



PARKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER and S.S. PALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

In the interest of keeping all students safe while they are arriving and leaving school, it is imperative that parents drop-off and pick-up students only at the designated areas at each school.

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DOORS TO BOTH SCHOOLS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:15AM.

Parkside:

AM WALKERS:	Franklin Avenue/Side Door
AM PARENT/CAR DROP-OFF:	Back Parking Lot
PARENT PICK-UP K:	Fourth Street/Front Door
PARENT PICK-UP 1:	Franklin Avenue/Side Door
DAY CARES:	Side Door by Police Station

Palmer:

Parents you must follow these directions for dropping off and picking up your child/ren in the morning and afternoon. **WALKERS & PARENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP - Third Street ONLY.** The area in front of the school is designated as a **DROP-OFF/PICK UP area ONLY.** Parents should be pulling up as far as they can and allowing their students to get out of the car. The line should **CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD.** There is to be **NO PARKING or DOUBLE PARKING** on Third Street. Students must cross at the crosswalks only. Do not drop off students in the middle of the street....IT IS NOT SAFE!



This area is designated as a drop off/pick up area as per Palmerton Borough Code #577, which was adopted August 25, 1999:

D. No person shall park a vehicle in this zone between the hours of 7:30AM to 3:30PM any day between August 20 and June 15 on days when school is in session.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SAFETY FIRST ☺



INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is that time of year again, when we need to be prepared for inclement weather that may impact our school opening and/or closing.

Remember, that we use Blackboard Connect, to automatically notify you by phone if school opening or closing is impacted by the weather. In addition, we will continue to post this information on our district website www.palmerton.org. The following radio and television stations will also be notified regarding weather related school information: WBRE-TV28, WNEP-TV16, WYOU-TV22, WFMZ-TV69, BRC-TV13, WAEB-FM B104.1, WODE-FM 99.9, WLEV-FM 100.7 and WCTO-FM 96.

For unannounced early dismissals, please do not call the school office, so that normal school business may be conducted. Please note that our school dismissals and/or closings are impacted by neighboring districts as well as our bus company.

We cannot and do not close school just because it is snowing. Thank you for your cooperation!

BRRRRRR BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!



Please remember to dress your child/ren appropriately for the morning temperatures as well as for recess since they go outside as long as the temperature is above 32°. There have been children coming to school in the mornings without coats or jackets with temperatures below freezing. **Students should no longer be wearing shorts to school.**



PLEASE NOTE..... Whenever possible, please limit appointments during school hours so that your child's instructional program is not interrupted.

When necessary, **please notify your child's teacher in writing when picking your child up early or for different dismissal procedures.** This helps avoid errors, as well as limits confusion for your child.

When picking up or dropping off students outside of the normal arrival/dismissal times, parents need to come into the main office and sign the student in/out. Please note that older siblings may only pick up students with a written note from the parent.

Please make sure your child knows what to do at dismissal time. It helps to avoid panic at the end of the day and makes for a smoother transition home.



YEARBOOK

We still have a few 2018 – 2019 Palmer/Parkside yearbooks left. If you are interested in purchasing one, please send your request and payment of \$17.00 to the attention of Mrs. Andrews (checks made payable to S.S. Palmer Yearbook Fund).

PSSA TESTING

Just wanted to give you a heads-up that our PSSA testing dates are as follows:
 ELA – April 21, 22 & 23; MATH – April 28 & 29; SCIENCE (Grade 4 only) – May 5



ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent, please call the office to notify us of the absence: Palmer 610-826-7538 and Parkside 610-826-4914. If we have not heard from you by 10:00AM, and your child goes to S.S. Palmer, we will contact you via Blackboard Connect to make sure you are aware that your child is absent.



ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

If you have been bringing your pets with you when you drop-off or pick up your child/ren at either Palmer or Parkside, **please remain in the park with your pets, not in front of the schools.** There are many students that have serious allergies and cannot be around pets. There are also many students that are simply afraid of animals and it is important that those students are not overly anxious either coming to or leaving school. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mark Your Calendars:

JAN	-	6	DAY 4 – RETURN TO SCHOOL
		7	School Board Workshop, Parkside 3 rd Floor, 5:30PM
		13	PTO Meeting, Palmer Cafeteria, 7:00PM
		20	SNOW MAKE UP DAY – WE HAVE SCHOOL!
		21	School Board Meeting, Parkside 3 rd Floor, 6:30PM

Please note that January 20th, school will be in session to make up for our snow day on December 17th, when there was no school.



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT S.S. PALMER AND PARKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER ARE NUT FREE AND NO NUT PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND MAY BE IN/NEAR OUR SCHOOLS.



HEALTH ROOM

All medications must be brought to school by an adult and cannot be sent with a child. If a medication is to be taken in school, we must have written authorization from the healthcare provider. All medications must be in their original containers.

If you need to speak with either of our school nurses you may reach them at:

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Mrs. Megan Zurn, RN, MSN, CSN
 610-826-7538, ext. 3006
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Parkside Education Center
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