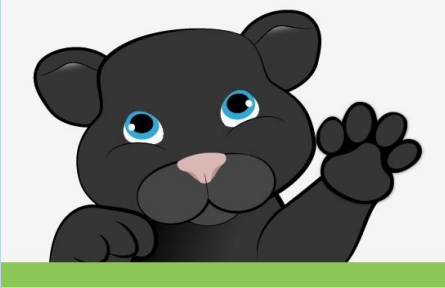


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Plattekill Panther Press

Principal Monica Hasbrouck



CUBBY CORNER

- 10/3 - School Closed - Holiday
- 10/4 - Homecoming Parade at 6:00 p.m. @ High School
- 10/4 - Five Week Marking Period Ends
- 10/9 - Fall Picture Day
- 10/10 - Band Parent Night at 7:00 p.m.
- 10/11 - Fire Prevention
- 10/11 - PTA Fall Festival at 6:00 p.m. (rain date 10/18)
- 10/14 - School Closed - Holiday
- 10/16 - BOE Meeting at 7:00 p.m. @ Ostrander Elementary
- 10/21 - Red Ribbon Week
- 10/31 - Early Release at 12:45 p.m.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We were very excited to welcome you to the Open Houses. It was a great way to see your child's classroom and routine set by the classroom teacher. Now that Open House is over, communication does not end. It is important that you keep in touch with your child's teacher.

Here are some helpful Parent-Teacher Communication Tips:

- Please check your child's backpack every night. Every student has a blue take home folder. We invest in these folders because it is important that you see what is coming home and what is being sent back to school. As your child gets older and is in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, teach them to empty their bookbag on their own and bring you their blue folder.
- If you have any questions about homework or anything pertaining to the classroom, reach out to your child's teacher. You can reach out by:
 - ⇒ SeeSaw - Messages can be easily sent (make sure you are signed up for this.)
 - ⇒ Email - first initial last name @wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us This is the typical format for all staff members.
 - ⇒ Plattekill Website - Off of the Wallkill website you will find Plattekill Elementary at the top of the navigation bar, under "Schools."
 - ⇒ Call the main office-845-895-7250. We can check if the teacher is available, if they are teaching we will send them a message to contact you.
 - ⇒ Please let the teacher know which method works best for you. Please give teachers at least 24 hours to respond. Remember teachers have about 23 students they are responsible for and may not see your email until the end of the day.
- Another way to be active in the school community is to join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This gives you opportunities to get to know other parents in the community to build your village.
- Student safety is our priority. If there are any concerns involving other students, please let the teacher know first. The teacher will conduct an investigation and follow up with the facts they uncovered.

We have had an amazing start to the new school year! Let's keep it going!

Mrs. Hasbrouck

PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

PAWS

As we begin our second month into the school year, please review our PAWS expectations with your child. We expect students to have a (P) Positive Attitude, (A) Act Responsibly and Respectfully, make Wise (W) choices, and be (S) Safe. Students are beginning to recognize and act upon our voice level key. At a 0, we are quiet. At a 1, we are at a whisper. At a 2, we are using speaking voices. At a 3, we are using outside voices.

BUS

Your child has been explained the types of behaviors that are expected on the bus. We will continue to review and model to students the positive behavioral expectations that are set forth using our PAWS program. A great way to help ensure that we are following safety rules on the bus would be to follow this:

- Seat on Seat
- Back on Back
- Clear the Aisle



PTA News

We hope everyone has settled into their back-to-school routine and you're ready for some fun this month! Thank you to everyone who stopped by the PTA table during Orientations and Open House. For those that purchased mums through the fundraiser, we hope you are enjoying their beautiful blooms! Thank you to those who attended our first PTA meeting of the year.

Fall Festival: Fall fest will be held on 10/11 from 6-8pm at the school. This outdoor event will feature a Trunk-or-Treat, activities, crafts, refreshments and music. This is a PTA Family Event (not a drop-off event) with FREE admission for all current PTA members. If you are not currently a member but would like to attend, we strongly urge you to join in advance to alleviate long wait times at the entry. Join at <https://plattekill.memberhub.store>

"Nothing to Sell" Fundraiser: Put the FUN back into fundraising without having to sell products! Students can earn great individual prizes and the class that raises the most will earn a party! This fundraiser will be going for the entire month of October. This was a great success last year and we look forward to another successful year. **Please send collected funds in by 11/1.**

We would like to recognize the local businesses that partnered with Plattekill PTA in September. Minard Family Farm graciously donated a 4 pack of super bracelets to the winner of our PTA membership drive. Wallkill View Farm was our vendor for our Mum Fundraiser. They were gorgeous as always! Thank you to both businesses for their continued support!

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Interested in volunteering at Fall Fest or Fall Picture Day? Email plattekillpta@gmail.com or scan the QR code below



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