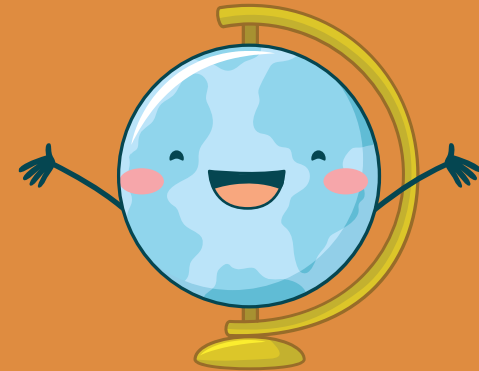
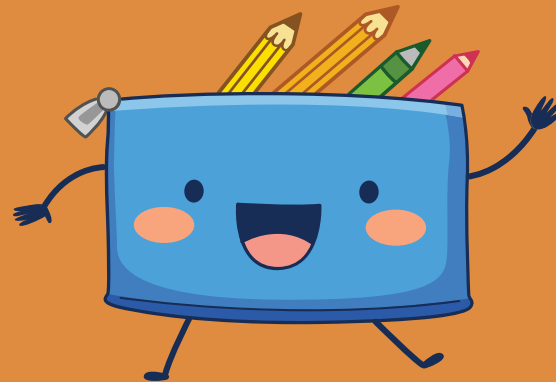
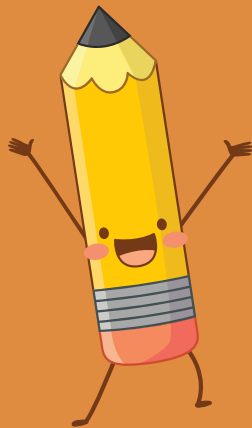


Ostrander Elementary School

Kindergarten Orientation

August 31, 2023

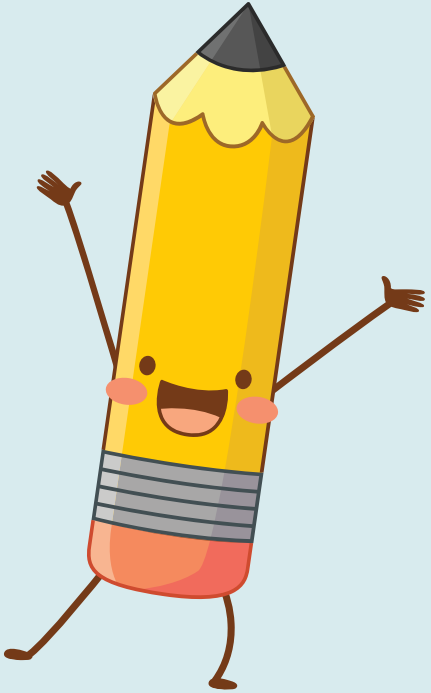
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Welcome to Ostrander Elementary School

Welcome to Kindergarten



Today's Agenda:

Classroom Visit

School Tour

Transportation



Principal Harjes

- nharjes@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us
- 845-895-7225 (work)
- 845-742-7731 (cell)

Communication

- Home/School Folder
- Thank you, Mrs. Padilla, for keeping us organized 😊



Student Handbook

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Student Handbook 2023-2024



Mrs. Natalie Harjes, Principal

nharjes@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Mrs. Kristine Boyle, Intervention Specialist

kboyle@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

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District Website

- Updates from District Office & Mr. Castle
- Ostrander Website



Ostrander News

OSTRANDER NEWS

NEWSLETTER

September 2023

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 1



WELCOME BACK to School

Dear Ostrander Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. Your child will be coming home with a home/school communication folder. This will help keep you up-to-date on what is happening at school. Please be sure to check it daily.

Please mark your calendars for Open House:

Grades Pre-K-3: September 18 @ 6:30 pm
Grades 4-6: September 14 @ 6:30 pm

I would also like to encourage you to join our PTO. The PTO will have its first meeting on September 19 at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Natalie Harjes, Principal



Attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building positive attendance habits early on so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Here are some helpful tips:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Back-to-School Forms

It is important to complete and return the back-to-school paperwork sent home in the blue communication folder. This will ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

AM Drop Off (8:30 – 9:00 am)

K-6 students are to be dropped off in the designated unloading zone and exit on the passenger side of the vehicle only. A staff member will be there to assist your child(ren). Parents/guardians of pre-K students must check their child in with the teacher or aide.

Dismissal Procedures

- Pickups will be released at 3:00 pm. Please park in the upper lot and enter through the gymnasium doors to sign out your child. Photo ID is required.
- Walkers are released at 3:00 pm through the main lobby doors.
- Bus dismissal begins at 3:05 pm.

NOTE: Any changes to your child's dismissal plan must be submitted in writing to the main office.

National School Lunch & Breakfast Program

WCSD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00; elementary lunch costs \$2.20. Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Please return the School Meal Program application as soon as possible.

Check It Out!

Are you looking for:

- the letter day?
- important school documents?
- upcoming events?

Go To:

<https://www.walkkisd.k12.ny.us/domain/21>

Upcoming Events

9/6	First Day of School
9/11	PBS Kickoff
9/14	Open House Gr. 4-6 @ 6:30 pm
9/18	Open House Gr. Pre-K-3 @ 6:30 pm
9/19	PTO Meeting @ 7 pm
9/20	Board of Education Meeting @ 7 pm (WSSS)
9/25	Schools Closed
9/26	5 th Grade Ashtoken
10/3	Fall Picture Day

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

895-7225	Announcement Line
895-7232	Attendance Office
895-7231	Health Office
895-7229	Health Office Fax
895-7225	Main Office
895-8043	Main Office Fax

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www.walkkisd.k12.ny.us

Attendance

Please call the Attendance Clerk Mrs. Allen:

- Out sick
- Attendance concerns
- 845-895-7232
- When your child returns to school send in the “Student Absentee Excuse” form

A Note from the Nurse

Please contact the school nurse:

- Any medical changes
- New contact information
- Questions before school starts:
Nurse Ursula Petricek FNP-C
District-Wide Family Nurse Practitioner
District Medical Director
upetricek@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us
845-895-7156 (please leave a message)
- Ostrander Nurse Wendi Bean 845-895-7231 wbean@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Student Support Team at Ostrander



- Natalie Harjes (Principal)
- Donna Otto (School Psychologist)
- Kris Boyle (Intervention Specialist)
- Joy Heeney (Social Worker)
- Michelle Gambuti (“NEW” Social Worker)



PBIS PROMISE:

PAWS

Today I will have a
Positive Attitude,
Act Respectfully and
Responsibly,
make **W**ise Choices,
and keep myself and
others **S**afe.



We are a PBIS School

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports



Transportation

How are you coming to school? How are you going home?

This is **very** important information!

- Please call the main office with any transportation changes or questions
- An adult must be at the bus stop for all K and 1 students
- The buses run slow the first week – don't panic 😊
- Drop off for car students is 8:30 a.m. at the main entrance.
- Pick up is at 3:00 p.m. from the Gym.



Join the PTO

- **First Meeting**
- September 19 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Library



Ostrander PTO
Elementary School



 Send Message





Have a Great
School Year!