



# Pre-K Orientation

Wednesday August 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.



Welcome to  
Ostrander  
Elementary School





# Principal Harjes

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

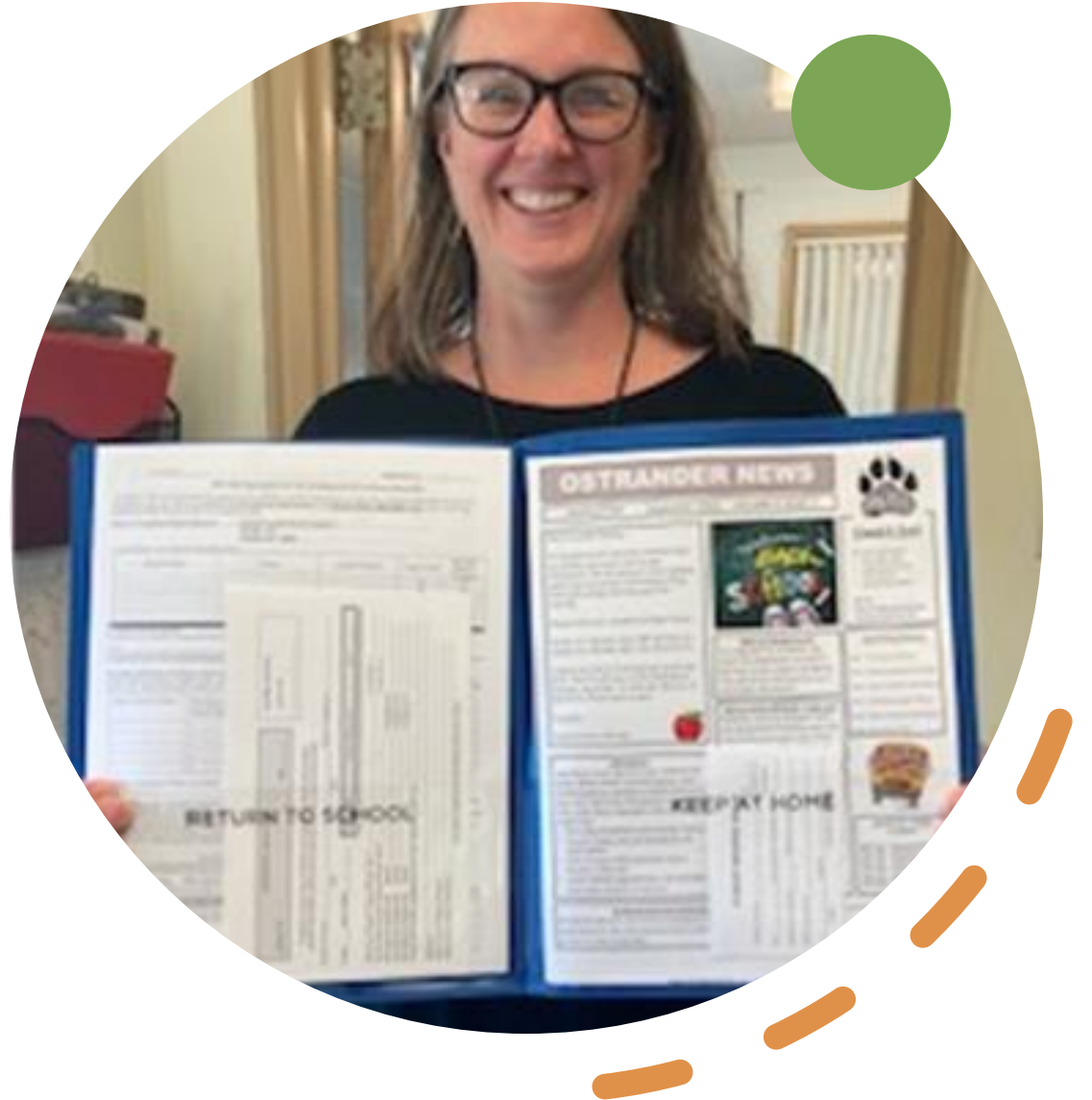


# Agenda

- Meet Mrs. Harjes, Ostrander Principal
- Meet the PTO
- Meet Mrs. Stey, Pre-K Teacher
- Classroom visit

# Communication

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



# Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Student Handbook 2023-2024



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# Student Handbook

# District Website

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



# Ostrander News

## OSTRANDER NEWS

NEWSLETTER

September 2023

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 1



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

## WELCOME BACK to School

### 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 time must be submitted**

### Check It Out!

- Are you looking for:
- the letter day?
  - important school documents?
  - upcoming events?

Go To:

<https://www.walkkcsd.k12.ny.us/domain/23>

### 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 (WSHS)
9/25	Schools Closed
9/26	5 <sup>th</sup> 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

# Attendance

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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

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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](mailto:upetricek@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us)  
845-895-7156 (please leave a message)
- Ostrander Nurse Wendi Bean 845-895-7231 [wbean@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:wbean@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us)



**Ostrander PTO**  
Elementary School



 Send Message



# Join the PTO

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## First Meeting

September 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Library



Have a Great  
School Year!

