



# Principals' Page



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## Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year



Congratulations on surviving the first week of school! We hope that everyone had fun meet-

ing their teachers, seeing familiar faces and getting to know new classmates. We understand that this time of year can be stressful for some and many questions arise as students settle in to their new surroundings. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding classroom routines and/or expectations. You can also contact the Main Office at (610) 705-6003 OR (610) 705-6010. The House Secretaries will be happy to answer questions or put you in contact with someone who can help you.

## Student Early Dismissals

Sometimes circumstances cannot be avoided and students need to leave school early for doctor's appointments, dental appointments, etc. Please send a note requesting the dismissal with your child on the day of. Notes should include the student first and last name, homeroom teacher as well as the date and time requested. Since our building is locked, parents and visitors are asked to press the silver call button near the main entrance. The school receptionist will welcome you; ask your name, and the purpose of your visit. Please be prepared to show your ID before picking up your child. It is the responsibility of the student to report to the Main Office at the appropriate time. Office staff are not permitted to call the classroom and interrupt instruction.



## Open Houses Scheduled

Be certain to mark the upcoming Open House dates on your calendar. They will be held as follows:

- 9/4/18                      7th Grade
- 9/12/18                    6th Grade
- 9/17/18                    5th Grade**



The Open House programs are for parents only and will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Upon arrival to the school, please report directly to your child's homeroom where you will view a presentation from Mrs. Nuneviller. After which, you will receive a brief overview of the program of studies and daily schedule from your child's classroom teachers. At the conclusion of the teacher presentations, parents will have the opportunity to self-tour the building and visit special subject teachers.

**Please note that the 5th Grade Open House has been moved to Monday, 9/17.**

## Upcoming Events

- 9/3                      No School for Students
- 9/4                      7th Grade Back to School Night, 7:00pm
- 9/4                      5/6 SaveAround Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 9/10                    No School for Students
- 9/12                    6th Grade Back to School Night, 7:00pm
- 9/14                    5th Grade Social, 7:00pm
- 9/17                    5th Grade Back to School Night, 7:00pm
- 9/19                    No School for Students
- 9/21                    6th Grade Social, 7:00pm
- 9/24                    5/6 Yankee Candle Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 9/28                    7th Grade Dance, 7:00pm

\*Please note: October 3rd was listed incorrectly as an in-service day on the August/September Principal's Page. **Monday, 10/8** is the correct date for teacher in-service\*

## MAP Growth

During the weeks of September 4th and September 11<sup>th</sup>, students will take a MAP® Growth™ assessment from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. We give students MAP Growth assessments to determine their areas of academic strengths and areas of needed growth. Additionally, this assessment helps us measure academic growth throughout the school year (and from year to year) in the areas of Reading and Math.

MAP Growth assessments are unique in that they adapt to your child's level of learning. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of adaptive assessment provides results that more accurately indicate what your child already knows and what your child is ready to learn.

Since MAP Growth assessments provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it makes it easier for teachers to identify skills a student is ready to learn and then plan instruction accordingly.



## Home & School Association's News

The 5/6 Home & School Association will start the year off with their SaveAround fundraiser on Tuesday, 9/4 and will conclude on Tuesday, 9/18.

On Monday, 9/24 the 5/6 Home & School Association will be kicking off their Yankee Candle fundraiser. Candles are available in a variety of fragrances and sizes as well as votive holders, candle shades, room sprays, and auto fragrances.



The Home & School Associations will also start their seasonal apparel wear sale in the weeks ahead. Everything from knit hats to track jackets to sweatshirts will be available.

More information will be sent home with the students and/or added to the website in the near future.

Interested in learning more about the H&S Associations? All parents are welcome to attend meetings. They are held in the 7th Grade Media Center with 7th/8th grade meeting at 6:00 and 5th/6th grade meeting at 7:00. The first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Thursday, 10/11. We hope to see many parents there with ideas, input and suggestions.

## Student ALICE Training

During the month of September, all students will be reintroduced to the ALICE program by Mrs. Nuneviller and their respective House Principals. Students will be given a brief overview, the "why" of the program, will view the ALICE video and participate in a question/answer session. Rally points will be discussed as being Upper Providence Elementary School and the 10-12 Grade Center. Each grade level will take part in a Rally Point practice walk to Upper Providence Elementary School and the 10-12 Grade Center as well. During this time, classrooms will learn where their "special meeting place" is located. Each classroom will also try their hand at a barricade drill. Please discuss the ALICE program with your child, ask them what they remember and what they might do in different situations.



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## Food Allergies

Up to 15 million Americans have food allergies, including 5.9 million children under age 18. That's 1 in 13 children, or roughly two in every classroom! Here at the 5/6/7 center, we strive to keep all of our students with food allergies safe and free from experiencing allergic reactions while at school. However, to do so, we need your help!

If your child has a food allergy that requires medication at school, please send the medication to school with your child, along with an allergy action plan and signed medication administration form. Medication administration forms can be found on the Spring-Ford web page. Just click on Health Services!



We ask that all parents remind their children not to offer or share food with others while at school in order to help keep everyone safe.