



# Panther Press



September 2020

## Message from the Office

Welcome Back! Although this school year is going to look a little different, we are so excited to have our Panthers back at school! We will learn and practice some new routines and ways of doing things. Welcome to all our returning families and the new Panthers that have joined our school community. If you have any questions please reach out to the school to make an appointment.

We hope that you and your family had a safe and relaxing summer. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Bedard 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 and school ready for the opening of the 2020 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.dsbnet.org/>. Plymouth also has a Remind App account. Please download the free app and use this code **@9057324110** to join! In October we will be switching to the School Messenger app to send home reminders. Also, we have a 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: Ms. McVey (homeroom) Ms. Mitchell (homeroom), Ms. Fast (Panther's Den) and Mrs. Quinlan (EA). We also had some teachers join the DSBN Virtual School, we wish Mrs. Krysa, Ms. Demers and Mrs. DiMarco the best of luck but look forward to them returning!

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!

Although all students have received this Newsletter in paper form, all future ones will be electronic only and posted on the school website, REMIND and/or through the School Messenger App.

Panthers, remember to always

*Do Your Best and Do What's Right.*

Thank You,  
Mrs. A. Morocco and Mrs. T. Beck

## DSBN Parent Guides

Have you read through the [DSBN Parent Guide](#)? It contains some really important information about this upcoming school year.



## School CashOnline

This is very important!!!! **Many important forms will ONLY be posted on School CashOnline (including the Parent Covid Assessment Agreement).** Even if you don't use School CashOnline to make school payments- you will need to create an account to complete



these forms. It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You will be able to 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! This is an important program and many back to school forms that need to be completed will be posted here.

## School Messenger

As mentioned on the first page of our newsletter we will be switching from the REMIND App to School Messenger App for school to home communication. Some of you may already have the app, if you do it will be important to log out of the app and go back in, it will refresh the connection with updated school information. This will be a gradual change that we will start in October! The School Messenger App is free and easy to use. When you log in, you may be prompted to contact the school if your email doesn't match what we have on record at the school. Just give us a call so we can update that for you! We will send more detailed instructions when we are ready to switch over.

## Prevalent Medical Conditions

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. Any students returning to the school with a prevalent medical condition will get a call from the Office within the first few weeks of school. For more information, please contact the school (905) 732 4110.

## 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.

## Important Paperwork

This week, your child will bring home an important form which will need to be completed, **the rest are on School CashOnline** and we ask you to complete and submit them. We are limiting the amount of paper being used. These are really important so please complete as soon as possible!

## Safe Arrival to School

To report an absence please use the Safe Arrival System <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> or call **1-866-606-5567**. Thank you!

## Visiting the School

If you need a meeting at the school you will be asked to call and make an appointment. On the day of your visit, you will be required to complete the Visitor Covid Self assessment found on the DSBN homepage. There is also a binder to sign in the time of your meeting. If you need to pick your child up early from school, please call the school beforehand so we can have your child ready. Please note that if you need to come into the school you will need to complete the online Visitor Covid Self Assessment found on the DSBN website.

## Dismissal

At dismissal, if you are picking up your child, we ask that you wait outside in the assigned designated areas. Thank you for practicing social distancing while waiting!

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will look different for the start of the year. Students will have access to prepackaged snacks (granola bars, cereal bars, frozen yogurt tubes, etc.). Our Nutrition Partners continue to work with Public Health to determine what the programs in schools can look like. Students will not be coming into the school early to access these snacks.

## Around the School

### Student Expectations

#### **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. At this time, students will not be accessing lockers. Students will not be allowed to bring their cell phones outside during breaks so if phones are at school they will be in the classroom. Thank you for helping keep our students safe and their property protected!

## DSBN DRESS CODE

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves. Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment.

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)

## CONCUSSIONS

The DSBN has a concussion policy and procedures to support proper prevention, identification, management, and return to learn strategies. If your child has sustained a suspected or actual concussion while not at school, please contact the school.

## FIRE DRILLS/EMERGENCY EVACUATION/LOCKDOWN

We're committed to maintaining our school as a safe place for your children. To create and maintain a culture of safety, we practice both fire and lockdown procedures at several times during the school year. School staff work with students to ensure they understand these procedures and feel comfortable so we can all respond to an unpredictable situation in a predictable way.

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