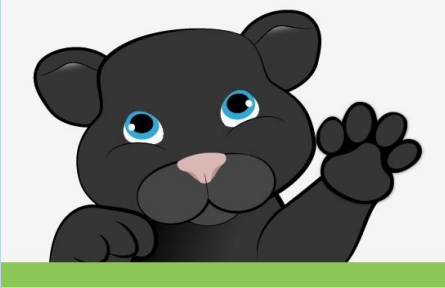


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Plattekill Panther Press

Principal Monica Hasbrouck



CUBBY CORNER

- 9/17 - PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9/18 - BOE Meeting @ High School @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9/19 - Open House Grades 4 - 6 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9/21 - Plattekill Day @ Felton Park
- 9/24 - Open House Grades Pre-K - 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9/24 - PTA Mum Fundraiser Pickup - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had some relaxing time, family time, and vacation time! We are ready for a great year! We are excited to come back and welcome our students. Plattekill has been busy with the Capital Project which includes air conditioning in the cafeteria and gym, a new vestibule, and hallway ceilings. **We have a new Greeter, therefore everyone MUST bring their photo ID.**

Please note, on the first day of school your child will come home with the Student Handbook and Blue Folder. Please make sure to read through the Student Handbook, and complete the packet of required forms. Even though all students are eligible for a free breakfast or lunch daily during the 2024-2025 school year, if **you do qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, please complete the application, as you may be eligible for additional benefits.** Applications should be completed and returned during the first two weeks of school.

For the 2024-2025 school year, all students are eligible for a free breakfast and lunch daily. There will be a charge for any items besides the meal. If a student chooses to buy a second breakfast and/or a second lunch on any given day, the price for lunch will be \$2.20, the price of Breakfast will be \$1.00. Milk prices in all schools will be \$.75 per carton.

Open Communication is key with parents and guardians to ensure your child(ren) are successful this year. There are multiple ways to get in touch with us:

- Phone call (845) 895 - 7250
- Email (firstinitiallastname@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us)
- Facebook Page - Cubby Central Plattekill Elementary - send a private message
- See Saw and/or Schoology
- Send a note in your child's blue folder

Please reach out at anytime. We are here for you.

Planners and Homework Folders (Please check daily)

Please keep your eye out for our monthly newsletter, the **Plattekill Panther Press**. It will go home on or before the first of the month. Weekly, on Fridays you will see the **Plattekill Pulse** for updates (on pink paper). Please note Cubby Corner for a listing of important dates. Both the Plattekill Panther Press and Plattekill Pulse are updated on our website. Please mark your calendars for Open House:

Thursday, September 19, 2024 - Grades 4 - 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - Grades Pre-K - 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Please look for this blue folder for all grades (Pre-K-6). Students in grades 3- 6 will also receive a planner.

Drop Off/Bus News & Cell Phone Policies

Establishing a consistent bus routine helps our drivers and children with their bus route. For our returning students, **we need an updated bus note for the 2024-2025 school year.** If your child is getting picked up/dropped off at a location other than your home, please write a note and include the following:

- Name of daycare within WCSD
- Address
- Phone number

Any time your information changes we need this in writing as well. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure we get your child home safely. Just a reminder for the first week of school our busses may arrive a bit later than usual to the bus stops. We are all getting used to the new routine.

Busses arrive around 8:30 a.m. at the school. The school day begins at 9:00 a.m. For safety reasons, please do not drop off students prior to 8:30 a.m. There will not be any supervision available prior to that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Just a friendly reminder...school district policy states that cell phones should not be in school. However, we understand this is how you may communicate with your child before or after school. Therefore, the cell phone should be powered off and put away during the school day and on busses.

We have a new parent pick up time. Parents picking up their child(ren) from school will be at 3:00pm. We found 2:50pm was too early for the classrooms. Please be prompt.

All school doors are kept locked. Please have a photo ID ready. We have cameras throughout the building in the hallways and outside facing the school property. All windows have a protective film on them.



Please note after-noon pick up for all grades will be at 3:00 p.m. Be prepared to show ID.

Welcome to our new greeter, Ms. Santorelly!

Mrs. Caparaso will now be the main office clerk following the retirement of Mrs. Matthews, she will be missed! Please be prepared to present ID whenever entering our building and/or picking up your child.

PTA News

Welcome back! We are ready to kick off another paw-some school year! We hope you and your family enjoyed the summer break and found some time to rest and relax. We loved seeing all the adventures that Cubby went on this summer. It was wonderful meeting our new UPK & Kindergarten families at their orientations, and we are eager to see our returning families at Open House later this month. All are invited and encouraged to attend our first general PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

PTA has been hard at work planning fun and exciting events! Fall Festival, Pajama Bingo, Book Fairs and a winter craft night are a few of the many events and activities that we have planned. We hope our Plattekill families continue to support the work of our PTA. If you can volunteer your time, we'd love to have the help. If not, there are many other ways you can show your support – you can become a member, send in a donation for an event, “like” us on Facebook or Instagram, or show off your school pride with some spirit wear.

Be on the lookout for your PTA welcome packet coming home in your child's blue folder the week of September 9th. It includes valuable information regarding upcoming events and activities, as well as a 2024-2025 membership form. Annual membership dues are \$8 and help support the work of our PTA, as well as give your family free admission to this year's events.

2024-2025 PTA Executive Committee:

Melissa Hill, *President*

Colleen Hedrick, *Vice President*

Anna Croce, *Treasurer*

Rosanne Hedrick, *Secretary*

Ashley Nordahl, Jaclyn Fazio & Danielle Presto, *Fundraising*

Tara Latorre, *Communications Coordinator*

Have a question or an idea? Interested in getting involved? We'd love to hear from you! Contact us anytime at plattekillpta@gmail.com.

Attention Facebook & Instagram Users: Plattekill PTA uses social media to communicate important information about upcoming events and activities. Be sure to “like” CUBBY CENTRAL on Facebook or @plattekillpta on Instagram to stay connected to school news.