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School Starts Wednesday, August 30th!

The 2006-2007 school day schedule:

<i>Elementary Schools</i>	<i>7:45 am - 2:30 pm</i>
<i>EHMIS</i>	<i>8:15 am - 3:15 pm</i>
<i>High School</i>	<i>8:15 am - 3:15 pm</i>



Start Off Smart & Safe!

Prepare for the Beginning of School with These Helpful Tips:



BE AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES EARLY

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

BE PATIENT, DELAYS MAY HAPPEN

During the first two weeks of school, the buses may not be on schedule. Drivers need a bit of 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 the 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.

RETURN THOSE EMERGENCY FORMS!

Please fill out and return your child's emergency forms as soon as possible. These forms are needed to keep your child safe in case of an emergency and the school district must have accurate and up-to-date information.

PERMISSIONS FOR ASTHMA INHALERS

State law requires that school districts have a policy regarding students' self-administration of asthma inhalers. The medication policy for the school district reflects this law. 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.

FOOD ALLERGIES

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

BALLOON ALLERGIC?

Many individuals have severe adverse reactions to latex. Latex balloons are not permitted in schools. However those made out of other materials (such as Mylar) may be used.



FOR MORE USEFUL INFO FOR BACK TO SCHOOL VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SWSD.K12.PA.US

A Note From the Superintendent

Dr. Barbara Rupp

Welcome to School Year 2006-2007!

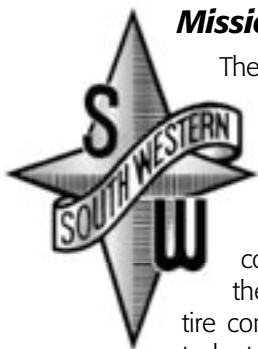
Each new school year brings changes and creates excitement, and I am pleased to share them with you. We have a brand new school, West Manheim Elementary School, opening this year. Having this school open has created some additional space for students. As a result of this additional space, we have done some major redistricting of our elementary school boundaries to ensure educational equity for students and staff. At the start of this year, approximately 240 elementary students are starting out in a different school than the one in which they finished last year. Last spring we sent letters to the parents of all elementary students explaining this change. We met at each of the elementary schools to listen to concerns and to share the plans that we have in place for all of our elementary schools to ensure that all children feel a part of their school environment. We were very pleased with the positive response that we received from the students and parents of these students who will be starting at a new school, as this is a significant change.



Building a new elementary school has been a positive experience for all of us who were involved, and we appreciate the community support that we have received. Please give us a few weeks to iron out all of the little details and then we will be advertising an open house and dedication date so that the entire community can share in our excitement.

One of our major goals for last year was to increase the percentage of students who are in attendance each day. For children to learn and achieve, they must attend school every day and be on time. We are pleased to report that, with your help, we did achieve our goal! Our percentage of attendance for elementary students (grade K-6) improved from 95.97 to 96.08. Our percentage of attendance

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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.

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for secondary students (7-12) improved from 93.62 to 94.42. We are counting on that same support for this year. We need your child to be in school every day and to be on time.

As we strive to make our students more successful each year with regard to student achievement, we will need your help more than ever. I am requesting that you make an extra effort to be involved with your child's work in school. Your child's major job is to be successful in school. You can help by requesting daily to see finished homework. I also encourage you, on a regular basis, to call, e-mail, or meet with your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will be communicating with you. No matter what grade your child is in, you still need to be involved with his/her education. Your support means so much, as you know the value of an education and how far it can take an individual.

Here at school, we are working very diligently to ensure the academic success of every child. We are doing whatever it takes to make success happen, but we need you as an equal partner. We are grateful for your support in the past and are looking forward to your continuing support to make this the best year ever for every student.

Barton A. Rupp

Visit Teacher Web Pages

for classroom info such as schedules, policies and procedures.

www.swsd.k12.pa.us

What's for Lunch?

Wednesday, August 30th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Rounds

Thursday, August 31st

Pizza Wedge OR Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Jello

Friday, September 1st

Mozzarella Sticks w/Sauce OR Cheeseburger on Bun, Spicy Fryday

Lunch and Breakfast Prices Have Stayed the Same!



Lunch:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.70
Elementary	\$1.50
Adult	\$2.60
Milk	.45¢

Milk choices include: Whole, 2% Skim, 1% Chocolate, and Low Fat Strawberry. The menu is subject to change without notice.

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS	.85¢
Elementary	.75¢
Adult	\$1.25

Point your COMPASS toward affordable meals

For the first time, families that have children attending South Western can apply for free or reduced price school meals through the National School Lunch Program online! This can be done using COMPASS.

COMPASS allows Pennsylvanians to apply for social service programs, such as Food Stamps (FS), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Energy Assistance, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), etc., online. Families can use COMPASS to apply for free or reduced price school meals only, or they can apply for other services at the same time (FS, TANF, etc.).

You can apply for free or reduced price school meals online by going to the COMPASS web site at www.compass.state.pa.us or you can continue to use the paper "Household Meal Benefit Application" if you prefer. If you apply for free or reduced price school meals through COMPASS, you do not need to submit a paper application.

Dates to Note

August 30
School Begins
All Schools

September 4
Labor Day Holiday
Schools Closed

September 11
Community Swim Resumes
EHMIS Pool
7:00-8:45 PM
Mondays & Wednesdays

September 13
School Board Planning Meeting
7:00 PM

September 27
School Board Meeting
7:00 PM



School Board Meetings

School Board meetings are conducted at 7:00 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 South Western School District complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Public Law 90-202 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or physical handicap.

Any questions concerning South Western School District's programs and policies should be addressed to: Administration Office, 225 Bowman Road, Hanover, PA 17331, 717-632-2500.