

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Cetronia Elementary School. I hope you had a wonderful summer break, filled with opportunities to learn and grow along with special memories with loved ones. If you are new to Cetronia, I welcome you to our community and know you too will be filled with hedgehog spirit. We are excited about the upcoming school year and can't wait to see the students again. Remember to visit our website regularly <http://www.parklandsd.org/ct/>, which keeps a variety of information current throughout the year. Also, below is some very important information that helps our school run smoothly. Thank you for your careful attention to these matters.

At Cetronia, we strive to create a safe, welcoming environment that sets high expectations for academic achievement. We pledge to offer a curriculum and instruction that provides the best educational experience for your child. Thanks to the hard work of your children, and a faculty united under common goals, this vision is something we can all be proud of.

Again, we are eager to embark upon this journey with you. I am fortunate to work with such a dedicated staff in a school where parents are supportive of our efforts. When both parents and teachers value education and believe it is important, so will your children. Our partnership with you in this shared value is essential. There is much we can accomplish together, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Sincerely,
Mr. Giaquinto

DATES TO REMEMBER

New Parents Tea: Tuesday, September 13 @ 9:30 AM

School Pictures: Thursday, September 22

No School for Students: Thursday, September 29

Open House: Wednesday, September 14 @ 7:00 PM

Red, White, and Blue Dress-Up Day: Friday, September 9

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Mr. Josh Wuchter-3rd Grade

Mrs. Dori Micio-5th Grade

Mrs. Mindy Heidecker-Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Lorraine McGuirk-Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Laura Zacher-Health Room Assistant

Mrs. Tonya Brickhouse-Playground Assistant



2011-2012 LUNCH PRICES

Student Lunch: \$2.10 Milk: \$.50 Kindergarten Milk: \$.10

The CAFTRAC System will be used in our school cafeteria to assist parents and students in managing lunch money. Students may purchase the school lunch, a beverage, and a la carte items using their CAFTRAC system. Deposits in the form of cash or checks, payable to the "**PSD Cafeteria Account**," need to be placed in an envelope clearly marked with the student's first and last name and the teacher's name. If a parent would like to deposit money into more than one child's account, the envelope should clearly indicate the amount to be deposited into each account. Students may place their envelope in the CAFTRAC basket in the cafeteria as they arrive at school or give to the classroom teacher. The CAFTRAC operator will alert students of a low balance in their account. If an account reaches a negative balance, a letter requesting additional money will be sent home. **Please keep your balance up-to-date.**

Students have a 20 minute lunch. Within the lunch period, there is a 5-7 minute quiet eating time. This is for the safety of our students, and we have observed students are eating more of their lunch.

CETRONIA BREAKFAST

Starting this school year, we will serve an OPTIONAL breakfast for our students. Breakfast begins at 8:35 in the cafeteria and is over by 8:48. Students who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible for the same breakfast benefit. The cost of breakfast is \$1.10 or \$0.30 for reduced and is deducted from the student's CafTrac account. Breakfast includes a choice between cereal or a whole grain breakfast item, low fat milk, and either juice or fruit. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Eck, head cook, at 610-351-5900 ext. 23530

REVIEW AND READ THE 2011-2012 PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

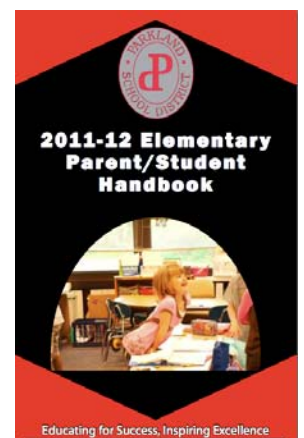
http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/elem_handbook.pdf

E-COMMUNICATIONS

- In our effort to save paper and ensure that some information does not get eaten by student backpacks, be sure to check out the e-communication page on our website.

<http://www.parklandsd.org/ct/e-communications>

- This electronic folder will be updated on Friday afternoons and is also archived just in case you need to revisit any previously shared documents. **If you request hard copies, please alert the school office.** The PAC will also post important announcements for you here.



ABSENTEE REPORTING PROCEDURES

- If your child is absent, please call the building as soon as you can but **NO LATER** than 9:30 AM. State your child's name and their teacher.
- The absentee hotline number is **610-351-5900 extension 23711**
- By reporting your child's absence, we can ensure that all students have arrived to school safely. The office staff will keep a log of all calls made before 9:30 AM and, therefore, a blue excuse card will not be necessary. You may also request homework when you leave a message.
- If an absence is **NOT** reported before 9:30 AM, a staff member will call the designated number to inform the parent of the child's absence. If they are not able to speak with anyone, then a message will be left and blue excuse card will be required within 5 schools days, or the absence maybe considered illegal.

STUDENT DROP-OFF

- Please use bus transportation as much as possible.
- In the event that you must drop-off your child, **do not drop off your child earlier than 8:35. The doors may not be open, and we don't have supervision until 8:35.**
- Follow the traffic flow in the back parking lot and drive very slowly.
- Two staff member are there to assist the students.
- If you arrive after 8:50, please find a parking spot in the back of the school, enter the Administration back entrance, and sign-in your child at the main office.
- Try your best to teach your child how to get out of the vehicle independently.
- Have all materials (backpacks, etc) prepared and ready.
- Wait for the car in front of you before pulling away and leaving.
- Safety first!

STUDENT CAR PICK-UP

- Use the back parking lot following the traffic pattern.
- Students will exit the gymnasium starting at 3:25 once dismissed by a teacher.
- Three staff members are there to monitor the safety of the students.
- Students will wait at one of the three numbered cones. You will be instructed to pull up next to one of the cones.
- Once your car is parked next to the cone, your child will be allowed to enter your car.
- For the safety of the children and a timely dismissal process, remain in your car. If your child needs assistance getting buckled, you will be asked to pull up out of the loading zone or find a parking spot to assist your child. Teach your child how to safely and properly get into your vehicle.
- Be aware of all children and drive away slowly. Thank you.

A CHANGE

- For student and school safety, we will no longer have students being picked up at the end-of-the-day in the school office.
- If you are picking up your child, use our car pick-up procedure.
- If you walk home with your child, be sure a note has been sent to your teacher, and plan on meeting him/her at the gymnasium exit around 3:25.

IF A STUDENT NEEDS TO BE DISMISSED EARLIER THAN THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY:

- A parent must send a written request in the morning, and it should be given to the classroom teacher first thing in the morning. In the event of an unplanned event, which requires a student to leave early, a verbal permission will be allowed. Contact the school office at 610-351-5860. **Prevent any changes after 3:00 to the greatest extent possible.**
- When picking up your student, park your car in a parking spot or street, buzz into the school, and enter the main office. A secretary will help you sign out the student.
- Do not walk to the classroom. The student will come to the office to meet you.
- In all cases, students will be released only to their custodial parent unless written or verbal permission from the custodial parent is received to do otherwise.

REFRAIN FROM GOING ON VACATIONS/APPOINTMENTS.....

during these important times! Thank you in advance for your understanding.

PSSA READING AND MATH ASSESSMENTS	GRADE 3, 4, 5	MARCH 12-23
PSSA WRITING ASSESSMENT	GRADE 5	APRIL 16-20
PSSA SCIENCE ASSESSMENT	GRADE 4	APRIL 23-27
GRADE 2 FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT	OCTOBER 3-31 & MAY 7-JUNE 1	
OTIS LENON SCHOOL ABILITY TEST	GRADE 1	FEBRUARY 6-14

If an absence is known in advance, such as vacation time, please fill in a vacation/emergency form. Requests for this form can be made by calling the school office.

