



PES Newsletter



Issue 1

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WELCOME BACK!

A new school year is always exciting. As we begin this year, please remember that this is *your* school and we welcome your involvement and suggestions. Since we recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, we need your cooperation and involvement to provide your child with the best education possible.

Take time to talk with your children about their school experiences. Your interest and concern in their school progress will motivate them to do their best. Asking "How was school today?" might not get you to far. Instead, maybe ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

- What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't cool?
- Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?
- What made you laugh?
- What was the most creative thing you did?
- How were you kind or helpful? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?

Maintain contact with your child's teachers and related service staff members to establish a successful home/school connection.

If you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to call me at 715-339-3864, ext. 3002. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year.

Mr. Scholz



NEW STAFF

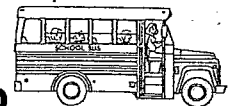
We are very excited about the new hires and staff changes at PES. We look forward to a smooth transition and the continued positive effects that they will bring on student learning.

In the Early Childhood classroom we have Kelly Lind. In 1st grade Bre Lavene and Arica Beard have joined the elementary staff. In 2nd grade Cheri Tingo, and in 3rd grade Pam Kane have joined us. Angie Ericksen will be our math interventionist at the elementary. Caroline Corbett is the new guidance counselor at PES. Caroline is originally from the Park Falls area and is happy to be closer to home. Mrs. Tobias will still be working with us at the elementary school but her main focus will be the middle and high school.

If you see any of these new staff members, please welcome them to PES.

BUS GARAGE

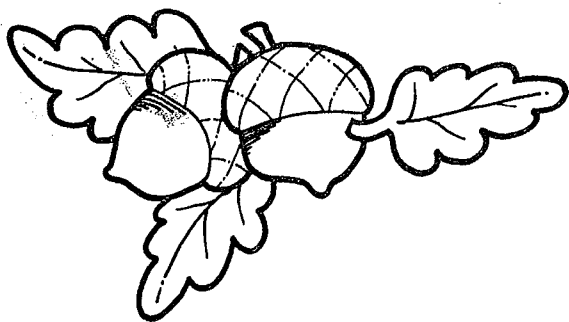
If you have transportation changes for your child before the school day begins, please call the school district bus garage at 715-339-3644. The garage office is open from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



PLEASE BE SURE TO
NOTIFY THE PES OFFICE
BY 2:45 IF YOUR CHILD IS
USING ALTERNATIVE
TRANSPORTATION AT
THE END OF THE DAY.

**SANGHA PARENT COMMUNICATION APP
COMING TO PES**

Parents have enough on their plates these days and keeping track of their child's task list can often be a daunting task. Our goal is to help ease that pain. This fall, PES will be launching SANGHA, a parent communication mobile application. Parents will now have anywhere-anytime access to one streamlined resource for their child's most important information. SANGHA will allow parents to remain connected regarding daily events, classroom calendars, event sign-ups, daily and weekly announcements, and two-way communication between parents and teachers. So, how do you get signed up? First, we need to ensure we have accurate parent contact information for mom, dad, guardian in PowerSchool. If you have not done so already, please access our website at www.phillips.k12.wi.us, access the 'Parents' menu toward the top right of the screen, and click on 'PES Sangha Parent Information Survey' link. Fill out one survey for each child you have enrolled at PES. We will be confirming parent contact information during the first week of school and sending out SANGHA invites starting the second full week of school. Stay tuned for more information on SANGHA!



**LOGGER CREW EVERY WEDNESDAY A.M.
ALL HANDS ON DECK!!**

"Logger Crew" is a school culture that is planned for, developed and sustained through practices that bring the school community together, promote shared understandings, and encourage all community members to become "crew" not passengers. The goal is to get to know our students well and have them supported by adults. The structure for "Logger Crew" allows for relationship building, academic progress monitoring, and character development. "Crew" encourages students and teachers to forge productive relationships over time to support their achievement. "Crew" provides a time to focus on relationship building among students and between adults and students (i.e., through greetings, personal sharing, classroom discussion). Ask your child about their "Logger Crew" experience.



SIGNS FOR 'TEMPORARY PARKING' OR 'NO PARKING'

Turner Street parking (front entrance doors) will be the same as last year. Parents may either stop and drop or park and walk their children into school in the morning.

Please remember there is no parking at any time in the yellow/gold rectangular space in front of school.

There is no parking in the morning or end of the day on Elk Avenue (kindergarten doors). This is a bus pick up and drop off zone.

SECURITY PROCEDURES – PES

1. Parents/visitors entering the building must report to the office to receive a visitor's pass that will be displayed conspicuously. This pass will give visitors access to the halls, classrooms and students during the school day.
2. Passes will be a bright color and will include visitor's name, student name(s) and signature of principal.
3. Exceptions for needing a pass will be police officers, uniformed vendors and other authorized individuals such as UPS, milk distributor, etc.

After hours building access is as follows:

- Building access doors will be locked throughout the day. Access within the building will be restricted after school hours to those groups and students specifically engaged in an authorized activity.
- The gym doors and north playground/parking area should be used to attend sporting events or to pick-up athletes after practice.
- Scout groups may be using secured sections of the building. Please check with group leader to determine the door participants will be entering.



SECURITY SYSTEM

Just a reminder that we have our security system in operation when you enter the front doors at PES. You will notice a camera and this is how it works: when you come to visit PES, you will enter through the main doors into the vestibule where you will push a button notifying the office that you are present. Someone in the office will recognize you and will then press a button to unlock the inner doors. The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance to the School District of Phillips.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our before school program will begin on the first day of school and is available for all students daily over the course of the year starting at 7:15 a.m. in the library. Children should enter the outer doors by the library. Mrs. Curler will be the staff member in charge of the program.

MORNING ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The morning activity program is available for all students daily over the course of the year starting at 7:25 a.m. in the gym, also starting the first day of school. Children should enter the main doors in front of school. Mr. Ring will be the staff member in charge of the program.

All students participating in either of the before school programs who are eating breakfast at school will be reminded to go the cafeteria at 7:40 a.m. Students entering school after 7:40 a.m. may go right down to the cafeteria to get their breakfast.

FREE/REDUCED MEAL FORMS

Please complete the application form even if you do not intend to receive the service. If you are eligible but choose not to participate in the program, simply write "no services required" across the form.

PES receives thousands of dollars in state and federal aid for EACH eligible child. Please help our school by completing the free/reduced application form. Thank you.

HEAD START

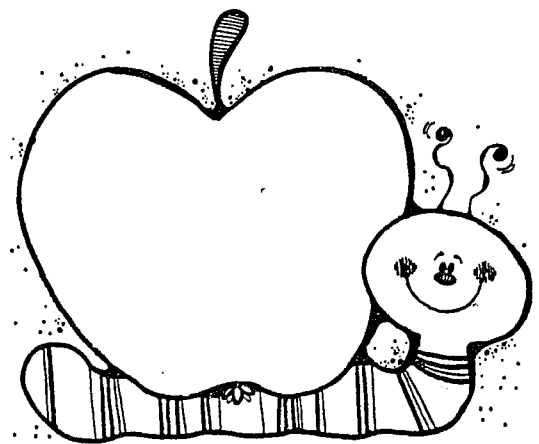
Family Forum, Inc., Head Start is housed in PES, room 201 (classroom) and room 202 (office). We are happy to have them in our school since we share so many families. Many of our 4K students attend Head Start. Their phone number is 715-339-4020. Please call them direct as we are not able to transfer the call from our office.

SCHOOLWIDE TITLE 1 IN PES

Because PES is considered a low income school it is called a Schoolwide Title 1 school. This means that all students are considered Title 1 students and can receive help from Title 1 staff anytime they show a need for it. All parents are asked to complete a Title 1 Agreement indicating that they are a part of a Schoolwide program. Title staff will be sending it out in September and we ask that you complete it and return it to school. Over the course of the year, watch for special events and workshops for parents. We look forward to working with you.

VOLUNTEERS AND FIELD TRIPS

The law requires that we screen volunteers to insure the safety of children. Accordingly, our policy requires that all community and parent volunteers complete an "Information and Commitment" form. The form will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. **It is NOT necessary to complete a new one if you have one on file from last year.** However, if your emergency contact information has changed, please have those corrections entered on your current form. If you have questions, please call. We need and want your voluntary assistance! Also, please keep in mind that there is a district wide policy that requires all students who attend field trips or athletic competitions to travel to the event on school transportation. A parent may drive their children home after the event if they request the child's release in writing.



TITLE I PARENTS NOTIFICATION

Under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), any public school teacher, elementary or secondary, who teaches a core academic (English, reading or language arts, math, science, history, civics and government, geography, economics, the arts, and foreign language) must be highly qualified (ESEA Title 1, Section 1111(h)(6) and final Regulation Sec. 200.61 Parent's Right to Know). Special education teachers and teachers of English language learners must be highly qualified if they teach core academic subjects to their students (ESEA Title 1, Section 1119).

Parents have the right to request the following information on the professional qualifications of their children's teachers.

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level and the subject area he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher has an emergency or provisional license;
- What degrees the teacher holds and the field of discipline of his/her certification or degree; and
- Whether the child is being provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so their questions.

Any request will be answered within 15 days.

Parents will also be notified if their child has been assigned, or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher of a core academic subject (English, reading or language arts, math, science, history, civics,

or government, geography, economics, the arts and foreign language) who does not meet the highly qualified requirements.

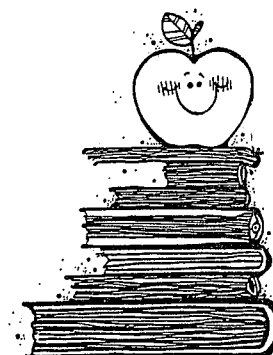
EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAYS

With the new state and federal initiatives required to be implemented, these early dismissals will be instrumental in allowing teachers more time for staff development opportunities. On these early dismissal days professional teaching staff and paraprofessionals will work collaboratively on initiatives such as: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Educator Effectiveness Project, Response to Intervention (RtI), Common Core State Standards, Data Analysis, School Culture and Climate goals, Guided Reading and The Daily 5 reading structure.

Teachers will also be updating their electronic grade books at the end of each early dismissal. Please take the time to check out your child's progress monthly. If you have any question or concerns feel free to contact their teacher.

Thank you for your support as we implement this valuable staff inservice schedule. If you have any questions please call 715-339-3864, ext 3002.

Please see attached "Events for School Year" for the early dismissal dates.



PES MEAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

- Will be available starting the first day of school.
- Breakfast eaters can go down to the cafeteria at 7:40 a.m.
- Breakfast is \$1.30 for 4K-5 students and \$2.50 for adults. Studies show that kids do better in school if they have a nutritious breakfast.
- Lunch is \$2.55 for 4K-5 students and \$4.00 for adults.
- Milk is 30 cents per carton.

Lunch payments can be made for several children on a single check, but please indicate what portion should be credited to each child's individual account.

Our school meal program is a great way to insure your child is getting a nutritious breakfast and lunch every day. Students are required to take at least 3 of the 5 food groups offered, so encourage them to try new things and to eat a well-balanced lunch. We are looking forward to a great school year and new items on the menu. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terra Gastmann, Food Service Supervisor, at 715-339-2141, ext. 5004. Or tgastmann@phillips.k12.wi.us.

NEW USDA STANDARDS FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Just a reminder that the new regulations set by the USDA will require that all students who participate in the National School Lunch Program must take at least ½ cup of fruits or vegetables every day. The School District of Phillips has already implemented

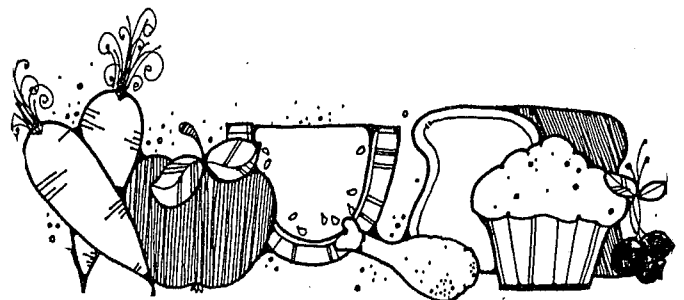
many of the other new standards. Our bread and buns are whole grain rich. The Farm to School program has increased the amount of fresh local produce offered to students. We will also be offering vegetable sub-groups to include dark green, red/orange and beans (legumes). We hope parents encourage their children to try the fruits and vegetables.

CLASSROOM SNACKS

This year parents will be providing snacks for their children. Please try to have snacks as highly nutritious as possible. Each grade/teacher will send out a memo discussing snacks your child should bring.

BAG LUNCH AND MILK

When a child brings a bag lunch and would like to drink milk with that lunch, the price of the milk will be 30 cents. **This is not covered by the free/reduced lunch program so that amount will be billed to your child's account.**



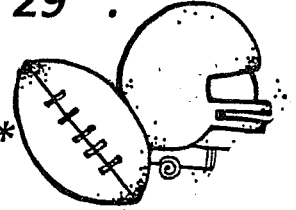
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2017 (ASP)
21ST CCLC GRANT

In 2014-15 the Phillips Elementary School was awarded the 21st century Community Learning Grant, otherwise known as the After School Program (ASP) Grant. The ASP Grant is a 5 year grant that provides opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students meet their particular performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics.

The ASP will start September 25th and is open to grades 1-5. ASP starts at 3:15 (with a snack in the cafeteria) and runs until 5:15 Mondays through Thursdays. Courtney Janak is once again the lead teacher for the ASP. Courtney's email is cjanak@phillips.k12.wi.us if you wish to contact her.

Again this year we will be providing transportation all the way home for all students enrolled in ASP. **It is important that if your child is signed up to be transported home and you will be picking them up, that you notify Courtney prior to 5:00.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
HOMECOMING IS
SEPTEMBER 29TH.

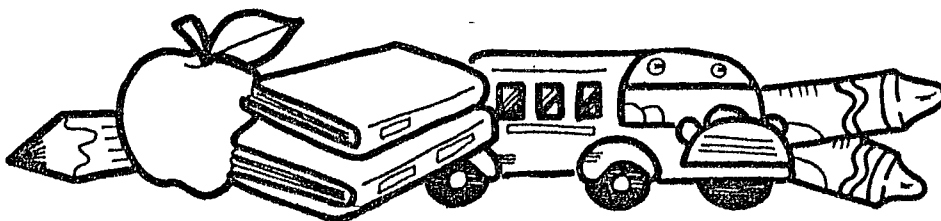


FALL PICTURES

Student Fall pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 20th. Information will be sent home with students next week.

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22ND
12:45 P.M.

Have a great
School year!



EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

September 1	First Day of School for Students
September 4	Labor Day – No School
September 20	Student Fall Pictures – Heizler Studio
<u>September 22</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
<u>October 20</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
November 6	Beginning of 2 nd Quarter
November 9	Individual Conferences – p.m.
November 10	9:00 a.m. Veterans Day Program
November 14	Individual Conferences – p.m.
<u>November 17</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 7	Christmas Concert
<u>December 22</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
December 25/January 1	Christmas Vacation
January 2	Classes Resume
January 23	Beginning of 3 rd Quarter
<u>January 26</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
February 1	Staff Inservice – No School for Students
February 2	Vacation – No School
<u>February 23</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
March 2	Vacation – No School
March 14	Student Spring Pictures – Heizler Studio
<u>March 29</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
March 30/April 2	Vacation – No School
April 3	Beginning of 4 th Quarter
<u>April 20</u>	<u>12:45 p.m. Dismissal – District Collaboration</u>
April 20	Grandparent’s Day
May 28	Memorial Day – No School
June 5	Last Day of School

