



Sidney Elementary School Newsletter

SES
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A Message from the Principal

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year. Sidney Elementary School staff have been working hard over the summer in order to prepare for the opening of school, and I look forward to seeing all of the students on Monday, September 10th on the first day of the school year. Many changes have occurred within the building due to the completion of the latest building project. I invite you to see the many changes including a new main office, nurse's office, new rooms and many other changes that make our building look exceptional during our Open House on Thursday, September 27th. With these changes within the building come new procedures for entering the building. These changes are in line with new security measures as a result of Smart Schools funds we received from New York State to enhance school safety. An explanation of these procedures will be included in a future mailing.

Our students are continuing to make exceptional gains as reported in our results on state and local assessments. I also want to thank again the parents and caregivers of our students for your continued support in educating each and every child! By us working together, we can help our children to reach their greatest potential. We will continue to have many exciting events, programs and informational nights for the upcoming school year so we can continue to keep open the lines of communication, help students achieve academic success and encourage school-community partnerships.

Please be on the lookout for mailings and information posted on the district website concerning these upcoming events. I continue to have two goals as building principal. My first

goal is to continue to improve student achievement for **all** students. We will continue to provide support and enrichment opportunities through both classroom instruction and our W.I.N. ("What I Need") academic period. We will improve upon using student assessment data to diagnostically pinpoint the areas where students need help and as a result align instruction accordingly to help them achieve academic success. I believe a collegial relationship amongst staff, students, and parents can help us to continue to succeed and overcome any obstacles that are put in our way. My second goal has always been to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students. The elementary school must be a place where students feel safe and are held accountable for their actions in order to allow them to make positive choices both socially and behaviorally. ***Parents, teachers, support staff, and administration all have an important role in helping our children succeed!***

Please review all the important information within this mailing and future mailings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 561-7701.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

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Principal



Arrival & Dismissal



Doors open at 7:40 a.m. for the breakfast program in the elementary school cafeteria. Children who walk or are transported by parents, and who are not participating in the breakfast program, should not arrive before 7:40 a.m. The instructional day begins at 8:05 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:05 a.m. will be considered

late to school and this will be documented on a student's report card. Students in grades UPK - 6 will be dismissed at 2:27 p.m.

Student Drop Off / Pick Up

The student drop off/pick up location at the beginning and the end of the school day will be in front of the SES cafeteria. Students in grades UPK – 6 should be dropped off in the loading/unloading zone in front of the elementary cafeteria on the passenger side only. There is no parking allowed in the driveway along the front of the elementary school. If you need to come to the main office, please park in a visitor spot.

The traffic flow map is enclosed. Please review the map and follow the flow of traffic when on the school campus.

Forms

Enclosed are two forms that need to be completed and returned to school. The first one is a **pink** health and general information annual update sheet. The **yellow** form asking for language, ethnicity, etc. is used for state reporting purposes. Please fill out both forms and send them to school with your child no later than **Wednesday, September 12th**.

District Calendar & Bus Information

You will soon be receiving the district calendar which contains lots of information. Included in the calendar are the September breakfast and lunch menus and an application for free or reduced lunch. Each school year a new lunch application must be completed.

If you have questions about bus routes and bus stops, please call Doug Russell at the Transportation Center at 561-7710.

First Day of School & Dismissal Form

Monday, September 10th is the first day of school! A blue dismissal form was mailed separately earlier in August. **Each student must have a new blue dismissal form on file each year.** If you have not turned in your child's blue form to Nancy Edwards in the Curriculum Office located at the High School, please be sure your child brings their blue dismissal form to their teacher on the first day of school. Please call the SES main office at 561-7701 if you have any questions.



Classroom Assignments & Supply Lists

Classroom assignments for the 2018-2019 school year for students entering UPK through sixth grade are enclosed. You will find the information on their schedule which is printed on red colored paper and included in this mailing.

Supply lists are available on the elementary tab of the Sidney Central School District website at www.sidneycsd.org.

Main Office

The main office for grades **UPK - 6** is located in the elementary school. All parents, visitors and volunteers must enter through the main office to sign in and receive a badge before being escorted to any area within the school. A government issued ID is required to enter the building.

Contact Information

It is important for the SES Main Office to have accurate directory information. This includes:

- home phone number
- parents' work phone numbers
- cell phone numbers
- physical address
- mailing address
- local emergency contacts and their phone numbers
- changes in custody
- court paperwork.

Please remember to always keep the main office up-to-date with any changes!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

During parent/teacher conferences, parents will find out how well their children are doing by reviewing their academic progress. Parents will be notified of conference times and may request a different time if the scheduled time is inconvenient. **Please do not hesitate to arrange other conferences with your child's teacher whenever you feel there is a need.**

Medications

Students who need medication during the school day must bring the medication (in the original container) to the Nurse's Office with a signed consent from the parent and doctor. This includes all over-the-counter medications.

Attendance

Children are expected to be in school unless they are ill or have an appointment that cannot be scheduled at any other time. If your child will not be in school or will be late, please call the school nurse before 8:30 a.m. Parents of students in grades UPK - 6 should call the elementary health office at 561-7705. You may leave a message on their voicemail. Upon your child's return to school following an illness, we do require a written excuse stating the specific reason for your child's absence.

Importance of Being on Time and at School Everyday

Regular school attendance helps students in a variety of ways. School is often a student's first experience with a required routine. This is the foundation for developing lifelong habits of being prompt, on time and ready to work or learn.

Daily and on time school attendance helps students grow confidence in their academic subjects. Frequently, when students miss school they struggle to get caught up, which can cause them to feel stressed, overwhelmed and frustrated with school.

Daily and on time attendance helps students develop strong peer and teacher relationships. When students are at school they are able to establish relationships with classmates which makes school more enjoyable and fun. Relationships with teachers are also improved as the student and teacher get to know each other and find ways to work together to improve academics or behavior. Strong connections to staff and peers at school has been shown to create a positive school experience for children.

Daily and on time school attendance helps student achieve increased academic success. When students are in school daily and on time they are being exposed to all content areas and lesson topics. This allows them to grow academically and experience more success.

Important Dates

Monday, September 10
First day of school!

Thursday, September 20
School Picture Day*

Friday, September 21
School Picture Day*

Thursday, September 27
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Open House & Book Fair

Friday, October 5
No School
Staff Development Day

Monday, October 8
No School
Columbus Day

Monday, November 12
No School
Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 21 through
Friday, November 23
No School
Thanksgiving Recess

**Ordering envelopes and a picture day schedule will be sent home with each student at a later date.*

P.R.I.D.E. at SES

We are Warriors and we show P.R.I.D.E. Students at Sidney Elementary School show P.R.I.D.E.! P.R.I.D.E. is an acronym that stands for; Patience, Respect, Integrity, Determination and excellence. The P.R.I.D.E. campaign was created to teach, model, reinforce and reteach expected and desirable behaviors throughout the school day.

P.R.I.D.E. at SES (continued)

Students are expected to demonstrate P.R.I.D.E. in all they do while at school. Below are the behavior expectations for students based on our P.R.I.D.E. campaign.

Patience

I will show patience by waiting for my turn quietly.

I will share and let others have a turn.

I will not get upset when it is not my turn, or when I have to wait.

I will control my emotions when it is not my turn.

Respect

I will respect myself, others, adults and things.

I will treat myself, others, adults and things as though they are special and important.

I will speak kindly to myself and others.

I will use materials and possessions as they are supposed to be used.

Integrity

I will show integrity by doing the right thing, even when nobody's watching.

I will take responsibility/ownership for my behavior.

I will return things that do not belong to me.

I will keep my area, space, and school clean.

I will help others who need it.

I will tell the truth and be honest.

Determination

I will show determination by never giving up.

I will try and try until I get it.

I will try, before I ask for help.

I will use resources if I need help.

Excellence

I will do my best every day!