

August 18, 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Over the past few years, Parkland School District has taken many measures to increase school security and student safety. In partnership with South Whitehall Township, Upper Macungie Township and the Pennsylvania State Police (Bethlehem Barracks), we are pleased to continue our “Parkland Police Pals” program.

Parkland School District administrators have explored various means to integrate police officers into the elementary setting in a way that is both non-threatening and allows officers to form long-lasting bonds with our students. In order to enhance both professional and community relationships, Parkland School District has followed the paths of other school districts by utilizing a program to both increase police presence in our schools and enhance positive relationships between police officers and the district’s students, staff and parents.

“Parkland Police Pals” began in September 2013. There is an open invitation with the police departments that serve our specific elementary buildings. Police officers are welcome to visit our schools, have breakfast and/or lunch with the students or stop in for a bagged lunch to eat on the go. The officers are also provided a workspace with access to a phone and a computer. It is important to note that the officers will not use the school facility to conduct interviews and will not bring witnesses, victims or suspects into any school.

The goal of this program is to create a regular police presence in all of our schools. It’s a great opportunity for police officers to be more visible in the schools and for the students, teachers, staff and parents to recognize the police officers who are integral in protecting our community on a daily basis.

In addition, you can expect to see marked police vehicles at front entrances to our schools and in our parking lots at various times throughout the day. This initiative is part of the ongoing effort on behalf of the South Whitehall Township, Upper Macungie Township and Pennsylvania State Police Departments and the Parkland School District to ensure the safety and security of our children.

Sincerely,



Dr. Anthony Naradko
Director of Safety, Security and School Services

We are an Equal Rights and Equal Opportunity School District.

August 13, 2025

Dr. Frank Lombardo [Chief]
South Whitehall Township Police
4444 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104

Chief Michael Sitoski
Upper Macungie Township Police
8330 Schantz Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031

Lt. Kyle S. Griffith
Pennsylvania State Police
2930 Airport Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Lt. Christopher A. Nacios
Pennsylvania State Police
8320 Schantz Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031

TRP Nathan Branosky
Pennsylvania State Police
2930 Airport Road (PA-987)
Bethlehem, PA 18017-2149

Dear Dr. Lombardo, Chief Sitoski, Lt. Griffith, Lt. Nacios and Trp Branosky,

Parkland School District has provided various means to integrate police officers into the elementary school setting in a way that is both non-threatening and allows officers to form a long-lasting relationship with our students and school community. In partnership with South Whitehall Township, Upper Macungie Township and the Pennsylvania State Police (Bethlehem and Breinigsville Barracks), Parkland School District has introduced the “Parkland Police Pals” program. Police Officers will be welcome to visit Parkland elementary schools and benefit from the following:

- Free breakfast and/or lunch with students (standing invitation)
- Walk the school halls and school grounds
- Workstation available at all schools for clerical work
- Patrol the school parking areas
- Bagged breakfast and/or lunch to go

In September 2013, “Parkland Police Pals” program began in full. The program extends an open invitation for police officers to come have breakfast and/or lunch with the students and staff in our elementary schools. The officers will also be provided an office space equipped with a computer and phone to perform clerical tasks which would otherwise require the officer to return to police

headquarters. If the officers are too busy to eat a full lunch and/or breakfast in the cafeteria/gymnasium, they could patrol the school parking lots and stop by for a quick bagged breakfast/lunch item.

The goal of the program is for a police presence to be a common occurrence in all our elementary schools. We want students, teachers and parents to recognize the officers and view them as trusted and respected members of the school community. We would ask the officers not to use the workspace to conduct interviews and to not bring any witnesses, victims or suspects into any school. The work areas are for clerical tasks.

We thank you for your dedication to the students and community. We look forward to seeing you at all our Parkland Elementary Schools. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact my office at 610-351-5505. Attached is an electronic flyer for distribution to your police officers. Breakfast and lunch times are noted on the flyer. School menus are available on the district website at <https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1553699351819&page=menus>

Sincerely,



Dr. Anthony M. Naradko
Director of Safety, Security and School Services

cc: Dr. Mark J. Madson, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michelle Minotti, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Timothy Chorones, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Casey Troutman, Director of Food Services
Dr. Matthew Carlson, Director of Student Services
Elementary Principals

Encl.-- [[Police Pals Program Flyer 8-2025.pdf](#)]

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Parkland School District

in Partnership with

The Pennsylvania State Police

South Whitehall Police

Upper Macungie Police



Program Overview

Parkland School District is always exploring various means to integrate police officers into the school setting in a way that is both non-threatening and allows officers to form long-lasting bonds with our students.

In order to enhance professional and community relationships, Parkland School District encourages the Parkland Police Pals Program, a partnership aimed at increasing police presence in our schools while enhancing the positive relationships between police officers and the district's students, faculty, staff and parents.

Area Police Officers are always welcome to Parkland schools for a free breakfast and/or lunch with students!

Since September 2013, there has been a standing invitation with the South Whitehall, Upper Macungie and Pennsylvania State Police departments. Police officers are always welcome to come have breakfast and/or lunch in the school cafeteria / gymnasium with the students at no cost to the police officers or police departments.

Patrol the School Parking Lots

If officers are too busy to eat breakfast and/or lunch in the cafeteria / gymnasium, they are encouraged to patrol the school parking lot and stop in for a quick bagged breakfast and/or lunch to go.

**Menus Available Online
at www.parklandsd.org**



Workspace Available

The officers are also provided a small workspace in each school that they can utilize to complete reports and perform certain clerical tasks that would otherwise require the officer to return to police headquarters. It is important to note that the officers are not to use the workspace to conduct interviews and will not bring witnesses, victims or suspects into any school. The workspace is only for simple clerical work.

Daily Police Presence at Schools

One of the goals of this program is for police presence to be a daily scene in all of our schools. It's a great opportunity for police officers to be more visible in the schools, and for students to get to know the officers as people. We want the students, teachers and parents to recognize the officers. Officer visits also benefit students, who can see a positive law enforcement role model up close.

Walk the Halls - Walk the Grounds

Please let the front office and security monitors know you are in the building by checking in. It's important the front office knows you are in or around the building. It will also reassure parents that may call. We want everyone to know officers are at the school for friendly visits on a daily basis.

**Breakfast Served 8:35 - 9:00am
Lunch Served 10:35am - 1:00pm**

Cetronia Elementary School
3635 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104

Ironton Elementary School
3135 Levans Road
Coplay, PA 18037

Parkway Manor Elementary School
768 Parkway Road
Allentown, PA 18104

Fogelsville Elementary School
312 S. Route 100
Breinigsville, PA 18031

Kernsville Elementary School
5051 Kernsville Road
Orefield, PA 18069

Schnecksville Elementary School
4260 Sand Spring Road
Schnecksville, PA 18078

Fred J. Jandl Elementary School
1051 Weilers Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031

Kratzer Elementary School
220 Huckleberry Road
Allentown, PA 18104

Veterans Memorial Elementary School
250 Twin Ponds Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031