



# CLIMAX-SCOTTS ELEMENTARY PANTHER CUB PUBLISHER

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Hello Parents ~

## Our August 29<sup>th</sup> Open House Was A Success!~

Thank you to all who joined us on our Open House/Registration evening last August 29<sup>th</sup>! We had a great turnout and it assisted in helping the students feel more at ease that first day! If you haven't turned in your registration paperwork yet please do so as soon as possible as this registers him or her for school this year as well as provides necessary records information for your child in case of emergencies.



### **Toys/Cards/Electronics, etc:**

Please note that no toys, Pokemon cards, spinners, or electronics may be brought to school. They become quite a distraction from learning. Also, if your child has a cell phone we ask that it stays in the backpack all day. Thank you for your help with keeping our kiddos on task with their learning.



### **Calendar~**

Please be sure to check the school calendar for half days. Dismissal time is 12:11 on half days.

### **Pick Up Change:**

Because we have added another 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom, we no longer have the separate "panther pick up room".



Parents who pick up at the end of the day will enter the side doorway to the gymnasium, which is closest to the back parking lot. The door will open at 3:35 and students will be dropped off at 3:41 or so.

Please sign out as usual with the adult in the gymnasium.

We are teaching our students that pick up time is not a safe time to use the rock climbing wall or run around in the gym. They need to wait calmly for parents to pick up. The sign out sheets will be lined up on the stage.

Kids Corner parents will drop off and pick up through the front door as usual.



**Smile! Picture Day is Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**No Pets Please!**



Due to allergies and other types of liabilities, pets are not allowed to come into the school building. Thank you for your cooperation!



Parents, teachers are in their rooms earlier than the start of school to finish prepping for their day with the students. Please respect their time and refrain from stopping in for an unscheduled parent-teacher visit or chat. Feel free to reach out to your teacher by phone, email, or an app such as Bloomz to ask a question, get clarification on something, or schedule a conference together. Thank you so much! ☺



**Come to the Office:**

We ask all parents & visitors to come to the office to drop off students or items, or to pick up your child for an early appointment. There are two primary reasons for this procedure:

1. To practice safety precautions for all of those in the building.
2. To minimize classroom disruption, which maximizes student learning.

*Thank you for your help and cooperation with this; it is appreciated.*



**When you Have a Change in Daily Procedure:**

The office is a very busy place between the hours of 3:00 – 4:00. We are asking that if you need to change your child's daily plan, for example if you are going to pick-up rather than use the bus, please **write a note and send with the student in the morning. If the change occurs during the day please call the office no later than 3:00, earlier if possible.** so we can let the teacher know of the change and make plans for your child to be in the gymnasium waiting for you when you arrive to sign out. Without communication from an adult, we will use the normal dismissal routine for your child. Thank you! Your cooperation; is very much appreciated!

**Walking Home From School~**

Is your child a walker rather than a bus-rider or a daily pick-up? If so please complete our "walking form" so that we can be sure to account for all students as they dismiss from school. Walkers will wait in the gymnasium until all buses have dismissed and then will be released by a staff member. This is for all students' safety because we care about our kids! Again, thank you for helping to support our safety procedures.





**Bus Reminders:**

As a reminder, the drivers ask that someone be visible in the driveway or doorway when children are getting dropped off. This is for your child's safety.

Also, the transportation department reports there is no eating on the bus of any sort, no snacks, candy, or gum. Thank you for helping with this.



**School Hours ~**

School hours are from 8:45-3:41. While we understand the need for an occasional early appointment, please try to

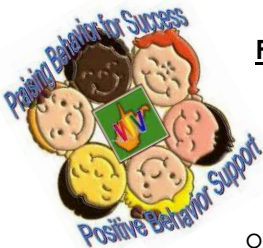


be on time for school and refrain from coming to pick up your child earlier than 3:41 as learning takes place until the end of the day.



**Hearing & Vision Testing:**

Our hearing and vision testing will be held on October 12 with re-checks on October 30<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified if the test reveals an issue. As an FYI, grades K, 2, & 4 are checked for hearing, and grades 1, 3, & 5 are checked for vision.



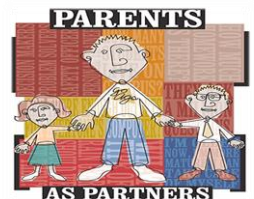
**Positive Rewards~ Because We Take Academic Learning Seriously!**

As a PBIS (*positive behavior intervention & support*) school, students have a variety of ways to be rewarded for positive behavior choices here at school: They will be awarded Panther PURRS tickets at various times throughout the day for positive behaviors. These tickets can be turned in for a chance to win weekly prizes from our office treasure chest. There are also ways to earn the monthly all-student rewards plus a chance in the monthly drawing for "Pizza with the Principal". Thank you for supporting us with helping your child learn to make positive behavior choices campus-wide as this practice decreases negative behaviors and increases time-on-task learning in the classroom.



**Once again this year we will run a Friday Fundraiser with our School Store in the office during recess hours:**

We will be offering some snack items available for sale through a "school store" once each week. The items are priced at approximately .50, .75, and \$1.00. All proceeds will go to fund the weekly treasure chest prizes and monthly PBIS rewards. Want to volunteer some time to run the school store in the office? Call our school office to let us know! ☺



We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,

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