**Plattekill Pulse**

September 15, 2023

* **Welcome back** – Once a month the Panther Press newsletter will go home via backpack during the first week of each month. Every Friday you will receive via backpack this *Plattekill Pulse* on a half sheet of pink paper. Please check your child’s blue folder for these items, as well as daily, for teacher information and homework.
* **September 8 & 11** – Your students participated in Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) assemblies.
* **September 16** – Plattekill Day at Felten Park, Modena 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
* **September 19** – PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. **PLEASE JOIN US!** We only have 6 meetings a year!
* **September 21** – Grade 4-6 Open House 6:30 p.m.
* **September 28** – Grade PreK-3 Open House 6:30 p.m.
* **Don’t forget to check your child’s BLUE homework folder** – every child has been given one. Please keep track of it and try not to lose it.
* **Every** student in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 received a **homework planner**. Please review that daily and initial each night.
* **Attendance** for the first week has been phenomenal. Thank you, parents! Please continue to send your children to school unless they have a fever or are sick. 10% or more days missed is considered “Chronic Absence” and is reported. That would be more than 18 days.
* **Like us on Facebook and Instagram –** Look for “Cubby Central” We post the most up-to-date info on Facebook.
* **VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*\*Just a few reminders**:
	+ **Morning Drop Off Procedures for Parent Drop Offs –**If you drive your child to school in the morning, please enter the school driveway along the wooded area next to the church. Stop at the **PARENT** stop sign to drop off your child. You will see an adult at the corner. Once you drop off your child you must leave via the church driveway (not the school). Parents must not enter the circle with the busses. *It is against the law.* Once you drop off your children, they will walk along the walkway to their specified grade level door entrance. They will then follow procedure below. If you need to walk your child to the door, you may park in any of the lots in a parking spot. Please refrain from parking in a handicap spot (unless you have a sticker). Please walk your child to the specified door and then leave. If you need to speak to someone, come in through the main entrance to obtain a pass.
	+ **Procedure for both drop off and bus students -** K students enter near the front of the building-by the flag (up the stairs); the doors to the right of K are for grades 1 and 2; grade 3 is to the right of the main doors; grades 4, 5 & 6 enter through the Music/Art wing. Drop off may occur between **8:30 a.m-8:50 a.m**. If your child plans to eat breakfast in school they must report to their classroom and then go to the cafeteria for breakfast. The *only* exception is grade K students who continue to walk to class and are then escorted to the cafeteria for breakfast.
	+ **Bus Changes –** We **MUST** have a new letter each year if your child has alternate bus routes for PM dismissal. This includes a change for one day or a change for multiple days (including Babysitter/Grandparent, Kids Club/Y Scoop arrangements). We will **NOT** accept any changes made over the phone. This is a safety procedure; we do not know who is on the other end of the phone.
	+ **PM Pick Up –** If you plan to pick up your child on a daily basis, we need you to complete a form. If it is not planned, you must sign your child out through the Main Office. Proper photo ID is mandatory. If you have someone picking up your child *that is not on your emergency form,* that request **MUST** be in writing (no phone calls allowed). They **MUST** have a photo ID as well. For those parents that pick up on a regular basis, you must go to the gym and sign your child out. Pick up begins at **2:50 p.m.** If you pick up earlier than that, it will be documented and forwarded with attendance to Albany. *Please try to make appointments for after* ***3:00 p.m****., if possible.* Please call the school with any “last minute” pickups prior to 2:30pm.