

Welcome Back!

Our first day of the 2022-2023 school year is **September 6, 2022!** Please note that in order to maximize instruction time, the start and end times to our day have changed slightly. Our school day will run from **8:45-3:15.** This means that any student arriving after 8:45 will be considered a late arrival. Our side door for morning drop off only will be opened at **8:30. NO** students can be dropped off before that time. West Road Intermediate School will continue using our "Kiss and Go" dismissal procedure. Dismissal will take place on the side of the building. Cars will pull up to the designated area where **photo identification will be checked** by a staff member and then child(ren) will be brought to the car. Parents will remain in their vehicle at all times and the child will be brought to the car. Thank you in advance for your patience with this procedure that will help ensure safety at our dismissal time. Please remember to send in a note if you will be picking up your child. If you will be picking up daily, one note stating that at the beginning of the year is sufficient.

<u>Calendar</u>

Please make sure to mark your calendar for the following dates!

Monday, September 19th or **Tuesday, September 20th**, Beginning Band night at Arlington High School 6:00-7:00. Choose one night to come out for our first lesson night.

Wednesday, September 21 - West Road Curriculum night- watch for more detailed information by grade! **Monday, September 26** - No school



Health Office

A medication order signed by a physician is required for prescription and OTC medications to be administered by a school nurse. An order, as well as an attestation signed by a physician is required if your student will be self - carrying and/ or administering the medication themselves (this applies to life saving medications only such as inhalers). All medication must be brought to school by the parent and kept in the Health Office with the exception of students with orders to self - carry

medications. Please email Mary Cardella, our school nurse with questions, mcardella@acsdny.org.

Please also keep in mind a note is required after ANY absence. Notes can be sent in with your child, or emailed to the main office and the nurse at KStrutt@acsdny.org and MCardella@acsdny.org. Any student without a note will be marked as an unexcused absence.

Visitor Policy

The Board of Education adopted a visitor policy that states <u>"All visitors must have a scheduled appointment or meeting in order to enter the school building".</u> If items need to be dropped off for children, they may be left with our greeter. Please bring photo identification each time you come to the school.

Lunch Price Changes

We have been informed by the New York State Education Office of Child Nutrition and The USDA that *the waivers that allow us to offer Free Lunch and Breakfast to all Arlington students will end on June 30, 2022.* Arlington's breakfast and lunch prices have changed this year. The daily lunch cost is \$3.15 and Breakfast costs \$1.95. Please keep in mind, the free and reduced lunch form needs to be filled out each year and can be found here.

You can monitor your child's lunch account balance, review purchases, set low balance reminders and add funds by credit/debit card at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Code Of Conduct

The Arlington Central School District Code of Conduct is an important document that is revised and adopted by our Board of Education each year. The revised document for the 2022 -23 school year can be found on both the district and school website. You are encouraged to read this document thoroughly and familiarize yourselves with the expectations. Key components of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed with our students during the month of September. The Code of Conduct can be found here.

Just a reminder...

<u>Cell phones</u> are <u>not</u> to be used during the school day. They should be **turned off and stored in book bags** during the day. The 'Cell Phone Usage' Form will be sent home during the first week of school, and we ask that it is read and signed with your child, and returned to school by **Sept. 20th.** Your help is greatly appreciated in this matter. The form can also be found <u>here.</u>

<u>Chrome books</u> should be brought to school fully charged each day.

6 Day Cycle

Our specials rotate on a 6 day cycle. When school is closed due to a holiday or weather conditions, the "day" will not advance until school is in session again. The cycle will be Day 1 to Day 6 and students will have 2 PE, 2 Music, 1 Art and 1 Library in the rotation. The second music class for Grade 4 & Grade 5 will be a chorus rehearsal. All Grade 4 and 5 students will be in chorus with our concerts for Grade 4 being held May 11th. Grade 5 concerts will be held on January 11th and on May 10th.

4th grade Band and Orchestra rehearsals will be held starting in January. 5th grade Band and Orchestra begins in September.

<u>Transportation Forms</u>

Bus passes will be permitted for the 22/23 school year! To ensure the safety of our students and minimize confusion for bus drivers, school staff, and families, the transportation department has stated that **bus passes will not be issued during the first two weeks of school.**

In order for bus transportation to occur for pick up or drop off from a childcare provider to begin on the **first day of** school, Tuesday SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, a <u>Childcare Transportation Request Form</u> must be received by Transportation no later than <u>August 15, 2022.</u> The required form is available on the district website or at your child's school. **A new form must be completed each year.** If a request is received after August 15th, <u>transportation arrangements may not be provided until Mon., Sept. 19, 2022</u>

<u>Curriculum Night</u>

<u>Curriculum Night</u> for parents will be **Wednesday**, **September 21** for:

5:45 - 6:30 Grade 3/Mrs. Stephan

6:30 - 7:15 Grade 4

7:15 - 8:00 Grade 5

Parents are cordially invited to meet with their child's teacher to learn about curriculum, activities, schedules, etc. We hope you can attend and we encourage you to come without children for this is a parent information meeting and space in some classrooms is limited.

Pleasant Valley PTA

<u>P.T.A. Welcome Back Letter -</u> The P.T.A. has a Welcome Back letter linked to our webpage. Please take a few minutes to find out how the P.V.P.T.A. helps support our schools and how you can get involved too. Every little bit helps. Be part of helping us get great programs for our students and helps support our family run events too.

P.T.A. Membership - At Curriculum Night please stop by the P.V.P.T.A. table to sign-up to become a member and to see all the events they will be helping run this school year. Please consider volunteering to help out in one or as many events as possible. Extra sets of hands are always needed at evening events such as the Welcome Back Movie Night BBQ, Craft Fair, Book Fairs or day events such as Picture Day, Fire Safety Day, Book Fair

<u>Welcome Back Movie</u> – The P.T.A. is planning a barbeque and movie night on the back lawn at West Road School on **Friday, Sept. 16th.** Information will be coming home soon.

<u>Fall Fundraisers</u> – Our first annual 'Bubble Run' will occur on **Friday, Oct. 7**th. Watch for more information.