



Park Hills Elementary

Growing, Learning, Changing Together

At Park Hills we believe that every child can be a life-long learner. In a safe and caring environment, parents, students, and educators must work as a team to build a strong foundation in academics and character.

May-June 2012



Dear Park Hills Families,

Wow! I can't believe that I am sitting here writing my final newsletter for the year! I want to start this newsletter by thanking all of you for your support as I started my new position here at Park Hills. It has truly been a blessing to get to know all of you during the course of this year. We have come together and developed into a strong team that has truly made a difference in the lives of your children. I am so thankful for the wonderful community of care that we have here at Park Hills. As always, you, our parents, play a critical role in our students' success.

Once again this month we ask your help in keeping your child's eye on the prize - their education. Please help us to help them keep focused for the time we have remaining together. You can help us by maintaining established routines, homework expectations, and reading times each day.

Very soon we will be distributing our summer reading and math packets. Like last year, we will again be requiring our students to participate in this annual summer reading and math program. All students will be given summer packets containing reading activities and math practice sheets. These should be completed this summer and returned in the fall. The goal is retention. So many students lose ground over the summer months in reading and math due to lack of practice. "If you don't use it you lose it!!!" Please encourage your child as he/she participates in this program again this summer. We want all of our students to get off to a great start next year

Finally, May 7-11 is *Teacher Appreciation Week*. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful teachers we have here at Park Hills. Their hard work and dedication is inspirational. I am indeed privileged to have the opportunity to work with such a talented group of educators on a daily basis. Thank you for all you do.

Have a safe and happy remainder of the year and a summer break full of memory making experiences and lots of great books! See you next fall!!!!

Sincerely,

Kristine-Marie B. Strausbaugh

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Principal

It's Gym-O-Ree Time!



Just a reminder the 34th Annual Gym-O-Ree will be held on Friday, May 18. Mark your calendar for the 9:00 AM start time at the South Western stadium. Rain date is scheduled for Monday, May 21st @ 9:00 AM. Good luck to our fourth and fifth grade students! Remember the importance of respecting others. Have lots of fun!



Car Rider Reminder

Parents, we need your help! Please use the car rider circle for both arrival and dismissal times. To ensure a safe and smooth transition for our students, please stay in the circle, and the first car in a set should always pull up to the painted white line at the top of the circle. Unless permission has been granted to park in the side lot, please wait in line with all the car rider parents. Thank you very much for your help. It is truly appreciated!

Proper Dress Reminder



As we start having these beautiful summer-like days, it is important to remind your child of proper dress while at school.

All clothing should be appropriate for our school setting, such as appropriate length shorts, Capri pants, short sleeve or sleeveless shirts, or sneakers.

Please avoid tank tops, belly shirts, spaghetti straps, short shorts, or other clothing that may interfere with learning in the classrooms. Also, be advised that if your child chooses to wear sandals or flip flops to school, they can be hazardous while on the playground. This type of footwear is strongly discouraged in the school setting to help avoid injury to our students.

Don't forget to check the daily forecast, as well. Jackets may be needed due to chilly mornings.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



No School for Kindergarten

Our current Kindergarten students **will not have school on Tuesday, May 29, 2012**. South Western School District will be conducting Kindergarten Visitation Day on this date for future Kindergarten students who registered for the 2012-13 school year.

Modified Kindergarten Schedule for early dismissal June 6 & 7, 2012

The morning session will arrive at 7:45 a.m. and dismiss at 9:45 a.m.

The afternoon session will arrive at 10:30 a.m. and dismiss at 12:30 p.m.



Did You Miss Ordering Your Student's Class Picture?

We have a limited number of extra class pictures available for purchase. If you are interested please send payment of \$12.72 (tax included) into the school office marked for a class picture. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Early Dismissal Days



All elementary students will be dismissed from school at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, June 6th and Thursday, June 7th (the last day of school.) Please note the Kindergarten day for the 6th & 7th is AM 7:45-9:45 and PM 10:30-12:30.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER VACATION!



Kindergarten Registration - 2012/2013

If you haven't registered your child for Kindergarten yet, please call the Park Hills office as soon as possible and make an appointment. Please remind friends and neighbors in the community, as well. Our next registration day is May 3rd. Thanks for your help!

Student Appreciation Block Party 2012



The Student Appreciation Block Party will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, with a rain date of Tuesday, May 22th. Indoor & outdoor games and activities will be from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

Food will be served from 6:00-7:30 pm. For a minimal cost, parents and siblings will be able to purchase food for dinner, in the All-Purpose Room. Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, drinks, and ice cream and you will have the opportunity to purchase shaved ice and funnel cakes from a local vendor. Students may also purchase novelty items at our Trading Post for a minimal cost of 25 cents to 1 dollar.

Students will be given a card, which must be brought to the block party. **This card is their ticket to all the events and food.** At each event the card will be marked for completion. The card will have a rubber band attached to it. This will enable the student to wear the card around their wrist, or attach it to a button, belt loop, etc., allowing the student's hands to be free to participate in the activities. This card will come home with the student on the day of the party.

We hope to see everyone for an enjoyable evening.



Library Lingo

Since 1919, **National Children's Book Week** has been celebrated nationally in schools, libraries, bookstores, clubs, and private homes -- any place where there are children and books. Educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated children's books and the love of reading with storytelling, parties, author and illustrator appearances, and other book-related events.

During **National Children's Book Week** (May 7-11) at Park Hills, students will be culminating our "READ!" elementary wide library theme for the year. Throughout the year, children have been invited to participate in a wide variety of activities that encourage reading for pleasure and for learning. We participated in a Bedtime Story Night in the fall with record turnout; raised over \$2400 in donations to the York County Literacy Council for their Buck A Book program; and children can join the York Revolution's Boomer's Book Club to score a free ticket to a baseball game.

During **Children's Book Week**, each child will receive a door hanger and bookmark to decorate, generously donated by the SWEPT organization. Thank you for your support of your school library during this special week and year round!

May Kitchen Tidbit



Parents..... if your student is in the free meal program and is receiving a negative balance memo/letter, that negative balance needs to be paid. This negative amount is the cost of breakfast(s) and/or lunch (es) a student had prior to being accepted into the meal program or a la carte items that were purchased. Thus, parents are obligated to pay that negative amount. As in previous years a notice will be sent home sometime after Memorial Day as to how much money your student will need in their cafeteria account until the end of the school year.



The school year is almost over and I just wanted to share a few important dates and reminders.

May 15th is our block party. May 17th is our fundraiser for the PTA at Texas Roadhouse - just tell them you are with Park Hill. The proceeds for fundraiser night at Texas road house for Park Hills will benefit a child at our school who has a serious illness.

Thank you also to everyone who shopped at Giant. We raised \$2758.00 which is up from last year. Thank you so much also for shopping at Shur-Fine and Target.

This is the last month to order from Edible Arrangements. All you have to do is mention that you are with Park Hills and they will donate \$5.00 from your order. Their phone number is (717) 632-1062.

National Teacher appreciation week is May 7th-11th.

Our Last PTA meeting for the year is June 5th in the Library

Joanna Sager
President of Park Hills PTA

York County Elementary Choral Festival



The following students represented Park Hills at the York County Elementary Choral Festival at Eastern York High School on March 24, 2012: LaCatherine Feeser, Kaitlyn Bynaker, Alexis Seidenstricker, Matthew Miller and Christian Holtzman. Congratulations on a job well done! We are proud of you!

Art and Project Fair



What a Night! Hundreds of parents, students, and family members toured the school looking at student projects, as well as fantastic artwork created by our students under the direction of our art teacher, Mrs. Lisa Miller. Thank you, Mrs. Miller for keeping our students interested in the Arts.

Vacancy - School Board Member

If interested, contact Dr. Barbara Rupp, Superintendent at 717-632-2500 or email barb_rupp@swsd.k12.pa.us by June 1, 2012.

Grandparent's Day



Park Hills students were excited to welcome grandparents to our building on Friday, April 27th. It was evident that everyone enjoyed their visit by the wonderful smiles we all received. The Grandparents had such complimentary things to say about our teachers and students. Our students were very proud to share what they have been learning throughout the year with their grandparents. Our grandparents also had the opportunity to participate in classroom activities with their grandchildren. We learned a great deal from each other on this special day!

Park Hills is pleased to introduce the

Clothing Closet!

Parents and Guardians are invited to Park Hills during the following dates and times to browse gently used children's clothing (sizes 6-14), shoes and winter coats.

All clothing is free of charge for Park Hills families.

May 4

8:00 am - 11:00 am

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

May 5

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Please contact Erin Hanson at 717-633-4880 with any questions.

Students can also register the day of event.

SOUTH WESTERN EDUCATION FOUNDATION YOUTH TRIATHLON

Saturday, May 5th, 2012 8:00 AM—Noon Rain or Shine

Event Location- 225 Bowman Road, Hanover

Registration deadline is now April 23. Spots are limited-please register early! Registration fee of \$25 is due with this form. Late registration fee is \$35. Please mail this form with payment to SWEF- Youth Triathlon, 225 Bowman Road, Hanover PA 17331. For additional information visit <http://tri.southwesternsd.org/>

Name: _____
Parent Names: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
T-shirt Size: _____ (Sizes YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL) Swimming Level: Beginner ___
Intermediate ___ Advanced ___
Date of Birth: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___ Current Grade: ___
Amount paid: _____ Check # _____ (All returned checks are subject to a \$30 fee)
Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

WARNING: THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND DEPRIVES YOU OF THE RIGHT TO SUE. DO NOT SIGN UNLESS READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY. SEEK THE ADVICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ITS EFFECT.

I acknowledge the physical and mental rigors present with triathlons -running, bicycling, swimming are inherently dangerous and test physical and mental limits. I understand participation involves dangers -serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis/death; property damage; exposure to extreme circumstances; accidents, illness, collision with participants, spectators, vehicles or other natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from weather conditions; imperfect course conditions; water, road and surface hazards; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the control of the Event Organizers; and other undefined harm or damage not foreseeable, and other unknown risks and danger. I understand the risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own or my child's actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the event, or the acts, inaction or negligence of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume such risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses which are incurred by me or child as further set forth below. I represent the child is in proper physical condition and is not using prescription drugs impairing the ability to safely participate. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine the child healthy enough to participate. I agree to learn and abide by the Rules for the event. I have instructed my child of the risks and how to be safety conscious. I hereby acknowledge that I have or will, before event, inspect the course to be used and agree that the child's participation constitutes an acknowledgment that the course, all facilities and equipment have been inspected and I accept same as being safe for participation by the child. I also accept responsibility for my own and child's actions during triathlon and the condition of equipment. I acknowledge that my child and I are responsible for my child's personal possessions and athletic equipment during the triathlon. I consent to my child receiving medical treatment which may be deemed advisable by the on-site personnel in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the triathlon. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless any party involved in the event, including: the Event Organizers and Promoters, Southwestern Education Foundation, Southwestern School District, Penn Township, Sponsors, Advertisers, Venue and Property Owners, Police, Fire, Safety and others providing support, and each of their parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, board, agents, employees and volunteers (Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action,

damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees) of any kind or nature which may arise out of, result from or relate to my child's participation in the event, including claims for Liability and any and all claims or causes of action I and/or child may have for damages for personal or bodily injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of any or all of the released parties, to the fullest extent permitted by law, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the released parties. I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the released parties from Liability which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby state that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms, realize that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of the minor, my spouse, children, parents, guardians, heirs and next of kin, any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement freely, without any inducement, assurance or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditionals and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision is held for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

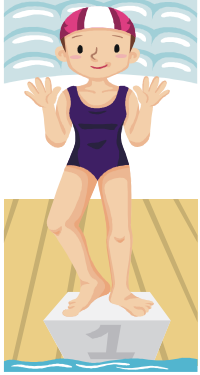
As the Parent and/or Legal Guardian, I hereby accept and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with the minor's participation in the Event. All parents/guardians of the child have signed this document. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Release Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim. I further expressly agree that the foregoing agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Pennsylvania.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(s): _____ Date: _____

Summer 2012 Swimming Lessons

Week 1: Monday - Friday, June 18th - June 22th

Week 2: Monday - Friday, June 25rd - June 29th



Daily Schedule

11:10 - 12:00pm Red Cross Levels I, II, III

12:10 - 1:00pm Red Cross Levels III, IV, V, VI

50 minutes per day for one week

25 students per class (space available in all time periods)

Swimmers must be 6 years old before or on June 16th.

Registration

May 21 - May 31 from 8:00am - 4:00pm in the EHMIS office.

June 4th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the EHMIS pool lobby.



Please direct any questions to Michelle Good at 717-229-2930 (leave a message) or email at michelle.good@swsd.k12.pa.us - Late registration may be made the week before classes begin in the EHMIS office if space is available.

Free

Skin Screening



"Spot Check"

Let us check skin spots
that concern you.

Wednesday, May 16, 2012
6 -8 pm

Location: Thomas Hart Family Practice Center
York Hospital

Registration Required:
Call 851-3500

Sponsors: Thomas Hart Family Practice Center
and
The York Cancer Center

Chalk It Up Hanover

Saturdays on Main Street Hanover presents

2nd Annual Chalk It Up Hanover

Saturday, May 12, 2012 10 am to 4 pm

Center Square, Hanover

(Rain Date: Saturday, May 19)

Theme: Spring is a Bloomin'



You may arrive to complete your art anytime between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All art must be completed by 3 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Artists of all ages will transform Hanover's sidewalks into colorful works of art. Each participant will be given an assigned square of sidewalk, chalk and time to convert concrete into temporary art. At 4 p.m., squares will be judged and monetary awards given to the artists.

Sidewalk spaces are approx. 4ft x 4 ft. You may use any or all of the space. Participants can pick up their assigned space at the registration table, located in the Fountain Quadrant (northwest quadrant) the morning of the event. Over 100 spaces are available.

1. Please try to keep your supplies contained near your space.
2. Please respect the other artists who are working near your space. Do not walk on other artist paintings or have open beverage containers that could spill and destroy someone's artwork.
3. No fixatives may be used on the chalk drawings.
4. No music allowed, unless you wear portable headsets or earphones.
5. Members of Saturdays on Main Street will be at the registration table for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to ask for chalk, water, etc.
6. Maximum 5 people to a square. If ages of your people spans more than one category, you may be considered a FAMILY/GROUP.
7. Please NO oil chalk or pastels. You must use only the chalk provided to you.
8. Art must be family-friendly.
9. Your photo will be taken unless you indicate otherwise to photographer.
10. Artists may begin as late as 2 p.m., but must complete art by 3 p.m. to be considered for prizes.
11. I/We will hold the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Hanover, Borough of Hanover and Saturday on Main Street harmless for event.

Chalk will be provided at no charge. If you are creating an image originally created by another artist (living or deceased), please give credit to the artist and the title at the base of your design.

Registration

Please complete and return before May 1st to office@hanoverchamber.com, fax 717-637-9127 or mail to 146 Carlisle St., Hanover, PA 17331 *Please see "Suggestions" on what to bring and wear.*

Artist's Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

I have read, understood and accept the rules and regulations outline above. If participant is under the age of 18, parental/guardian signature is required.

Age Group:

5 and under Age 6 - 9 Age 10 - 13 Age 14 - high school senior Adult Family/Group

Main Street Hanover

South Western Summer Recreation Program for 2012

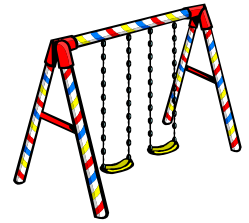
Dear Parents and Guardians,



I am pleased to announce the South Western Recreation Commission will once again provide supervised playground activities at Baresville, Park Hills, Manheim, and West Manheim Elementary playgrounds this summer from June 18, 2012 - August 2, 2012.

The playground will be staffed with qualified supervisors who are education majors at local colleges and universities. The staff will be offering different activities each day. The program is offered to children who live in Penn, West Manheim, and Manheim Townships and who are currently in grades kindergarten through fifth.

Baresville, Park Hills, Manheim, and West Manheim Elementary playgrounds will be supervised Monday through Thursday each week from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. except for the week of July 4th. Due to the July 4th holiday, the playgrounds will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1:00-4:00 p.m., on July 2nd-6th and will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.



Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Brian M. Cromer,
Program Director



South Western Youth Wrestling Association Wrestling Camp

Camp Information:

The South Western Wrestling Association Camp provides an opportunity for South Western Youth wrestlers to improve their wrestling skills. The camp is designed to meet the needs of the beginner, intermediate, and advanced wrestler from grades 1 through 9. The wrestlers will also get the chance to use these skills during the live wrestling sessions. Wrestlers will be matched together by weight, age, and skill level. The wrestlers will also participate in a supervised weight lifting session. This will include machine and free weights. The camp runs **Monday, June 25th to Thursday, June 28th** from 9am to 12pm. All applications must be received by **June 1st, 2012**.

Typical Daily Schedule:

9:00-9:15 Warm-up and Stretching
9:15-9:30 Agility Drills
9:30-10:25 Technique Session
10:25-10:30 Break
10:30-11:30 Weight room/Live Wrestling
11:30-11:45 Light Conditioning
11:45-12:00 Fun Activity

Camp Staff

Joey Wildasin, Stallions Head Coach
Greg Sprenkle, Stallions Coach
Jake Kemper, Stallions Coach
Casey Froehlich, Stallions Coach
and others.

Cost of Camp: \$55 per individual or \$45 ea. for siblings (same household) Make Checks Payable to SWYWA. Send Camp Fee and Application to: Coach Greg Sprenkle, South Western High School, 200 Bowman Rd., Hanover, PA 17331. For more information or questions email greg_sprenkle@swsd.k12.pa.us

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Camp Application

Medical Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

School District: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Wrestling Experience (Years): _____

Weight: _____

Age: _____ Grade Level (fall '12): _____

T-Shirt Size: Adult: S M L XL XXL Youth: M L

Applicant's Birthday: _____

Social Security #: _____

Insurance Co. Name: _____

Group # _____ Policy# _____

Family Physician _____

Phone # _____

Please list any physical conditions of which the staff should be aware: _____

Medical Release Form

To be signed by Parent/Guardian:

I, the undersigned as a parent or guardian of _____, hereby approve of my child's attendance to the South Western Wrestling Association's Wrestling Camp at South Western High School and certify that he/she is in good health and able to participate in the program. In the event that I am unavailable for the purpose of providing parental consent, I authorize the camp director and the camp trainer to act for me according to his/her best judgement in any emergency requiring medical attention. I understand that I am financially responsible for any medical bills incurred by my child while at the camp.

Signed _____ Date: _____



Park Hills Dates to Remember

May - 2012

May 2	ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously)
May 2	Parent Meeting on Report Cards @ Manheim 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM
May 2	Susan Byrnes Center comes to PH to visit Grade 4 students
May 3	Additional Kindergarten Registration Day at Park Hills @ 8:00 AM (Call to schedule appointment if you need to register your Kindergarten student.)
May 3	"Read the Walls" Special Event @ 6:30 PM @ Park Hills
May 4	After School Bowling Program
May 4	Clothing Drive @ Park Hills 8:00-10:00 AM, 1:00-3:00 AM, & 6:00-7:00 PM
May 5	Clothing Drive @ Park Hills 10:00-12:00 PM
May 5	South Western Education Foundation Youth Triathlon 8:00 AM - Noon
May 7-11	National Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8	Park Hills PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
May 9	Gallery Day (at West Manheim from 8:40-2:00) Gallery Night (at West Manheim for parents & friends 6:30-8:00)
May 11	Mother's Day Tea for Grade 1 @ Park Hills
May 11	After School Bowling Program
May 12	Grade 5 Reading Incentive Trip to Washington, DC
May 15	Park Hills Block Party 6:00-8:00 PM
May 17	Grade 3 Field Trip to Hanover Hospital and Kids Kingdom
May 17	PTA Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse - just tell them you are with Park Hills
May 18	Gym-O-Ree @ 9:00 AM
May 18	After School Bowling Program
May 21	Gym-O-Ree Raindate @ 9:00 AM
May 22	Park Hills Block Party Rain Date 6:00-8:00 PM 5 th Grade Orchestra to EHMIS 11:00-2:00
May 23	5 th Grade Class Trip (PH & MA going together) Dutch Apple
May 24	5 th Grade Band Workshop @ Middle School EHMIS 11:30-2:00
May 25	Grade 1 Field Trip to Environmental Center
May 25	Last day for books to be returned to the Park Hills Library
May 25	After School Bowling Program
May 25	2 nd Grade Field Trip to Harrisburg Forum
May 28	School Closed - Memorial Day Celebration
May 29	New 2012-2013 Kindergarten students to visit Park Hills ** No school for current Kindergarten students **
May 30	Grade 1 Walking Field Trip to Library



June - 2012



- June 1 Father's Day Party for Gr 1 @ 1:45 PM
June 1 Piggy Opera for K class Mrs. Marines @ 9:00 & 1:00
June 4 Kindergarten Celebration Night @ PH 6:00-7:30
June 5 Last PTA meeting in the PH Library
June 6 Early Dismissal for Elementary @ 12:30 PM

In addition, the last two days of school, June 6th and June 7th, the length and time of your child's kindergarten session will be modified according to the following schedule:

AM Class -- 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
PM Class -- 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- June 7 Early Dismissal for Elementary @ 12:30 PM
(Last Day of School-Report cards home)

