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NEWSLETTER July/August 2022

A joint PreK-5 elementary newsletter from A. Ward Spaulding School and McAlister Intermediate School.

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Summer Happenings!



Class Placement

Throughout the spring and summer we have been formulating class groupings for the coming school year. This process is complex and we do our best to utilize the information we received from families in the spring. We want to remind all families that these suggestions are not automatically honored and that we are not able to accommodate requests made over the summer. As you can imagine, the entire process is a very complex, thoughtful and deliberate one and we appreciate your understanding. As Powerschool opens for family updates you may see class placement. Please know these are subject to change and class lists are not final until **August 19th** when placement letters will be sent via email.

One Book, One Community Update

Unfortunately, our plans for a community summer reading continue to be restricted by delays in supply and shipping. Our spring order of our community read, *Saving Winslow* has now been delayed until mid-August. We continue to encourage families to utilize our audio recording of the book.

We are finalizing plans to move our community read to the start of the school year so that we can provide every family with a copy of the book. More information will be provided in August.

Welcome Back Picnic

We would like to extend an invitation to all families to join us for a Suffield Elementary Picnic on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at Spaulding School's playground. Please RSVP by Friday, August 19th. [RSVP](#) [Payment Link](#)

Supply Lists

Student supply lists for each grade level will be shared with class placement information. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher once class placements are released with any questions or clarifications you may have in regards to school supplies.

AWS supply lists are on the website. Please go to www.suffield.org and then go to A. Ward Spaulding School. If you ordered school supplies via SFES they are due to be delivered this week. Stay tuned for information regarding pick up from SFES.

POWERSCHOOL PORTAL UPDATES

All returning students need to complete the returning student information update online using the PowerSchool Portal for each of your children. Each child's update and digital signatures should take you approximately three minutes.

Portal Opens Wednesday August 3rd

Helpful tips for new families on accessing the Parent Portal is below

This information is important in order to effectively communicate with you and your children. It is also critical to your child's health, safety and well-being. In addition to updating emergency contact information you will be able to digitally:

1. View Bus information (Bus number, location and time of pickups and drop offs) including making changes for the upcoming school year.
2. Sign New school Handbooks
3. Elect district device coverage and online payment
4. Review health information / medication forms
5. Sign google permission slips

All steps need to be completed in order for your child to participate in student activities and sports, obtain a district device or use a personal device at Suffield High School where Bring Your Own Device is allowed.

Information on how to create a parent portal account can be found [here](#). Then by clicking on the PowerSchool tab.

If you need your child's student ID to create a parent portal account, please call the school your child will attend in the fall.

If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Osleger at rosleger@suffield.org

Upcoming Events:

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| August 3rd: | Powerschool Portal opens |
| August 19th: | Class placement communication
RSVP to picnic |
| August 30th: | Elementary School Family Picnic |
| August 31st: | First Day of School |
| September 5: | Labor Day, No School |
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Spaulding News



Preschool Reminder

The first day of school for the Suffield Public School is Wednesday, August 31, 2022, however, the **first day for preschool students is Thursday, September 1, 2022**. This is because there is no preschool on Wednesdays. Class assignments will be sent via email on August 19th.

Kindergarten Update

On Monday, July 25th, the Board of Education voted to add an 8th teacher to our Kindergarten this school year. This will help to keep our class sizes under 20 students.

Our Kindergarten Experience is underway this week. We are so excited to welcome over a hundred students between this week and next week. We hope that this helps both students and parents with the start of the school year.

Individual Tours

If you have a child that is new to Suffield or just a little anxious in general about the start of the school year, we are more than happy to set up a private tour of our school. Please call the main office at 860-668-3826 to schedule an appointment.

Help Wanted

We are still looking to fill (2) Academic Support positions and (1) Building Substitute positions. If you are interested please visit www.suffield.org and go to Human Resources to apply.

Staff Updates

We are excited to welcome the following teachers to our Spaulding community:

Kindergarten Teachers:

- Mrs. Katie Baliga
- Mrs. Erin Caron
- Mrs. Sarah Johnson

Grade 1 Teachers:

- Ms. Samantha Carpinello (Looping up from Kindergarten)
- Mrs. Alyssa Harper (Moving to Grade 1)

Grade 2 Teachers:

- Ms. Ashley Goss
- Ms. Elizabeth McVey

Special Education and Specials Teachers:

- Mrs. Lauren Sanderson - Special Education
- Mrs. Alexis Cervione- Special Education
- Ms. Malgorzata Duda-Baker- Special Education
- Ms. Julie Morrison - Music

McAlister News



Building Tours

Incoming Grade 3 and new students - McAlister will be hosting tours of the school on Wednesday, August 23, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM for incoming grade 3 and new students. Students will have the opportunity to tour the building, see the location of their classroom and ask questions. [Please sign up for a tour here.](#)

Staff Updates

McAlister is excited to welcome new staff:

Grade 5: Brenna Cabral

Special Education: Jasmine Borowiec (moving from Spaulding)

Paraprofessional: Francesca Salvato (moving from Spaulding)

Upcoming Events:

August 23rd: School Tours

September 8th: School Picture Day

September 14th: Parent Open House

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