

WELCOME ARTICLE

Welcome back to Schuyler Co. R-1 Elementary School for the 2016 - 2017 school year. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that your children are ready to return to school. In preparation for this year, the District has been cleaning and preparing our school and classrooms for the students.

Classes begin on Thursday, August 18, 2016 for grades K – 6th and Monday, August 22, 2016 for preschool. The first day of school is a full day for K-6 students from 8:10 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. (Note if your child arrives after 8:10 you will need to sign them in at the office.) Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:45. Rams Care will be available the first day and begins at 6:45. Parents are asked to drop students off at the back of the building. Students should enter through the new hallway (south) door and go either to breakfast or their classroom.

The updated 2016 – 2017 elementary handbook will be posted on the school's website – www.schuyler.k12.mo.us. If you do not have internet access or prefer to receive a printed copy, please let the office know and we will send one home with your student. **It is extremely important that each student signs and returns the enclosed student handbook, internet/computer usage policy, and Title I signature page to their teacher by Fri. Aug. 26th.** Also, please remember to update any changes in address, phone numbers, or persons who can pick your child up.

Free/reduced lunch forms were included your mailing. You are encouraged to promptly fill them out & return to the elementary office. Students returning the completed form by the due date will have an opportunity to win an I-pad. Students on direct certification will automatically be entered into the I-pad drawing. The drawing will take place on homecoming. Breakfast & lunch meals are charged full price until the forms are returned.

Meal Prices

Lunch: PK – 6th regular price \$1.75, reduced price .40

Breakfast: PK – 6th regular price \$1.35, reduced .30

Extra Milk: .40

School supply lists are available in local businesses or the elementary office. They are also listed on the grade level facebook pages.

If you have questions at any time throughout the school year regarding a transportation issue your call should be directed to Mr. Avery Jones at (660) 216-8676. Changes in your child's bus ride schedule or pick-up should be made to elementary office at (660) 766-2296. It would be appreciated if you could make those calls before 2:30.

Our school nurses office would like to remind families that medical forms may need to be updated, immunizations must be up-to-date, kindergarten students need to have an eye exam or a waiver signed by Jan. 1, 2017, and students requiring emergency medications (epi pen, inhalers, etc.) should have arrangements made for those medications before the first day of school. Also, if your child has allergies a doctor's note must be on file in the nurses' office.

Our elementary open house will be Tuesday, August 16 beginning at 5:00. During this time students & their families are invited to meet the teacher, find their classrooms, and bring their class supplies. The PTO is making arrangements to provide a light, hot dog supper and several local churches are coordinating a school supply community fair. This evening will also be our P.B.S. fundraiser. Each teacher will have a bucket for student to drop change in. The teacher raising the most money will have a tractor bucket filled with water dumped on them.

Mark your calendars –

Class list posted – Fri. Aug. 12th – 3:30pm

Back to School open house – Tues. Aug. 16th – 5:00

First Day of School – Thurs. Aug. 18th – classes begin at 8:10

First Day of Preschool – Mon. Aug. 24th

Homecoming – Fri. Sept. 2nd – dismiss at 1:05

No School – Mon. Sept. 5th – Labor Day

Early Out – Tues. Sept. 14th – Professional Development – dismiss at 1:05

Elementary School Picture Day – Mon. Oct. 3rd

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Tues. Oct. 18th & Thurs. Oct. 20th

No School – Oct. 21st

No School – Oct. 24th – professional development

If you have any questions, please call the office, at 660-766-2096. We look forward to seeing all students on August 16 for a wonderful opening of school.

Sincerely,

Tina Townsend, Principal

Make it a great day or not...the choice is yours.