



Warren Township Schools

Shining Brighter Every Day



August 28, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students of Mt. Horeb,

I am hopeful that this letter finds you all soaking in the last few days of summer. Remember, it isn't over yet. We've spent the summer readying the building for the arrival of our students and I am eager to get another school year underway. Please make note of the following important messages (and then get back to summer)!

YEARLY REGISTRATION

Thank you for taking the time to update all information in our database by way of our online program. This greener and cleaner approach has been a blessing. Thank you!

BUS INFORMATION

You will be receiving a separate communication today that includes information about busing, your bus stop, and pick up and drop off times.

SCHOOL HOURS & LUNCH HOURS

Doors Open	Regular Hours	Preschool Hours	Delayed Opening	Early Dismissal
8:40	8:50 - 3:30	9:10 - 11:40, 12:40 - 3:10	10:50 - 3:30	8:50 - 1:30

Lunch #1 = Grades 1, 2, 3 - 11:40 - 12:05

Lunch #2 = Grades K, 4, 5 - 12:15 - 12:40

Recess #1 = Grades 1, 2, 3 - 12:10 - 12:35

Recess #2 = Grades K, 4, 5 - 12:45 - 1:10

STAFFING – 2018

As always, Mt. Horeb is experiencing some exciting and positive changes as the new school year approaches. In preschool, we have added a co-teaching class and have hired the ever enthusiastic and smiley Ms. Middleton to teach with Mrs. Yankowicz. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Jones from Woodland who will be teaching 3rd grade this year. The dynamic duo of Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Annese will be together again across the hall from Mr. Jones teaching 3rd grade as well. We also are lucky enough to have secured Mrs. Zgombic, formerly of WMS, as our new computer teacher. She will be shared between Mt. Horeb and Central School. She comes with a sterling reputation and impressive tech experience and knowledge.

Preschool	3 Sections	Mrs. Keirstead, Mrs. Keller, Ms Middleton & Mrs. Yankowicz
Kindergarten	2 sections	Mrs. Fishelman, Miss Elizabeth Maag & Mrs. Harris
1 st Grade	2 sections	Mrs. Rebecca Maag, Ms. Cicalese
2 nd Grade	2 sections	Ms. Haydu, Miss Rosenberg & Mrs. Lederman
3 rd Grade	2 sections	Mrs. McMahon & Mrs. Annese, Mr. Jones
4 th Grade	2 sections	Ms. Andrews & Mr. Schwallie, Mrs. Scassera
5 th Grade	2 sections	Mr. Guglielmino, Mrs. Trump & Mrs. Gauvin, Mrs. Maguire

Our Specialists

Andrew Ahimovic – Physical Education

John Tsihlas – Physical Education

Chris Burkhardt – Library

Wendy Piller – REACH/Math Compacting

Susan Sage – Art

Mark Weber – Instrumental Music

Hildy Jackson – Spanish

Jenny Kaniuka – Music

Dr. Sue Kline – Innovation & Design

FOR STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL:

September 6th - Walk Through for Preschoolers - From 1:30 until 2:00, the Pre School teachers will be here to welcome students and their parents.

September 7th - FIRST DAY FOR PRE-SCHOOL! Friday, September 7th is the first day of school for Preschoolers!

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FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE:

Wednesday, September 5th - Kindergarten Get Together - 10:00 - 11:00

To welcome our new kindergartners, our PTO is hosting a Kindergarten Get Together. This will take place on the smaller playground to the right of the building as you enter. You are more than welcome to enter the playground through the gates, which can be found on the right side of the building. It will be fun to see our new Kindergartners playing together for the very first time. Parents must be present and siblings are welcome.

September 5th - Walk Through (All Students) - 2:00 - 2:30 - This is an opportunity for all students and their parents to briefly meet their teachers and experience their new classrooms.

September 6th - FIRST DAY!! - Thursday, September 6th is the first day of school. It is a **full day** for all students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Be sure to send your students with a snack and a lunch as Food Days will not have begun.

IMPORTANT DATES

9/10 - Schools Closed in observance of Rosh Hashanah

9/12 - First General PTO Meeting @ 9:30 in the APR

9/17 - Food Days and beverages begin

9/19 - Schools Closed in observance of Yom Kippur

9/20 - Back to School Night

9/22 - PTO Family Fun Day @ Camp Riverbend

9/25 - Picture Day

9/27 - Farm to Table Event

10/8 & 10/9 - Schools Closed for Columbus Day & Staff Development

CHROMEBOOKS:

We are once again fortunate to be 1:1 with Chromebooks for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders this year. Our 3rd and 4th graders will have access to a Chromebook while in school each day. These Chromebooks will stay in school and will not go home. Our 5th graders will again have the privilege of receiving their own Chromebook, carrying case, and charger at the beginning of the year. While this is district property, I call upon all students to take care of this Chromebook as though it was their own. They will be using this very device through middle school. As with all devices and computers, students may use them as long as they are upholding each detail of our Acceptable Use Policy and Code of Conduct. I call on parents to please help in educating our children on digital citizenship, that is, making great choices while using devices and the Internet.

BUILDING SECURITY

Any time you wish to enter the school, you should come prepared with your driver's license. All doors to the school will remain closed and locked during the school day. The only point of entry for visitors is the front door.

ALPHABEST - OUR NEW BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROVIDER

We are pleased to inform you that we have a new care provider for before and after school. AlphaBEST comes with an excellent reputation and has already proven to be on top of all of the details. All information about AlphaBEST can be found on our website at www.warrentboe.org. If your child goes to after school care, a schedule must be sent with your child on the first day of school outlining which days of the week your child attends. Please place this note and schedule in a **separate** envelope addressed to the teacher.

EARLY PICK UP

As a reminder, if your child is going to be picked up from school, please send in a note and have your child deliver this note to his or her teacher in the morning. Please don't use email as a mode to communicate this information.

Keep in mind the importance of getting the kids back on a school schedule before that first week of school. Easy for me to write, tough for us all to actually make it happen!

Please remember, **"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."**

Mr. Cook