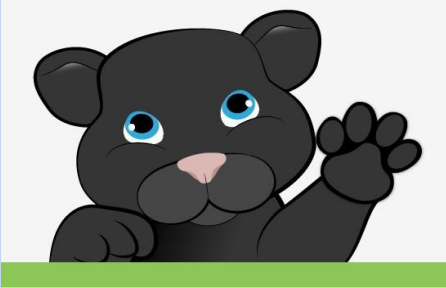


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Principal Nicole Parete



CUBBY CORNER

- 10/2 – School Closed – Holiday
- 10/3 – Homecoming Parade at 6:00 p.m. @ High School
- 10/3 – Five Week Marking Period Ends
- 10/9 – Band Parent Night at 7:00 p.m.
- 10/10 – Fire Prevention
- 10/10 – PTA Fall Festival at 6:00 p.m. (rain date 10/17)
- 10/13 – School Closed – Holiday
- 10/15 – BOE Meeting at 7:00 p.m. @ Ostrander Elementary
- 10/21 – Picture Day
- 10/27 – Red Ribbon Week
- 10/31 – Early Release at 12:45 p.m.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were thrilled to welcome you to our recent Open Houses! It was a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and learn about their new classroom routines and expectations. While Open House has concluded, our communication is just beginning. Staying connected with your child's teacher is essential to their success.

Helpful Parent-Teacher Communication Tips:

- **Check your child's backpack nightly.** Every student has a blue take-home folder. We invest in these folders to ensure important papers make it home and back to school. For students in grades 4–6, encourage them to take responsibility by emptying their backpack and bringing you their folder.
- **Reach out with questions.** Whether it's about homework or classroom matters, please contact your child's teacher using one of the following methods:
 - SeeSaw** - Quick and easy messaging (*make sure you're signed up!*)
 - Email** - Staff directory can be found on the Wallkill Central School District Website.
 - Phone** - Call the main office at **845-895-7250**. If the teacher is unavailable, we'll ensure they receive your message.

Let the teacher know the best way to contact you.

Please allow up to 24 hours for a response, as teachers are responsible for many students and may not see messages until the end of the day.

- Joining the **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** is a great way to connect with other families and strengthen our school community.
- **Student safety is our top priority.** If you have concerns involving other students, please contact the teacher right away. They will investigate and follow up with you.

We've had an amazing start to the school year — let's keep the momentum going!

Warm regards,
Nicole Parete

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 Houses. 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 10/10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 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>

Corey's Pickles: Pickles are always a fan favorite! Support a local business and our PTA by participating in our pickle fundraiser. We are also looking to get some to sell at Fall Fest so you are able to try them and see how delicious they are!

We would like to recognize the local business that helped us out for our September fundraiser. **Walkill View Farm** was our vendor for our Mum Fundraiser. They were gorgeous as always! Thank you to them for their continued support!

Follow us on Social Media! Cubby Central - Plattekil Elementary School on Facebook and @Plattekil PTA on Instagram.

Interested in volunteering at Fall Fest or Fall Picture Day?

Email plattekillpta@gmail.com or scan the QR code.

Have questions or interested in getting involved?

Email us at plattekillpta@gmail.com.

Online Volunteer Interest Form:

