

Crank It Up This Year!
A Note From the Superintendent
Dr. Barbara Rupp



Our students deserve the best, and we are geared up to provide the best possible opportunities for each student to be successful. Over the summer, our staff and administrators have had many professional development sessions to learn more about literacy and instructional practices to help improve student achievement. For school year 2011-12, our teachers will be having increased expectations for the students, just as we have increased expectations of teachers and our administrators. We are pleased to share that the expectations we had for student achievement last year resulted in our district achieving Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status for student achievement on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment. For this coming year, the expected proficiency level for attaining AYP will increase. That makes it imperative for us to "crank up" our efforts for student success.

Another project that our teachers have worked on last year, under the direction of Dr. Kehr, has been a change in the way we will report student progress to parents. Parents will be hearing more about this at back-to-school nights and through the principals' newsletters. We are excited about this as we feel certain that this new process will be more accurate and provide our parents with more detailed reporting about students' academic success as well as habits and behaviors that affect that success.

At the conclusion of last year, a survey completed by all students and staff was done to determine how diversity issues are perceived in our district. A district-wide committee will be studying the survey results and making action plans based on the survey results. It is important that all students feel safe and secure in the manner in which all are treated.

In addition, we are excited to announce a new system of communicating with our parents. We will have an automated phone messaging system that will enhance our ability to communicate with parents. Important messages, such as weather related information or any emergency closings, will now be sent to parents by phone. Parents will be hearing more about this when first day information is sent home with students.

Our South Western School District School Board, administration, and staff are a dedicated team, and we are striving to make a difference in the lives of our students and in our community. As always we appreciate your support.

With warmest regards,

Barbara A. Rupp

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School Starts Tuesday, August 30th!

Grades K-9 Start August 30th

Grades 10-12 Start August 31st

DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Elementary Schools . . . 7:45 am - 2:30 pm

EHMIS 8:15 am - 3:16 pm

High School 8:15 am - 3:15 pm

AUGUST 26 ORIENTATION W.E.B.:

Sixth Grade 8 am - 12 pm



Start Off Smart & Safe! Riding The Bus

BE AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES EARLY

Have your child at their bus stop at least five minutes early. Since 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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If there is an emergency and your child must have alternate transportation, please contact the Director of Transportation at 717-633-4776.



2011-12 Health News

RETURN THOSE EMERGENCY FORMS!

Please fill out or correct your child's emergency information as soon as possible for updates. These forms keep your child safe in case of an 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 new "school messenger," an automatic system that will contact parents via telephone with important updates.**

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.

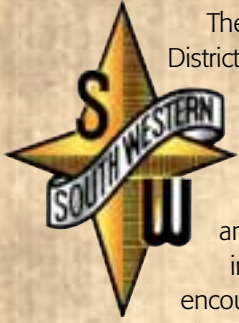
FOOD ALLERGIES

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

BALLOON ALLERGIC?

Many individuals have severe reactions to latex. Latex balloons are not permitted in schools, but those made of other materials (like Mylar) may be used.

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*

South Western School District
225 Bowman Road
HANOVER, PA 17331

POSTAL PATRON LOCAL

Summertime is Learning Time!

Students have been "cranking it up" for the new school year



South Western students at all grade levels spent part of their summer vacation back in our buildings. They were honing their skills to maintain their academic success over the warmer months.



What's for Lunch?

Tuesday, August 30th

Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli OR Fresh Veggie Pack

Wednesday, August 31st

Bosco Sticks OR Turkey Sub, Steamed Peas OR Fresh Veggie Pack

Thursday, September 1st

Cheese Pizza OR Johnnie Rib, California Blend OR Fresh Veggie Pack

Friday, September 2nd

Hot Dog OR Mustang Sub, Baked Beans OR Fresh Veggie Pack

All menus are available on the district website at www.swsd.k12.pa.us/staff/shawn_harlacher/menushtm

Lunch & Breakfast Prices

Lunch:

High School & EHMIS	\$2.00
Elementary	\$1.80
Adult	\$2.90
Milk	.50¢

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

Breakfast:

High School & EHMIS	\$1.15
Elementary	\$1.05
Adult	\$1.60



Visit Teacher Web Pages



for classroom info such as schedules, policies & procedures.

Dates to Note

August 30

School Begins, Grades K-9

August 31

School Begins, Grades 10-12

September 5

**Labor Day Holiday
Schools Closed**

September 14

**School Board Planning Meeting,
7 PM**

September 28

School Board Meeting, 7 PM

Adult Fitness And Education Programs Starting Up Again . . .



Starting in September, the district will offer volleyball in the evenings (Cost is \$2 per session) and also community swim (Cost is \$1 person / \$3 a family). The district will also be offering a variety of workshops to adults covering some very diverse topics. Please check out the District's website at www.swsd.k12.pa.us for course descriptions and registration, or contact Kathy Boone by phone at **717-632-2500 x20110**, or e-mail: kathy_boone@swsd.k12.pa.us

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.