

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Baresville Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff at Baresville Elementary School, we are happy to welcome you back to another exciting school year. Our custodial and facilities staff have worked tirelessly to prepare our building, and we could not be more proud of how it looks. A start to a new year presents us all with a chance to experience new things. Our staff cannot wait to experience all that the 2017-2018 school year has in store for your child as we learn and grow together.

Over the past several years, Baresville Elementary, along with all of South Western School District, has pushed beyond the traditional structure of school. These changes have been reflected in our district vision and in the day-to-day instructional practices of our teachers. As a school community, we have adopted a philosophy of a **growth mindset**, based on the research of Dr. Carol Dweck. Dweck defines a growth mindset as a belief that children and adults can learn more and achieve greater success through perseverance, grit, and hard work. During the coming year, we will continue to push further, using our growth mindset to create a **culture of innovation** at Baresville Elementary School.

What does innovation look like in education? George Couros discusses innovation in his book, *The Innovator's Mindset*, highlighting that innovation requires a change that creates a **new or better** outcome--not simply a change for the sake of change. We will continue to create an environment that promotes this idea in each classroom of our school.

An Innovator's Mindset at Baresville is:

Constantly reflecting and changing to make things better for every child

Recognizing that individual learners are at the center of their own, unique learning experience

Asking the question, "What is best for each learner?"

Thinking about the connection between what we teach and how it will impact each learner in the future

Ensuring that all members of the learning community (teachers, support staff, building leaders, families, and most importantly learners) have a voice in the educational decisions we make

It is important to not overlook the role technology will serve at Baresville as we continue to implement our district vision and create a culture of innovation. We all recognize that technology provides us opportunities we did not have before. However, it is critical to note that technology will not be the center of any child's education. Our teachers will use technology as an accelerator to the learning, **not** a learning outcome. Creating positive connections and forming meaningful relationships with each learner will continue to be at the center of everything we do.

At Baresville, your child will have the opportunity to wonder, to explore, to think, and to develop the traits necessary to become a leader. Our goal everyday will be for your son or daughter to leave school more curious than they were when they arrived. We thank you for everything you have done and will continue to do in support of your child's education. We look forward to a fantastic year and seeing all that your child is capable of on their journey to become an innovator at Baresville.

Sincerely,

Eric Klasek

“Empower learning, unleash talent, and lead a culture of creativity.”

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PTA NEWS

Welcome back to school Baresville Bears!

The Baresville PTA is excited for the new year and for all of the special events that have been planned for our amazing students and staff.

We'd like to give a special thank you to those who volunteered to help our Kindergarten and First Grade students in the cafeteria on the first two days of school. Your assistance was appreciated by the PTA, Staff and Students.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PTA?

It's not too late to sign up to be a member of the PTA! The PTA is a wonderful group of individuals who ensure that your child has a great experience while at Baresville. Membership forms have been sent home with each family.

Why should you join?

Joining the PTA provides you with an opportunity to get to know other individuals who are passionate about the Baresville children. We cannot hold the events which we plan without volunteers to make them a success.

Are you afraid of being stuck leading a committee? Well PLEASE don't be! There is no requirement for members to lead a committee. There are, of course, committees available which need volunteers to lead if that is what you are looking to do. Really, what we need the most is for parents to:

- Volunteer time for events including set-up/clean-up

- Provide donations as needed (i.e. bake goods)

- Participate in Fundraisers

- Attend PTA Meetings to contribute your ideas and learn what is going on in the school community!

Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser of the year will run from September 8th through September 29th. Gertrude Hawk Candy will take the place of our Wolfgang Candy fundraiser held in previous years which has always been a popular fundraiser for our school. Delivery is scheduled for the week November 13th – just in time for the holidays!

Bearwear Sale

This sale is an opportunity for your child to obtain some great Baresville spirit wear for our Spirit Days which are held throughout the year. It's always great to show Baresville pride in school and in the community. The sale will begin Sep. 5th. Look for order forms to come home.

Stay Informed

Look for our flyers that will come home throughout the year - you'll know it's from the PTA if it's on GREEN paper



<https://www.facebook.com/barespta/>

Visit our Website: baresville.my-pta.org

Upcoming Events:

September 5th – Bearwear clothing sale begins

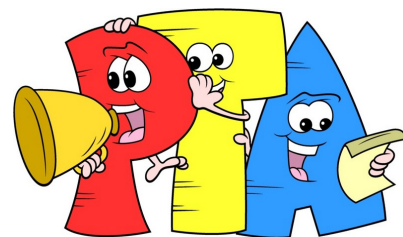
September 12th – PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:30 PM

October 3rd – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8 PM

October 6th – PTA Paint Night, 6 PM (More information coming soon!)

October 14th – Skating Party, 4:30-6:30 PM

October 17th – PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:30 PM



Babysitting services will be provided at our PTA Meetings by the SWHS Key Club should you need that service.



WELCOME BARESVILLE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Baresville welcomes all of our new Baresville families along with the following new staff members.

Brittany Miller	Erin Wagaman	Laura Ecker
Elizabeth Cscuri	Marci Ernst	Meghan Funk
Kayla Sellman	Brianna Crooks	Jennifer Mitchell
Laura Doan	Rachel Glatfelter	Tina Hagarman
Doris Buck	Greg Wentz	Jen Baney
Lex Fodor	Christine Griest	Corinne LaGore
Rebecca Plank		



BARESVILLE PICTURE DAY



Lifetouch will be here on Friday, September 22 to take student pictures. Please watch for the order form/envelope that will be coming home soon. Forms must be returned with your child on picture day to place an order.

BARESVILLE NEWSLETTERS

The newsletter is available on the Baresville web page!

Parents have the option of either receiving the newsletter a hard-copy version, or viewing the newsletter via the Baresville website. **Please note the hardcopy newsletter will be sent home every other month via family count (youngest/only child attending Baresville.)** Teachers will send home a form to be filled out and returned to them stating if you would like a hard copy of the newsletter, or if you prefer reading them on-line. **This letter will come home via your youngest/only child. Please return to your youngest/only child's teacher.** Thank you for your help.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please return the following items to school as soon as possible.

Student Emergency Card

Student Data Sheet

Parent/Student Handbook Signature Page



SEPTEMBER KITCHEN TIDBIT

Many changes and updates have occurred in our Food Service Department over the summer, starting with the arrival of our new Director, Crystal Gauss – she is eager to get to work in the kitchen and make our meals the best they can be. We have also seen changes to www.schoolcafe.com as they have been busy working on ways to consolidate the number of websites you need to visit for all your school meal needs. Last year we began using this site for adding funds, checking account balance, viewing the transaction history and setting up low balance email notifications. While the website will continue to provide us these abilities you will now be able to complete Free & Reduced Meal applications and view the menus, truly making this a “one stop shop” for all families in the district. Please note that money can be added from \$1 up to \$100 per transaction with a \$1.95 fee per transaction. If you add at least \$50 you will receive a 4% credit to your account, meaning you will be charged \$51.95 but your student will have a balance of \$52. Likewise if you add \$100 their balance will be \$104 while you will only be charged \$101.95.

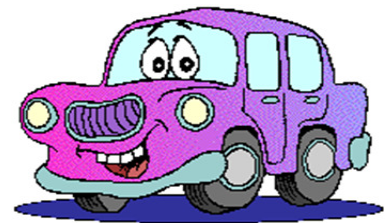
For your convenience the SchoolCafe app can be downloaded to your smart devices. You can also find the menus directly at www.schoolcafe.com/southwesternsd.

Lastly, we have created a Twitter account, <https://twitter.com/swsdfood>, for you to follow and receive the latest and greatest updates & news in the South Western School District Cafeterias & Kitchens. Everyone in food service looks forward to serving all of the students this school year!

CAR RIDER PRODEDURES

Car Rider Procedures at Dismissal Time

- Each car coming to pick up a child must have a Mustang Rider identification mirror hanger.
- If a car does not have a hanger, the driver will be required to park his/her car and go to the school’s office to show identification.
- The secretary will confirm that the adult is permitted to pick up the child.



Please Note: If a family needs additional identification mirror hangers, the parent must contact the school’s office to request one additional hanger. Hangers may also be purchased at a cost of \$5.00, if more than two are needed.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TRAFFIC

Students may arrive at school **after** 7:30 a.m. There is a 15 minute window of time for cars to pull up and have children get out of the car. Please follow these procedures to keep our students safe:

- ◆ There will be only 1 line for students to be dropped off in the morning.
- ◆ Cars will line up next to the curb behind the cone until motioned forward by staff. Children will then exit cars and proceed into the building.
- ◆ Afternoon pick up is at 2:35 p.m. and will be a double line. **Please do not line up before 2:20 p.m.**
- ◆ A staff member will send the students out to the cars only when all cars have stopped. The staff member will only send out a few students at a time to the first few cars. When those cars pull away and the next cars move up, more students will be sent out.

Parents are encouraged to follow all of these guidelines to keep our students safe. Thank you.

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

This information comes directly from the district's parent handbook.
Thank you for reading it carefully.

- **A signed excuse card MUST be submitted within 5 days for each absence** even if the absence is reported to the school by phone.
- Excuse cards for tardiness must be signed by a parent/guardian and submitted to the office within 24 hours.
- Oversleeping is not an acceptable excuse for being tardy/absent and will be recorded as unexcused.
- Learners who arrive more than 105 minutes (9:30 a.m.) after the start of the school day will be marked absent for a half-day. Learners who leave school more than 105 minutes before dismissal (12:45 p.m.) will also be marked for a half-day absence.
- Educational trips are limited to 5 days per year.
- Learners must earn the privilege of participation in athletic, musical and social activities. A learner must arrive at school no more than 105 minutes after the scheduled opening in order to be eligible to participate/practice in an extracurricular activity that day. A learner must fulfill all attendance requirements on Friday in order to be eligible for weekend extracurricular activities.
- Any learner reaching 12 days or more of excused or unexcused absences will be required to submit a doctor's excuse for each absence. You may be required to continue providing a doctor's note for any future absences during the current school year.
- If required to submit doctor's notes, these must be submitted within 5 days of each absence.
- Only **ONE** First Notice Letter will be issued after three days of unexcused/illegal absences during a school year.
- The First Notice Letter will remain in effect during the current school year.
- Any time that learners arrive late they will be marked tardy. Reasons for tardiness will be noted on the excuse card and labeled as either excused or unexcused. Accumulated minutes of tardiness will be maintained and noted on the report card.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR ZONE

Mrs. Jill Shirey

717-633-4870

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The South Western School Counselor team would like feedback about our program. Please take a minute to complete the survey and return it to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you!

My child(ren) are in _____ grade.

- Kindergarten
- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth

My child(ren) attend:

- Baresville Elementary
- Manheim Elementary
- Park Hills Elementary
- West Manheim Elementary

I know who my child's school counselor is and how to contact him/her.

- Yes
- No

I feel comfortable talking to my child's school counselor about issues or concerns.

- Yes
- No

Are you interested in any of the following parent supports?

- Parenting Classes (multi-week)
- One-night group discussions on specific topics related to child development and school success (homework help, attendance, self-control, anxiety/depression, etc.)
- More written information in the form of newsletters, brochures, etc.
- Other: _____

The school counselor teaches classroom lessons in each grade level. Please mark 3-4 topics that you feel are most important for your child's age and grade.

- Career Awareness
- Diversity—(appreciation of differences)
- Conflict Resolution
- Personal Safety/Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Identifying and Coping with Emotions
- Stress/Anxiety
- Family Changes
- Grief and Loss
- Friendship/Social Skills
- Empathy
- Bully Prevention
- Digital Citizenship/Cyber Bullying
- Other: _____

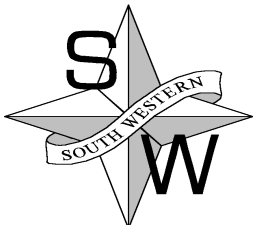
What is the best way to receive information from the school counselor?

- School newsletter
- Hard copy send home with student
- Email
- Other: _____



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28 C	29 D	30 A	31 B	1 C PTA Membership Drive Begins	2
3	4 SCHOOLS CLOSED LABOR DAY 	5 D BA PTA Spirit Wear Sale Begins Band Parent Mtg Orchestra, 6:30 Band, 7:30 @ BA	6 A	7 B	8 C	9
10	11 D	12 A BA PTA Mtg, Library 6:30 PM	13 B School Board Mtg, Admin 7PM	14 C	15 D	16
17	18 A	19 B	20 C	21 D	22 A Fall Picture Day Spirit Wear Sale Ends	23
24	25 B	26 C Parent Visitation, 12:45-2:15	27 D Parent Visitation, 9-10:30 & 12:45-2:15 School Board Mtg, Admin 7PM	28 A Parent Visitation, 9-10:30	29 B BA Spirit Day After School Bowling 2:30-5:15	30



DISTRICT WEBSITE

Please note that current district and building information is always available to you on the South Western District Website. Check it out regularly at:

www.swsd.k12.pa.us



B A R E S V I L L E

M E S S E N G E R

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 C	3 D PTA Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5 PM	4 A	5 B	6 C After School Bowling 2:30-5:15 BA PTA Paint Night, 6 PM	7
8	9 SCHOOL CLOSED 	10 SCHOOL CLOSED	11 D Project Harmony Day School Board Mtg, Admin 7 PM	12 A Open Library Night, 6-7:30 PM	13 B After School Bowling 2:30-5:15	14 BA PTA Roller Skating Party, 4:30-6:30
15	16 C	17 D BA PTA Mtg, Library 6:30 PM	18 A	19 B EARLY DISMISSAL, (Gr K-5 Only), 12:30 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences Night, 4-8 PM	20 SCHOOL CLOSED (Gr K-5 Only) Parent/Teacher Conferences	21
22	23 C	24 D	25 A School Board Mtg, Admin 7 PM	26 B	27 C BA Spirt Day After School Bowling 2:30-5:15	28
29	30 D	31 A 	1 B	2 C	3 D After School Bowling 2:30-5:15	4

