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Newberry Elementary School
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Important Dates

- Aug. 13 First Day of School
- Aug. 28 5:45pm Title I Annual Meeting
(parent workshop)—media center
- Aug. 28 Open House PreK-2 6:15-7:00pm;
3rd-4th 7:15-8:00pm—in student classrooms
- Sept. 3 No School—Labor Day
- Sept. 11 Patriot Day
- Sept. 11 Reader Achiever Breakfast
- Sept. 12 Parent Involvement Training—Technology
- Sept. 12 PAW Awards 8:30am
- Sept. 20 Health Screening Day
- Sept. 17 Constitution Day
- Sept. 20 SAC 4pm @ Oak View Middle School
- Sept. 20 Title I Parent Workshop—HW Expectations
6:00pm—media center
- Sept. 20 AR Night 6-7pm
- Sept. 21 Progress Reports
- Sept. 26 Bring Your Dad to School Day
- Sept. 28 Fall Picnic

IMPORTANT DISMISSAL CHANGES

Dismissal times will be at 1:52pm and on Wednesdays will be 12:37pm. Due to safety and security reasons, as well as our growing population of students, it is necessary to eliminate parent pick-up as a dismissal option. Not only was it unsafe to have a large crowd of people walking among our dismissing classes, but confirming who the authorized adults were picking up students was challenging. Limited parking created additional problems. Parent and school safety surveys confirm the need for this change to ensure a safer school environment.

Current dismissal options include: bus, car rider, EDEP and walker/biker. To accommodate the increase in students designated as car rider, we are opening up an additional car pick-up loop when buses pull off campus. In this

Law enforcement from the ASO and Mr. Jones with Public Works from City of Newberry have been informed of our dismissal change plan and provided input. As we run through procedures in the first weeks of school, we will make adjustments as necessary. Thank you for your patience as we work toward a safer, more efficient dismissal process.

How car pick-up works at dismissal:

- Students who are car riders will be given a car hanger (thanks to Grins and Giggles Dentistry for donating) to put in the window of parent vehicle for quick staff recognition to move the car line along. **IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE CAR HANGER IS DISPLAYED IN YOUR CAR WINDOW!**
- Once buses leave the bus circle, cars coming from the west on 15th Ave. will be directed by NES Staff to turn into the bus circle and line up to allow students to be picked up - exactly like the other car pick-up line.
- Please watch for adult direction for traffic flow and pickup. Cars must not enter the bus loop until directed to do so after the buses have left. Cars exiting from the bus loop will need to turn **left** when exiting. Cars exiting from the front pick up will need to turn **right**. Observe the signage at the stop sign.



Parent Involvement (Title I)

Annual Title 1 Meeting held prior to Open House @ 5:45pm in media center

Beginning of School Year Packet will go home at Open House. Please sign and return.

Parental Involvement Activity Tentative Dates)

- *Making Technology Work for you @ Home* 9/12,11/7, 2/13 & 4/17 at 8am.
- *Teaching Reading Strategies at Home* 9/20 @ 6:00pm, 10/11, 3/26 at 2:45 pm
Math & STEM for Home Practice 11/13, at 6:00 pm 1/31 at 4:30 pm
- *HW Expectations (Bring child's take home folder)* September 20th at 6:00 pm
- *Blow Away the FSA* Time and date :TBD
- *Avoid the Summer Slide:* 5/9 at 6:00
- *Kindergarten Roundup:* Time/date: TBD

Positive Behavior Support (PBIS)

What is PBIS? A research-based, school-wide program designed to increase student learning, support positive behavior and create a positive school environment. Proud Panthers who are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE are awarded "Do Good" tickets that can be traded for items in the PBIS store and as admission to our quarterly celebrations. Other incentives include special V.I.P. breakfasts, Positive Behavior Referrals, impromptu student surprises, PAW recognition and other classroom privileges. Please consider joining our PBIS TEAM! We have a variety of volunteer opportunities: school store (7:15-7:30am), help with special events, serve as a mentor and more!

**For details, contact Mary Strauch at
NES.VOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM**

School Counselor

Amanda Reddick, our new school counselor, is happy to assist families with community resources such as counseling services and other supports for families. She also oversees scheduling of IEP and 504 meetings.

School Safety

The first week of school, teachers will review fire, severe weather, lockdown, and evacuation plans for emergency situations that can happen at school. The school district has been working closely with local law enforcement to prepare age-appropriate training materials based on the ALICE protocol (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). This is a nationally-recognized program used in schools and other settings throughout the nation. The training will include a video and discussions between students and teachers.

Parents are welcome to view the video and additional information about ALICE, which has been posted on the district's website at www.sbac.edu. The direct link is:

<https://www.sbac.edu/Page/28986>

- ♦ Visitors On Campus Must Bring Picture ID.
- ♦ All individuals checking out a child must be listed on the emergency contact card.
- ♦ All school volunteers must have an approved volunteer form on file. Volunteer form located at www.sbac.edu.
- ♦ Changes in dismissal must be sent in writing/email to the office.
- ♦ Be sure your correct phone number is on file with the school—emergency alerts and phone homes are sent using this information.