

# Plattekill Panther Press



1270 Route 32 PO Box 385 Plattekill, NY 12568 845-895-7250 845-564-5103 fax www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us





October 2023 Volume 13, Issue 2

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We were very excited to welcome you to the Open Houses. It was a great way to see your child's classroom and routine set by the classroom teacher. Now that Open House is over, communication does not end. It is important that you keep in touch with your child's teacher.

Here are some helpful Parent-Teacher Communication Tips:

- Please check your child's backpack every night. Every student has a blue take home folder. We invest in these folders because it is important that you see what is coming home and what is being sent back to school. As your child gets older and is in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, teach them to empty their bookbag on their own and bring you their blue folder.
- If you have any questions about homework or anything pertaining to the classroom, reach out to your child's teacher. You can reach out by:
  - $\Rightarrow$  See Saw—messages can be easily sent (make sure you are signed up for this).
  - ⇒ Email—first initial last name @wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us This is the typical format for all staff members. On occasion there may be a difference.
  - ⇒ Plattekill Website—Off of the Wallkill website you will find Plattekill Elementary at the top of the navigation bar, under "Schools."
  - $\Rightarrow$  Call the main office—845-895-7250. We can send you to the teacher, if they are teaching we will send you to their voice mail.
  - ⇒ Please let the teacher know which method works best for you. Please give teachers at least 24 hours to respond. Remember teachers have about 23 students they are responsible for and may not see your email until the end of the day.
- Another way to be active in the school community is to join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This gives you opportunities to get to know other parents in the community to build your village.
- Student safety is our priority. If there are any concerns involving other students, please let the teacher know first. The teacher will conduct an investigation and follow up with the facts they uncovered.

We have had an amazing start to the new school year! Let's keep it going!

Mrs. Hasbrouck, Principal



## **Cubby Corner**

- 10/5 Band Parent Night at 7:00 p.m.
- 10/6 Five Week Marking Period Ends
- 10/9 School Closed—Holiday
- 10/12 School Picture Day
- 10/13 Fire Prevention Day
- 10/13 PTA Fall Festival at 6:00 p.m. (rain date 10/27)
- ◆ 10/16 Spirit Week Begins
- 10/18 BOE Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Ostrander Elementary
- 10/20 Homecoming Parade at 6:00 p.m. @ High School
- 10/23-10/27 Red Ribbon Week







#### **PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**

#### PAWS

As we begin our second month into the school year, please review our PAWS expectations with your child. We expect students to have a (**P**) Positive Attitude, (**A**) Act Responsibly and Respectfully, make (**W**) Wise choices, and be (**S**) Safe. Students are beginning to recognize and act upon our voice level key. At a 0, we are quiet. At a 1, we are at a whisper. At a 2, we are using speaking voices. At a 3, we are using outside voices.

#### BUS

Your child has been explained the types of behaviors that are expected on the bus. We will continue to review and model to students the positive behavioral expectations that are set forth using our PAWS program. A great way to help ensure that we are following safety rules on the bus would be to follow this:

- Seat on Seat
- Back on Back
- Clear the Aisle



