphy
- Custodian- Mr. Cohick and Mr. John

#### **District Common Assessments for 16-17**

- Study Island Benchmarks- ELA and Math- grades 3, 4, and 5
- DIBELS Next Reading- 3 times a year; grades K, 1, and 2
- DRAs- 3 times a year; grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Writing Prompts- Narrative, Informational, and Argumentative in 2 forms each- Form A- pre-test prompt and Form B- final writing assessment prompt; given in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Math enVision Benchmark Assessments- grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- PSSAs:

English Language Arts	April 3-7, 2017	Grades 3, 4, and 5
Mathematics	April 24-28, 2017	Grades 3, 4, and 5
Science	May 1-5, 2017	Grade 4

#### **Fairview's Webpage**

- Please take the time to visit Fairview's webpage at <http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/Fairview.cfm>  
The webpage will be used as a way of communicating important information, dates, and parent resources. The webpage will also be a site to celebrate the awesome events and activities that are taking place at your child's school.
- Bi-Monthly Fairview Pride Newsletters will also be placed on the webpage for your convenience
- The 2016-2017 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook will also be posted to the webpage for easy access and review (located on the left under Quick Links).





### **Blackboard Connect**

- In addition to the webpage as a way to communicate with parents, there will also be many messages sent by phone and e-mail to update parents of activities, changes, and any important information. **Please make sure that the office has an updated phone and e-mail address (if available) at all times so that this district service reaches you.**

### **Instructional Information for the 2016-2017 School Year:**

1. ELA Curriculum
  - Balanced Literacy Components will be utilized in each K-5 classroom again this year:
    - Read Aloud
    - Shared Reading
    - Guided Reading
    - Independent Reading
    - Word Study
    - Shared, Guided, and Independent Writing
2. ELA- Benchmark Literacy
  - Benchmark Literacy is a **NEW** program that will be utilized this year in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Benchmark Literacy is a comprehensive, research-proven program that empowers teachers with best-practice tools for vertically aligned K-6 reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction. Some key features of the program are:
    - 30 weeks of comprehension-focused instruction
    - Pre-, ongoing, and post-assessment
    - Gradual-release mini-lessons with built-in choice
    - High-quality informational, narrative, and opinion/argument texts
    - Complex texts for close reading applying text-dependent strategies
    - Differentiated support for English learners and special needs students
    - Customized professional development services
    - State-of-the-art interactive technology
3. Math Curriculum
  - The District will continue to use enVisionmath2.0 this year.
  - This program is organized to promote focus, coherence, and rigor. enVision Math 2.0 fully supports the Common Core State Standards through print, blended, and 1:1 digital learning experiences. It helps engage students, personalize learning, and support teachers as they make data-driven decisions. To view samples, watch videos, and to learn more about this math program visit: <http://www.pearsonschool.com/envisionmath2>
4. Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), formerly Response to Intervention and Instruction (RtII), will be a framework that we use as we look at academic and behavior data and needs at Fairview.
  - **The goals of MTSS are:**
    - For the school to provide effective teaching that fits the needs of each student
    - For the school to make sure the classroom environment is the best possible for every student
    - To help all students meet grade level standards
    - To use student data to identify students who may be struggling



- To “add to” general education instruction, not “replace” with something different
- To provide interventions (“help”) as a natural, ongoing part of education that doesn’t wait until the student is struggling

#### 5. Child Study Team (CST)

The Child Study Team at Fairview is a multi-disciplinary team comprised of the guidance counselor, administrator, the school psychologist, content teachers, literacy specialist, and the special education teacher. Each team member brings a wealth of knowledge in his/her respective discipline, which proves to be highly beneficial in analyzing and addressing student needs from all perspectives. The purpose of the child study process is to identify students experiencing serious academic, social and / or emotional difficulties and to implement reasonable accommodations and modifications before the student is referred for a special education assessment. The CST works to identify a student’s learning strengths and needs, determine and implement appropriate interventions and / or accommodations, and evaluate the impact of these interventions to determine a student’s ability to succeed in the general education classroom.

The Child Study Program has a reciprocal relationship with the MTSS Framework. This arrangement ensures that all students’ needs are met with the most appropriate and efficient level of service.

#### **Fairview Student Textbooks**

- Students will be assigned textbooks in ELA and Math (K-5) and Social Studies and Science (3-5); teachers will document the book(s) and materials assigned to each student for the 16-17 school year.
- Please keep in mind that at the end of the school year teachers will be checking back in textbooks and district materials and if your child is missing a textbook they will be required to pay for the missing book and/or materials.

#### **Special Programs at FV**

- FAN Club
- Big Buddy Program partnering with Cedar Cliff students

\*We are very excited about having these programs back at Fairview this school year. More information will be forthcoming when these programs are up and running for the year. Mrs. Berfield, our counselor, will be the point of contact for both programs.

#### **District Volunteer Info**

- The West Shore School District welcomes and encourages volunteers in its schools, classrooms, and as part of extracurricular activities. For the safety of District students and staff members, any adult wishing to volunteer is required to complete the Volunteer Application Process before being approved to do so.
- The West Shore School District has a process that meets the requirements of the Child Protective Services Act of 2014. This Act requires that any new volunteer that did not volunteer in the 2015-2016 school year in the district:
  - Provide the District with an original **Act 34 PA Criminal History Record Check** (PA State Police) and an **Act 151 PA Child Abuse History Certification** (Pennsylvania Department of Education version obtained at the prospective volunteer’s expense that is dated on or after



July 1, 2016). Prospective volunteers who have not lived in Pennsylvania continuously for the past ten (10) years at the time of application must also provide an **Act 114 FBI Criminal History Clearance** (fingerprint) obtained at the prospective volunteer's expense until such time as the volunteer lives continuously in Pennsylvania for ten (10) years. Those prospective volunteers who have lived in Pennsylvania continuously for the past ten (10) years at the time of request must sign a disclaimer (waiver) affirming that there are no charges in other states that would prohibit selection as a volunteer. The District reserves the right to require additional information as part of the volunteer application process.

- Provide the building principal with evidence of a **tuberculosis (TB) test** that is less than ninety (90) days old at the time of submission. This test may be administered by appointment, from any of the District's Certified School Nurses. A TB test provided by the District will cost \$10.00.
- Act 153 of 2014 and Act 15 of 2015 requires that a community/business member or organization that provides paid or un-paid opportunities for students for employment, internships, senior project or job-shadowing experiences must identify an employee that will be considered the student's supervisor, responsible for the student's welfare. This person must, at their own expense obtain the clearances outlined in the *Guidelines for Community Organizations/Businesses*.
- Further information regarding the Volunteer Application Process can be obtained at any school building or at: <http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/community.cfm?subpage=132452> under *Guidelines for Volunteers*.
- **Clearances must be renewed every sixty (60) months after initial submission**

#### **2016-2017 Fairview Monthly Activities**

\*These dates are subject to change; please continue to review the webpage for any additional changes to the calendar of events for Fairview

<b>AUGUST</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Open House	11:00-12:00 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	New Family Orientation	5:00-6:00 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School for Students	n/a
25 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School Night	6:00 p.m.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
6 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Back to School Picnic	5:00-7:00 p.m.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Picture Day	9:00 a.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Progress Reports Due	n/a
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
14 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Fun Walk	9:00 a.m.
	PTO Fall Festival and Book Fair (rain date- October 17 <sup>th</sup> )	5:00-7:00 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival	2:00 p.m.





31 <sup>st</sup> - Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	InView Ability Test- 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	AM and PM testing
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Retake	1:00 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Issued	n/a
11 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Movie Night	6:00 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Pastries for Parents	8:00 a.m.
21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Scheduled time with teacher
21 <sup>st</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Progress Reports Due	n/a
6 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Holiday Craft Night and Book Fair	5:00-7:00 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday Concert at Allen MS	9:30 a.m.
	Holiday Parties	2:30 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Early Dismissal for Students	AM Kindergarten- 10:45 a.m. PM Kindergarten arrive: 10:45 a.m. Elementary- 12:45 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup> -Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
<b>JANUARY</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal for Students	AM Kindergarten- 10:45 a.m. PM Kindergarten arrive: 10:45 a.m. Elementary- 12:45 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
25 <sup>th</sup>	FV PTO Skating Night at Fountainblu	6:00-8:30 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Issued	n/a
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Bowl	4:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
TBD	Jump Rope for Heart	TBD
10 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Parties	2:30 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Bowl	4:30 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Progress Reports Due	n/a
17 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
<b>MARCH</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal for Students	AM Kindergarten- 10:45 a.m. PM Kindergarten arrive: 10:45 a.m. Elementary- 12:45 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a



27 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Registration	PM
28 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
31 <sup>st</sup>	PSSA Pep Rally	1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
	Talent Show	6:30 p.m.
<b>APRIL</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA ELA Testing	AM
4 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Issued	n/a
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
21 <sup>st</sup>	PTO Movie Night	6:00 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Math Testing	AM
28 <sup>th</sup>	Progress Reports Due	n/a
<b>MAY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Science Testing (4 <sup>th</sup> )	AM
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open House	5:00-6:00 p.m.
	PTO Meeting	6:00 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dance-a-Thon	4:00 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	District Move-up Day	9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Spring Fun Night and Book Fair	5:00-7:00 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Concert at Allen MS	9:30 a.m./ 7:00 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Field Day (rain date May 30 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 a.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
	Early Dismissal for Students	AM Kindergarten- 10:45 a.m. PM Kindergarten arrive: 10:45 a.m. Elementary- 12:45 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students	n/a
<b>JUNE</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Award Ceremony	2:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day for Students- Early Dismissal	Elementary- 12:00 p.m.

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***We are looking forward to another AMAZING year at Fairview!!***