

# ☆ Summitview Elementary ☆

# Star Gazer

**Important Phone Numbers**  
**Office:** 972-5540  
 WV Childcare: 966-7445  
 WV Transportation: 966-2403  
 Child Nutrition: 972-6040 or 972-6048  
 Website: www.sv.wvwd208.org  
**Office Hours:** 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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**Back to School Luau**  
 Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
 5:30 – 7:00 PM



**\$5.00 per person** for pulled pork sandwich, beans, coleslaw, fresh salad, fruit, Hawaiian punch and cold water! Live music and a photo booth!  
 Check back packs for the bright green flyers that have been sent home with students. Hope to see you there!



Get Those Smiles Ready and Haircut Appointments Made!

**Individual School Pictures**  
**By Parsons**  
 Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>!

Packets will be sent home with students **one week prior to Picture Day, on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. All students will be photographed, whether or not they are purchasing a packet, for their student file. If purchasing a packet, please send money and envelope with your student on Picture Day.

## Volunteer Applications

Thank you to all of you who have returned Volunteer Applications!

**However**, if there is not a copy of a drivers license attached to the application, we cannot send them to the district office for processing!

If you sent a completed form to school sans a drivers license, please either send a copy with your student or bring your license to our office and we will gladly make a copy for you. Thank you!

## SCHOOL CALENDAR



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| September 10 | School Board Meeting<br>7:00 PM at Ahtanum Elementary Library |
| September 13 | Summitview Back to School Luau!<br>5:50 – 7:00 PM             |
| September 24 | School Board Meeting<br>7:00 PM @ WVHS Rm #1245               |
| September 26 | Individual Pictures by Parsons                                |
| October 9    | Vision and Hearing Screening                                  |

Welcome back, Summitview Families!

We are off to a star-riffic start so far and are looking forward to a great year ahead. Thank you for sending your students school-ready to learn at Summitview.

During the 2016-17 school year, Summitview students had an abysmal **60%** absentee rate. Last year, the 2017-18 school year, we offered incentives for good attendance and our rate dropped significantly to a **40%** absentee rate!

In an effort to *continue* to improve the attendance rates of our Summitview Star students, at the end of the first semester we will reward those who have:

- ✓ **3 or fewer absences and tardies**

At the end of second semester, students will be rewarded who have:

- ✓ **5 or fewer absences and tardies**

We realize that students get ill and have family obligations, but students learn best when they are at school and we appreciate families making good attendance a top priority!

Ms. Lust, Principal

## Late Arrivals

If your child arrives at school after the 8:55 tardy bell, please check them in at the office for a tardy slip to excuse the tardy. Late students who go to the classroom without a tardy slip will be sent back to the office for a slip and the tardy may be unexcused.



## Extra Clothing at School

On class supply lists for all grades, we asked that children **keep an extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with their names** in their backpack or classroom cubbies.

The long school day can be a big adjustment for children of all ages, and occasionally the bathroom is just too far away to reach in time, the playground is wet/snowy/muddy, or lunch spills all over!

If your child has extra clothing at school, that will save you a phone call from us asking to bring clothes to school and also means less time missed in the classroom for your child.

Thank you!

# SUMMITVIEW PTO NEWS



## Central Washington State Fair's **Reading Round-up!**

Summitview Elementary is once again participating in the Central Washington State Fair Reading Round Up program. Students who read a minimum of 300 minutes (20/20 minutes count!) between now and September 14<sup>th</sup> will receive a **coupon** that may be used to purchase a **\$1.00 pass** at the fair. Watch for *Reading Round Up tally sheets* that will be sent home with students to keep track of the books and minutes that they read. Signed tally sheets are due back to classroom teachers by **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Vouchers will be distributed to students on **Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

### PTO Board Members 2018-19

**President:** Melissa Smith-Brunz  
**Vice President:** Melissa Robertson  
**Treasurer:** Raquel Martinez  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Alicia Holeman  
**Secretary:** Nicole Mills

PTO Meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the library at 7:00 PM  
Next meeting: **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

[summitviewstarspto@gmail.com](mailto:summitviewstarspto@gmail.com)

Follow us on **Facebook**, too!

### Important Parking Lot Safety Reminders:

- **Cell phone use (texting/talking) while driving is unacceptable** (*and against the law*), especially in school zones! We need your undivided attention while you are here in your car.
- **Drive Slowly - 5 miles per hour**, when using the driveway or parking lot.
- **Children must be safely buckled** into their seats.
- **The Student Loading Zone** in front of the school is used only for **pick up and drop off** during school hours. **Drivers must stay with their vehicles**, with children entering/exiting from the sidewalk side. No parking is allowed at any time in this area.
- **Never park in the Service Driveway** - this area is for deliveries only and must remain clear for emergencies.
- **Handicap Parking Spaces** are reserved for those authorized to use them.
- **Do not stop vehicles in crosswalks** - our Patrol members need to be able to cross students there!
- **Pull forward** when waiting for children, allowing more cars to safely enter the driveway. When your child is safely buckled in, carefully exit the driveway so other parents may enter.
- **Whenever you park your vehicle**, please **escort your child** to and from the school, following our Safety Patrol's directions.
- **Always use crosswalks** when crossing the driveway or parking lot. *Thank you*, parents, for setting a good example by using the crosswalks!
- Before and after school, **the West Parking Lot is not available for parking or student pick up/drop off**. Adult supervision is not available. During school hours, parents may park here to conduct school business.
- **NO STREET PARKING ON CHESTNUT AVE** between 63<sup>rd</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> Avenues during school hours.

### **TEMPORARY, BUT IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR PARKING AREA:**

*Until the front area of our playground is completely finished, please use the following directions for after school pick up:*

These students will be released from school at the **EAST gate:**

- **Kindercare bus riders**
- **Students waiting in the pick up line**
- **Walkers who head east after school**
- **Parents who park and walk from the east**

These students will be released from the **WEST gate:**

- **All bus riders**
- **Walkers who head west after school**
- **Parents who park and walk from the west**

We do not want ANYONE traversing on the narrow sidewalk in front of the portable; there is just not sufficient space to assure student safety. If you are picking up a student in the courtyard, please go around the portable and exit through the gate that leads to direction you will be leaving.

**Thank you** for your understanding and flexibility while we wait for the grass to grow enough to handle our many feet!

## New Cell Phone? New Job? New Address?

It is imperative that we have your correct contact information in case of emergency. If you had summertime changes, please contact the office, at **972-5540** to let us know. *If you have moved, please provide a proof of your new address.* Thank you!

### **IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:**

*If your student is absent from school, please call our office at 972-5540 as soon as possible. Not only do we need to know **why** your child is absent, we appreciate knowing that your child is safe if they are not at school. According to district policy, all absences must be excused within*

**48 HOURS**

of the absence in order for it to be excused. If our office is not contacted by phone, note or email by the end of the 48 hours, the absence will automatically be entered into Skyward as an *Unexcused* absence.

If you know in advance that your child will be absent for more than one day, please complete a **Pre-Arranged Absence Form**, available in the office.

### **Reminders from Child Nutrition:**

- If you were approved for free or reduced lunches last year, remember, you need to re-apply every year. The grace period ends soon, so re-apply soon if you haven't yet! Forms are in the office.
- Lunch deposits are all done online now at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). Cash or check deposits may be at the Child Nutrition Department at the Jr High, 7507 Zier Rd. Questions? Call 972-6040 or 972-6078.

### **Student Clothing Reminders:**

When choosing your child's clothing for school, please use the following guidelines to maintain an environment conducive to learning and to ensure the modesty of your child:

- Students will wear clothing and shoes appropriate to the weather. Shorts should be worn only in warm weather.
- Shirts/tops should not be distracting. **Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, halter tops, and low-scooped armholes are not acceptable.**
- **Shorts and skirts shall be at least mid-thigh length.** Spandex shorts and "short shorts" are not allowed.
- Shorts and pants should fit tightly enough around the waist to cover underwear; no "sagging".
- Shirts with pictures, slogans, or writing should be positive in nature, without offensive writing or pictures and free of alcohol/drug/tobacco advertising.
- **Hats** are considered **outside** apparel.
- Pajama bottoms are considered sleeping apparel.
- Students are strongly discouraged from wearing **FLIP-FLOPS** to school. They break easily, toes get stubbed, bees get caught in them and students tend to kick them off while outside. Let's leave them at home until summertime!

Remember, these dress requirements are based on health, safety, good taste, and decency. Thank you!

**THANK YOU:**

- ♥ **To West Valley Foursquare Church and Westside Church** for their generous donation of backpacks and supplies again this year!
- ♥ **Leslee Hebdon and her helpers** for organizing our activity-filled **Field Day** last June. It was amazing! The kids, staff, and volunteers had a safe, fun and memorable day-before-the-last-day-of-school, thanks to all your hard work!
- ♥ To all of our **parents/guardians** for helping to get our school year off to a smooth start by:
  - ★ Getting your children to school on time – and no earlier than **8:40**.
  - ★ Following driveway guidelines
  - ★ Calling by 9:00 when your child will be tardy or absent

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE FAMILIES LIVING WITH A RELATIVE OR FRIEND:**

If you are living with relatives or a friend and don't own or rent your own home, you must complete a "**Statement of Resident with Other**" form at the beginning of **every year**. In addition to the form, we will need:

1. **a current proof of address from the homeowner** (Mortgage/rental agreement, utility or power bill)
2. **2 pieces of mail sent to you at that address**

These forms are available in the office. Thank you!

The West Valley School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Randy Souers, (509) 972-6016, West Valley School District, 8902 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908