



Panther Press



September 2018

Message from the Office

Welcome Back! The Plymouth Staff would like to welcome back staff, students and families. We would also like to welcome new students and their families to our school community. Mrs. Morocco and Mr. Mayhew are very excited to be part of the Plymouth community. We both have an open door policy so please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself.

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Rogers and her staff for getting the school clean and ready for another school year. We would also like to thank all staff for helping to get our classrooms ready for the opening of the 2018-19 school year!

To keep you informed about the many activities and events at Plymouth School, a newsletter will be available online each month. Please visit our website at <http://plymouth.dsbm.org/>. If you would like a hard copy sent home with your child(ren) please complete and return the request slip sent



home in this newsletter. Plymouth also has a new Remind App account. Please download the free app and use this code **@9057324110** to join! Reminders of upcoming events, special activities and celebrations will be shared. Also, we have started a new Twitter account please follow us **@SchoolPlymouth**. We will post some of the great things happening around the school!



Welcome to the new staff joining the Plymouth family: Mrs. Chase, Miss Li, Mrs. Crysler, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Cole, Ms. Bosnak, Mr. Furtney, Mr. Bolibruck, Ms. Bellmore, Ms. Barbour, Mr. Peirce, Mr. Mayhew and Mrs. Morocco. Welcome back Mrs. Waytena and Ms. Demers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to call the school. We are excited about this school year and are eager to be working with our Plymouth School families. Our dedicated and energetic staff also looks forward to ACHIEVING SUCCESS TOGETHER!

Panthers, remember to always

Do Your Best and Do What's Right.

Thank You,

Mrs. A. Morocco and Mr. B. Mayhew

Student Safety

Medical Information

If students require medication while at school, a medical form will need to be completed. Please make sure you let the school know if your child requires medication during the school day. We will work together to develop an action plan together so your child's medical needs are met immediately. Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

Allergies

We strongly encourage parents and students to respect those who have an anaphylactic condition. We are asking students to bring snacks that are free from nuts. Peanut and nut allergies are usually severe and can be fatal. Even tiny amounts of nut particles or residue can cause someone with a nut allergy to have a strong reaction.

Safe Arrival to School

Please call the school to report an absence 905 732 4110. The answering machine is available at all hours. Please leave your child's name, reason for absence and expected return. This will reduce the number of call backs Mrs. Buchanan has to make. The office tracks the attendance of all our students twice daily. If we do not hear from you, and your child is not in school, we have to call to ensure the safety of the student.

Custody Concerns

Please inform the school if there are special custody orders for your child.

Visiting the School

We thank you in advance for stopping and signing in at the Office! If you are dropping something off for your child please leave it at the Office and your child will be called down during the break. This helps keep the students at Plymouth School safe. If you are picking your child up early please let the teacher or Office know. We will make every effort to have your child at the front doors waiting for you.

Dismissal

At dismissal, if you are picking up your child, we ask that you wait outside your child's assigned exit door. Students who walk home with a younger sibling are encouraged to meet them outside their dismissal door. Kindergarten students will be dismissed to their parent or to a designated adult.

Important Paperwork

This week, your child will bring home a number of important forms which need to be completed. **Please return the completed and signed forms to school as soon as possible.** It is important to keep student information up to date throughout the year. In the unfortunate event that your child becomes ill or is injured, we will make every effort to reach you, but we also need

additional names and numbers in case we cannot contact you. Thank you!

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Open House

Please save the date!!!! We will be hosting our Open House on Tuesday, September 18th from 4:00 to 5:30. The school will be open from 4:00 to 4:45 and then we will move outside to enjoy a BBQ! More information will be shared closer to the event. We hope to see you all here!

Early Release Day

Friday, September 14th is our first Early Release day. Students who walk to and from school will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m.. Students will still have a break in the morning, please be sure to send snacks for this time. Students who are bussed will be dismissed when their bus arrives - around 12:20 p.m.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Program will begin the first day of school. The Snack Program will kick off on Monday September 10th.

Bell Times

9:00- 10:40 First Instructional Block (100 min.)
10:40-11:20 Fitness/Nutrition Break
11:20-1:00 Second Instructional Block (100 min.)
1:00-1:40 Fitness/Nutrition Break
1:40-3:20 Third Instructional Block (100 min.)

Photo Day

Our School Photographer is Edge Imaging. Our School photo day will be Wednesday October 10th. Picture Retakes will be Wednesday November 7th. Bring your smiles!

Panther Pride Assemblies

Panther Pride Assemblies will be held each month. We will continue to celebrate character traits and students who are working hard to achieve their goals. September we will focus on Respect. We hope to see you at our assemblies this year! The first assembly of the year will be Tuesday, October 2nd at 10:00am.

Newsletter Requests

If you would like a hard copy of the monthly newsletter please fill out and return to the school.

Student Name:

Teacher:

I would like a hard copy of the newsletter: Yes No

Around the School

Student Expectations

Next time you visit the school you will see some posters outlining some expectations for our Plymouth Community. All classes will be working on these expectations in the coming months.

When we speak to each other, we:

- face each other,
- take turns listening and speaking,
- use kind words,
- use a calm tone of voice.

We respect our school and materials by:

- taking care of the school building, property and materials,
- asking before borrowing materials,
- returning materials that we borrow.

In the hallway, we:

- **WALK** on the right hand side,
- use calm and quiet voices,
- keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

Cell Phones

We know that keeping your child safe is important to each and every one of you. It is very important for us as well. This year there will be a few changes with our Cell Phone policy. All students in Gr. 7 and 8 will be given a lock on the first day of school. All cell phones will be locked in lockers during the school day. If the phones are needed during instructional time the teacher will let students get their phones. During Fitness and Nutrition Breaks cell phones will remain in lockers. If a student needs to check in with home they can ask to use their phone while in the Office. Thank you for helping keep our students safe and their property protected!

School Cash Online

Using School Cash Online, you may never have to search for spare change again! That is, unless you're looking for coffee money.

We are pleased to be able to provide you with the opportunity to approve permission forms and pay for school items, such as field trips, hot lunches and school spirit wear, online. This year we are moving away from collecting monies at the Office and using "School Cash Online".

It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You will be able access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "School Cash Online." There, you'll find more information about the system, links to registration and support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. If you need help with this, please contact the Office and someone will help you out! If you need a computer to use please let us know. Please sign up as soon as possible so you have access to field trip permission forms, hot lunch order forms and more!

