



Syring Elementary School

Parent Newsletter

September 13, 2019

District Mission Statement: Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
September 16-20	Spirit week (see PTO news for more detailed information)
September 20	Homecoming parade-line up at 4:15pm
September 21	Chipotle fundraiser for Syring 4-8 pm
September 27	Popcorn day (50 cents/bag)

Save the Date for Future Events

November 8 , 10 am	All School Concert @ PAC
December 5	Santa's Workshop
January 31	Fun Night @ SCMS
June 3	Picnic/ Field Day

Principal's Message

We are off to a great start this school year! In the first weeks of school we focus on getting to know students. In addition, we teach and practice our building-wide expectations using CREEK:

- C- commit to learning
- R - respect others
- E - everyone responsible
- E - everyone safe
- K - kindness counts

We also teach and practice all of our safety protocols for evacuation, severe weather and lockdowns at the beginning of the school year.

PTO News

Homecoming is next week and as always we have many fun dress up days to boost school spirit.

Below are our dress up days:

Monday, Sept 16- Pajama Day

Tuesday, Sept 17- Crazy day (crazy clothes, hair, hats, etc)

Wednesday, Sept 18- Red and White day

Thursday, Sept 19- Rainbow day- each grade is given a special color to wear:

- Kindergarten- Purple
- 1st-Yellow
- 2nd-Blue
- 3rd-Green
- 4th-Orange
- 5th- Black
- Staff- Pink

Friday, Sept 20- Syring shirt/Swartz Creek shirt day- wear your Syring shirt or if you don't have one wear any Swartz Creek shirt to support our team.

PTO would also like to invite all of our families to walk with Syring in the homecoming parade. Parade line-up will be at the middle school by the tennis court on Friday, September 20 at 4:15pm. All students MUST be with an adult to walk in the parade (no drop offs). Please bring candy if you would like to hand it out during the parade PTO is also collection candy donations in the office if you can donate a bag or two we would greatly appreciate it.

PTO News (continued)

Our PTO Meetings are held monthly. Dates are on the google calendar. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Volunteers are always needed! If parents wish to help out at any events, in the classrooms, or chaperone field trips, Syring Elementary School must conduct a background check. Please be sure to submit a completed Volunteer Profile Form and submit to the Main Office at least (1) full week prior to the event you wish to volunteer for so the office has adequate time to conduct the required check.

For more information about the Syring Elementary PTO, please contact the PTO president:

Stacey Springer President sspringer@swcrk.org

**Our PTO also has a mailbox in the Main Office where messages can be dropped off.*



New Halloween Celebration News

This year our school will be allowing students to wear their Halloween costumes at school on October 31 during classroom parties. Please see below about specifics for this special event.

This year, instead of doing bounce houses, students will be allowed to wear costumes during their classroom party! All costumes must be able to fit over their clothes since they will only be wearing them during party time. Students must be able to dress themselves. An informational flyer will be

sent home with students indicating which types of costumes will be permitted.

Please remember: NO weapons, NO face paint, NO masks, Nothing gory (fake blood). More information will be coming home soon!

Safety Notes

This year we are teaching additional safety protocols during lockdowns that are based on ALICE training that staff has received. Teachers will be reading a storybook with students that explains in a kid-friendly way what we do in case of danger. ALICE is much like a fire drill or tornado drill. Its purpose is to prepare students for life inside and outside the classroom. The ALICE concepts are the same whether a child is at school, the mall, home, church, the movie theatre, or any place the child goes. We are teaching a lifelong safety skill. Education and empowerment are the keys to preparation and relieving fear. One of the most important skills we teach students is to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN in the event of an emergency. Students must follow the directions of the adults the first time they are given. All of the skills that we teach and the procedures that we follow are designed to keep our students safe.

Birthday Policy Reminder

From our district student handbook:

To celebrate a child's birthday, parents may bring in individual treats for their child's classmates. Please do not bring pizza, ice cream sundaes, and other items that consume valuable class time. Balloons, flowers or special birthday guests create a distraction in the classroom and should be reserved for celebrations at home. If you plan to bring a birthday treat for your child's class, please notify the teacher in advance and drop off the treats in the office. **Do not send your child with invitations to distribute at school for a party outside of school.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation with following our district birthday policy.

Welcome New Staff

Over the next few weeks we will be featuring new staff members in our newsletters so that you can get to know them.

Officer Abraham, Police Liaison



We would like to introduce Officer Abraham, our new Police Liaison Officer. Officer Abraham spends the majority of his time visiting our five elementary buildings and you may see him or his police car making routine safety checks.

Mrs. McCormick, 5th Grade



Mrs. McCormick has been an educator in the Swartz Creek district since 2005. She taught grade

four at Elms Road Elementary from 2005-2015. From 2015-2019 she taught technology, art, physical education and music at Dieck and Gaines Elementary. Mrs. McCormick received her B.S.Ed. degree from the University of Michigan-Flint, and a M.Ed. from Marygrove College. Mrs. McCormick currently serves as a trustee on the board at the Flint Institute of Arts and she is a REMC Classroom Maker Ambassador.

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Have a great school year here at Syring Elementary.

