



SWANSON ELEMENTARY



WE ARE THE SUPERSTARS. WATCH US SHINE!

Summer 2015

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Superstar Greetings!



Mission

The Mission of Swanson School, as a dynamic community alliance and model of innovative education, is to support and empower all learners to achieve academic excellence.

August 10, 2015

**Swanson
Open House/**

Meet Your Teacher

Please put Monday, August 10th on your calendars! This will be our Swanson Open House/Meet Your Teacher night, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come to school and meet your new teacher and find your new classroom. Refreshments will be provided by Swanson Community Club in the gym.

Welcome New Staff

Miss Chelsi Janicek- 3rd Grade
Mrs. Amy Falcone- 4th Grade
Miss Jenna Miller- 6th Grade
Mr. Mick Huntley- Music
Mrs. Kris Bivens- Counselor



First Day Packets - Going Digital

Starting this school year, you will complete your child's Enrollment Data Form, Health Update and other beginning of the year District and School information electronically. Please look for more information and directions this month.

Dear Swanson Parents and Students,

As the new principal of Swanson Elementary, I am proud to welcome you back to school. The upcoming academic school year will open a new door to start the next chapter of our school's storied history. Together, we enter a journey based on a deep commitment to academic and social success. Our school will continue to improve building upon a rich foundation of strong instruction, superstar learners, and supportive families and community.

I want to thank Mrs. Sandy Irish for her exceptional leadership and guidance at Swanson during the 2014-15 school year. Her support and mentorship as I transitioned into my new transition was invaluable. She says she is going into "retirement" this year, but I know we will see her at Swanson volunteering. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff and students for welcoming me during my second semester visits. It was evident when listening to both staff and students, that they love being at and going to Swanson. Some of my favorite comments were: "The best thing about Swanson is the community of students, parents and staff;" "Keep the FISH tickets;" and "We have fun at school while learning!" I am excited to build upon this positive, professional, and caring culture.

It has been my pleasure to meet so many of you in the past six months, and I look forward to meeting the rest of the wonderful Swanson families in the days, weeks and months to come. Our first Swanson gathering will be during Open House/Meet Your Teacher on Monday, August 10th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

As I start my eighth year as a principal and my eighteenth year as an educator, I am elated to bring my skills as an educational leader to Swanson and to work together as partners in education, helping ensure all of our children's success. It is exciting to open a new door to the 2015-16 school year and to begin our educational journey together.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Jennifer Harr

We're Going Back To School



Curriculum Night

Mark your calendars for Swanson's Curriculum Night on Tuesday, August 25th! This is a time for teachers to visit with you about classroom expectations, procedures and grade level curriculum. We hope to see you at one of the two sessions offered.

First Curriculum Night Session (K-6) - 6:15-6:40 p.m.

Swanson Community Club Meeting in the Gym - 6:45-7:00 p.m.

Second Curriculum Night Session (K-6) - 7:05-7:30 p.m.



School Starts at 8:40 a.m.

Our instructional school day will start at 8:40 a.m. Doors will be opened at 8:30 a.m. allowing students plenty of time to walk to classrooms, hang up backpacks, check in with teachers and peers, and be ready for those first important words of the day at 8:40 a.m. Give your students every advantage of a successful day by having them here at 8:30 a.m.!

Beginning of the Year Kindergarten Schedule

Letters will be sent to all kindergarten families informing you of your child's placement in either Group 1 or Group 2. As a reminder, please see the schedule below:

Kindergartners in Group 1—Attend school on August 12th and 13th.

Kindergartners in Group 2—Attend school on August 14th and 17th.

ALL Kindergartners attend school on August 18th and thereafter.

Parents, please plan on attending the Back to School Potluck on August 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Patrol

Aug. 12 - Aug. 25

Captain: Elena Rosenblatt am, Natalie Gettman pm, Katie Palais
Front of School: Gloria Becker, Lauren Gieselman, am, Cecilla Lenz pm
Kdgn./1st Gr. Doors AM: Grace Orr, Jack Palais
86th & Harney PM: Grace Orr, Jack Palais
Student Aide: Abby Siemer, Adan Mohamund, Josephine Gettman pm

Monthly Newsletters

Swanson, along with all Westside Elementary Schools, will continue to email monthly newsletters the first Friday of the month and post these important communication publications on school websites. Students will still bring home flyers advertising various non-profit activities, along with a printed monthly school lunch menu. We will also print a limited number of newsletters for those families who request them. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address. **If you would like to request a printed version of the weekly newsletter, contact Mrs. Jolkowski.**

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to have an article printed in the Swanson newsletter, it will need to be turned into the office by first Monday of the month at noon to be included in monthly edition. Electronic submission is preferred to jolkowski.susan@westside66.net.

School Supplies



We are asking families to consider donating school supplies again for the 2015-16 school year. Doing so will save the District approximately \$25,000 annually. Attached is the list of school supplies needed for your child's grade level. If you choose to purchase supplies, please consider purchasing a few additional items for those families who are unable to provide these supplies for their children. We will have collection boxes available at the building for this purpose. We will continue to provide supplies for all children who do not wish to voluntarily contribute.

Email

Email is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher. The Westside format is as follows:

lastname.firstname@westside66.net

Sample: harr.jennifer@westside66.net

jolkowski.susan@westside66.net

Swanson Dress Expectations

Dear Parents,

In order to ensure a positive learning environment where all feel comfortable and respected, please follow our Swanson dress expectations.

We expect our Superstars will wear clothing that:

- is clean, safe, and in good condition.
- is considerate of others.
- is free of advertisements, graphics or language on drugs, alcohol or bars, tobacco or violence.
- is free of sexual or disrespectful comments or graphics.
- entirely covers stomach, chest, back, the upper part of shoulders & all undergarments.

Thank you for seeing that your Superstar is following these expectations.

Mrs. Harr

(For the complete guideline for proper student dress please refer to our District Elementary Handbook.)



Classroom Assignments

For the 2015/16 school year, you will receive a letter informing you of your child's classroom teacher. Letters will arrive by mail at the end of July. We look forward to seeing you and your child at our Open House/Meet Your Teacher Night on August 10th at 6:00 p.m.!

Fifth/Sixth Graders and Parents Take Note!

Your 5th Grade child will have the opportunity to try out Band and String Instruments during the first two weeks of school. We will send home information with interested students after each try out process is completed.

The Westside Community Schools will host a Fifth and Sixth Grade Elementary Instrumental Curriculum presentation. This presentation is to give information about our Band and Strings programs for all 5th and 6th grade students and their parents. This presentation will be held Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Westside Middle School Performing Arts Center.

We are looking forward to meeting you there!

Sincerely,

The Westside Instrumental Music Staff



Bus Riders:

Please send a note if your child is not going to get off at his/her regular spot, Ex.: Going to a friend's house.

Use of Telephone

All after school arrangements need to be made by children and parents before arriving at school on any given day. Students will not be able to use the phone to make after school arrangements. Phone calls during the day will not be transferred to students.

Cell Phone Procedures

Cell phones are to be kept in backpacks during the school day. They may only be used by students outside of the school building prior to 8:40 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. dismissal. During school hours, cell phones are to be kept in backpacks with ringers turned off. School phones may be used by students, with staff permission, during the school day if the need arises.

Please Leave Electronic Devices at Home!

Electronic devices may not be brought to school or Club 66. These include iPods, MP3 players, portable DVD players, video games, handheld games, etc. Thank you for following this guideline.

Arrangements

Please send a note to your child's teacher if you are picking up your child early in the day or have a change in transportation arrangements. It is difficult to notify the students and teachers during the school day especially last minute calls after 3:00 p.m. Thanks for your help!

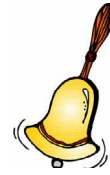
School Arrival

Our school day begins at 8:40 a.m. Students not in their classrooms at 8:40 a.m. will be marked tardy. Students may enter the building at 8:30 a.m. We ask that students not arrive before 8:30 a.m. unless:

- participating in a school activity
- serving on Safety Patrol
- working with a teacher
- attending Club "66" Before & After school care program
- participating in school breakfast

WHY CAN'T I ARRIVE EARLY ??

Teachers are involved in team meetings, staff meetings, and individual planning from 8-8:40. Supervision is limited at this time. Safety Patrols are on duty at 8:20 a.m.



TO REPORT ABSENCES...

CALL:

Office - 402-390-6485
Attendance Line - 402-390-3388
(Available 24 hours a day)



Swanson's Daily Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Staff Planning
8:20 a.m.	Safety Patrol on Duty
8:30 a.m.	Doors Open, Students Arrive, Staff in Classrooms
8:40 a.m.	Classes Begin with Morning Announcements
8:45 a.m.	Attendance/Lunch Count Taken
1:08 p.m.	Afternoon Attendance Taken
3:25 p.m.	Safety Patrol on Duty
3:30 p.m.	School Dismissal (3:00 on Wednesdays)



3:00 p.m. Dismissal On Wednesdays

School will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday to give our teachers collaboration time by attending weekly professional learning communities or PLCs. Please make arrangements to have your child(ren) promptly picked up at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Harr

Leaving During The School Day

Students leaving during the school day for appointments, illness or other events must be checked out by a parent or guardian. For students' safety, we do not allow them to wait outside for a parent. When your child returns from an appointment, a parent or guardian must sign them back in at the office.

A Gentle Reminder

We understand that some medical appointments cannot be avoided. However, it is disruptive to a child's day and to the classroom when students leave during class time. We request that you try to make appointments outside of the school hours when possible. Thank you!

Attendance



Each school day begins with taking attendance. It is very important that students be in their classrooms by 8:40 a.m. so they are not missed during this procedure. Please have students arrive at school at 8:30 a.m. so they can be in their classrooms at 8:40 a.m. We will also take attendance immediately following the lunch recess, which again means that if students leave campus for lunch with parents, that they need to be back when that attendance is taken. Our school secretary will call the home or work of parents who have not called in and reported their child's absence. Please help us with this by calling in by 8:40 a.m. when your student is not coming to school.

Students coming in *after* attendance has been taken either in the morning or at noon must **stop at the office and sign in on the attendance sheet**. Students coming or going during the day for appointments, illness, etc. must also sign in and out through the office. There are no exceptions.

I appreciate the staffs' dedication to this process and thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We all are committed to making things as secure as possible for everyone at Swanson.
Mrs. Irish

Lunch and Recess Schedule

It is always fun for family members to join their Superstar for lunch. If you will be eating school lunch we ask that you call by 9:00 a.m. so we can add you to the lunch count.

Kindergarten	Lunch---11:37-11:57	Recess---11:57-12:17
Second	Lunch---11:46-12:06	Recess---12:06-12:26
First	Lunch---11:55-12:15	Recess---12:15-12:35
Third	Lunch---12:04-12:24	Recess---12:24-12:44
Fourth	Lunch---12:15-12:35	Recess---12:35-12:55
Fifth	Lunch---12:22-12:42	Recess---12:42-1:02
Sixth	Lunch---12:31-12:51	Recess---12:51-1:11

We Will Be Accepting Lunch Money Monday, August 10th at Open House

Save the first day of school hassle by having lunch money already in your account on the first day of school. There is no limit on the amount of lunch money that can be put into a lunch account.

SCHOOL LUNCH 2015/16

SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST

Daily Hot Lunch = **\$2.15**

Reduced Lunch = .40 cents

(Free/reduce application available)

Breakfast = \$1.40

Reduced Breakfast = .40 cents

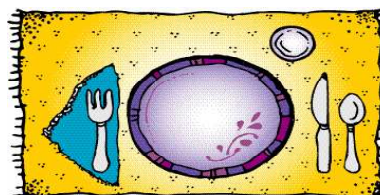
Milk .50 cents Adult Lunch **\$3.50**

Checks should be made payable to Swanson School.

Lunch money will be accepted at the office.

Breakfast in the Mornings!

Westside Nutrition Services is hosting Breakfast at Swanson Elementary. Studies show breakfast reduces behavior and health problems and increases academic achievement. To encourage participation in this program, all children at Swanson can enjoy breakfast in the gym at 8:20 a.m. Breakfast is \$1.40 with a reduced price of 30 cents for students who qualify for reduced lunch. Breakfast is free for those students who qualify for free lunch. For more information, contact Nutrition Services at 390-3380.



New Online Lunch Payment System

Westside Nutrition Services is pleased to announce a new partnership for the upcoming school year with Horizon Software. As part of this new alliance we will be using their on-line payment system MySchoolBucks (myschoolbucks.com) to fund lunch accounts, which replaces MyLunchMoney.com. You will have 24/7 computer and mobile access to view balances, make payments and monitor your child(ren)'s purchase history. You will be able to set low balance reminders and receive e-mail confirmation that your payment was received. This new system accepts credit cards, debit cards and even let you pay with checks. MySchoolBucks is certified by VISA for its CISP/Cardholder Information Security program.

Please note: All balances will transfer to your child's lunch account. Be looking for more information through our Connect Ed email/phone system.

Free and Reduced Applications

If your child was receiving free or reduced lunch benefits last year, his/her status will remain in effect until September 19th. You will need to reapply for this school year. New forms for this year are available at all schools and in the Nutrition Services Office located at 3534 South 108th Street.

Join Us for Lunch!

It is always fun for family members to join their Superstar for lunch. If you will be eating school lunch we ask that you call by 8:45 a.m. so we can add you to the lunch count. You will need to check in at the office and pay for your lunch before joining your child for lunch. Adult lunches are \$3.50.



Lunch/Breakfast Menu

The lunch/breakfast menu will be printed on a monthly basis for the 2015/16 school year. Be watching for the monthly menu.

Westside Water

Westside's Nutrition Services will sell "Westside Water" bottles during lunch for \$.50 a bottle. **A water bottle is not included as part of the regular meal or price and thus will not be a substitute for milk.** Students on free and reduced lunch will be charged \$.50 for the water. Please discuss with your child if they are able to purchase a bottle of water. Thank you for your assistance.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The PPRA gives parents certain rights regarding surveys given to students and the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that asks questions about one or more of the following protected areas (protected information survey) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility

Receive notice and opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any other protected information survey (see 8 areas listed above – regardless of funding).
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the District or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under Nebraska law marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for

Inspect, upon request and before distribution or use:

1. Protected information surveys.
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The District will notify parents of specific or approximate dates when such surveys are to be given. These rights transfer to the student at age 18 or upon emancipation under Nebraska law.

The District has adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights - See Board of Education Policies 2235 and 5220 and regulations thereto. These may be accessed on the District's website at www.westside66.org.

This Notification of Rights Under the PPRA will be provided directly to parents at least annually at the start of each school year (and after any substantive changes to any applicable Board Policies). It will also appear on the District's website. Questions or concerns about the PPRA may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at 390-2127. Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Student Educational Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also known as "FERPA") is a federal law that protects the privacy of educational records, specifically the use and disclosure of a student's educational records, access to records, and information about students that may be disclosed without parental consent.

The 2015-16 Annual Notice of FERPA Rights is published on the District's website - www.westside66.org and is located under the "About Us" tab - click on "Educational Student Records (FERPA)". A copy of the Notice may also be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Services at 402-390-2107.

The following is a summary only of some of the information in the 2015-16 Annual Notice:

FERPA allows each school district to establish its own list of information that can be released publicly without parent (or student if age 18 or over) consent. Westside has designated these items of "directory-type" information that may be disclosed without consent (unless you opt-out):

- Student's name, address and telephone listing
 - Student's school e-mail address
 - Photographs – including in school yearbooks, District publications, calendars and other printed materials and on District social media.
 - Video/Film of Student when filmed by the District for educational purposes or for promotional use, and film by news media.
 - Date and place of birth
 - Major field of study
 - Dates student became enrolled/dis-enrolled in the District, enrollment status and grade level
 - Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
 - Weight and height of members of athletic teams
 - Degrees, honors and awards received
 - The most recent school or school district attended by the student prior to Westside
- *Class lists.

This information may appear in school publications, yearbooks, the District's website, calendars, newsletters, and any other District publications, honor roll or other recognition lists, graduation programs, sports and other activity sheets, and released to the media.

Parents/eligible students may opt-out of the disclosure of any or all of the above information. To obtain an Opt-Out Form contact your building principal. Opt-Out Forms must be returned by September 1 of each year (or, for students enrolling after the start of the school year within 14 days of enrollment).



New Enrollment Procedures

Starting July 1st, all new enrollments will take place at the district office, located at 909 S. 76th St. We hope that this streamlined procedure will simplify the enrollment process and allow for consistency and reliability throughout the district. Currently, enrollment takes place where a student attends, potentially creating multiple trips for families with students at elementary, middle and high school. If you have questions, feel free to call your building principal or secretary.

Swanson Superstar Expectations

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

Before and After School Care

Club "66" is dedicated to making extended school time a safe, fun, and enjoyable experience. Arts and crafts, physical activity, center time, group activities, music, free movement, and computers are among the many activities we will be offering. Children will be encouraged to participate in activities, but may choose to read, listen to music, do homework, or just have some quiet time to themselves. One of the goals for this program is to create a structured environment with many options so the children feel free to participate in any activity they choose. We want to strive to make Club 66 a place the children can't wait to come to every day. Our staff will utilize a facilitative approach; encouraging and guiding when necessary.

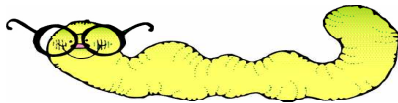
We look forward to another successful year at Swanson Elementary. If you have any questions, or are interested in enrolling your child in Club 66, please call 390-3324.



Two Parent Households

What if you only see your child a couple of times a week? You can still be involved in your child's education.

- * Inform the office of your current phone number, address and email.
- * Inform the teacher you would like to receive progress reports (this may be electronic), conference schedules (when appropriate), and notices about school activities.
- * Attend parent/teacher conferences to show your child that both parents are behind him/her - acting as a team.
- * Provide your child with a special folder to save school papers for you. That way, you'll see your child's finished work as well as the teacher's comments.



Picture Day!

Swanson's Picture Day is September 9th during the morning hours. Picture day packets will be sent home in backpack mail in August. Say, "Cheese!"

Help Needed!

We need a few parent volunteers to help with picture day on Thursday, September 9th from 8:45 - 11:30 a.m. If you can help please, let us know.

Thanks!

Mrs. Jennifer Harr

No Cell Phones, Please!

Please notice our sign located right under the One Way sign at the entrance of our driveway. We are asking drivers to please hang up cell phones before entering the drop-off and pick-up lane so we can be totally focused on the safety of our students and not distracted.

Thank you,

Mrs. Jennifer Harr



Medication Administration Policy



The school district will not purchase, prescribe, or provide any medication for any student.

To facilitate the safe administration of medications in school, parents are requested to use the appropriate medication permission form.

Before any prescribed medications will be administered at school, the AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM must be signed by both the physician and the parent.

Prescription medications must be brought to school in the prescription bottle, labeled with the student's name, the date, the medication name, the time, and the dose that is to be given. Most pharmacies will provide you with an extra-labeled bottle upon your request.

Non-prescription medications and ointments (i.e. cough syrup, cough drops, cold medicine, Vaseline, Tylenol/Ibuprofen/Benadryl, Neosporin, lotions, etc.) must be brought to school in the original bottle/box/container, with the time and dose to be given noted on the signed AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM. For the safety of all students, these medications must be kept in the locked cupboard in the health office.

Please keep this information available for use in the event your child will need to take medication during school hours. Please arrange medication administration outside of school hours, whenever

Community Club Officers 2015/16

Presidents: Kelley Maxwell

President Elect:

Treasurer: Amy Neumeister

Secretary: Traci Copple

It All Adds Up!

Target RED Card, Swanson and You!

Designate Swanson Elementary on your RED Card and Target will donate 1% of your purchases to our school. It's easy to sign up and a great way to support the school. To enroll, visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.



Swanson Web Page

Visit our web page for current information on school happenings and activities during the year. Go to www.westside66.org and click on the Swanson link. Click [here](#) to visit our school calendar.



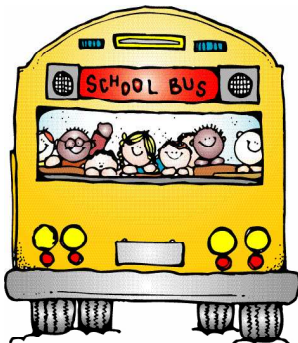
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURE



This procedure is in place for one purpose, to keep your child safe!!
Please follow all guidelines.

(When reading the following directions please refer to the corresponding location numbers in ()'s
on the attached map)

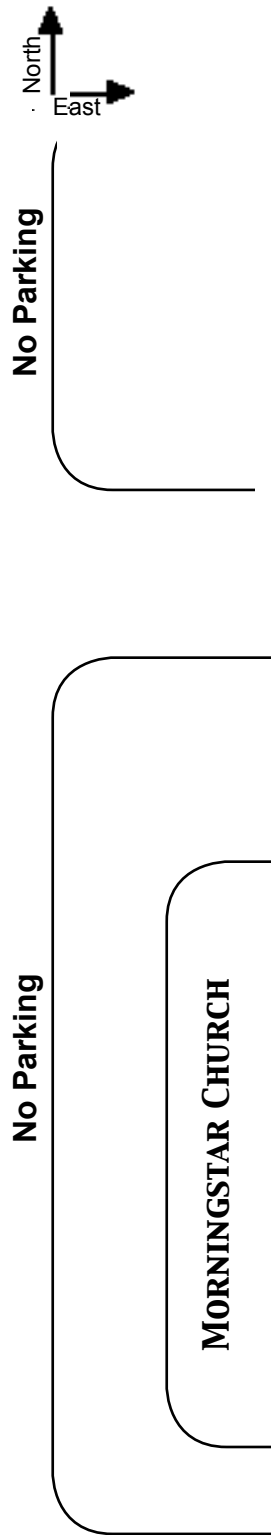
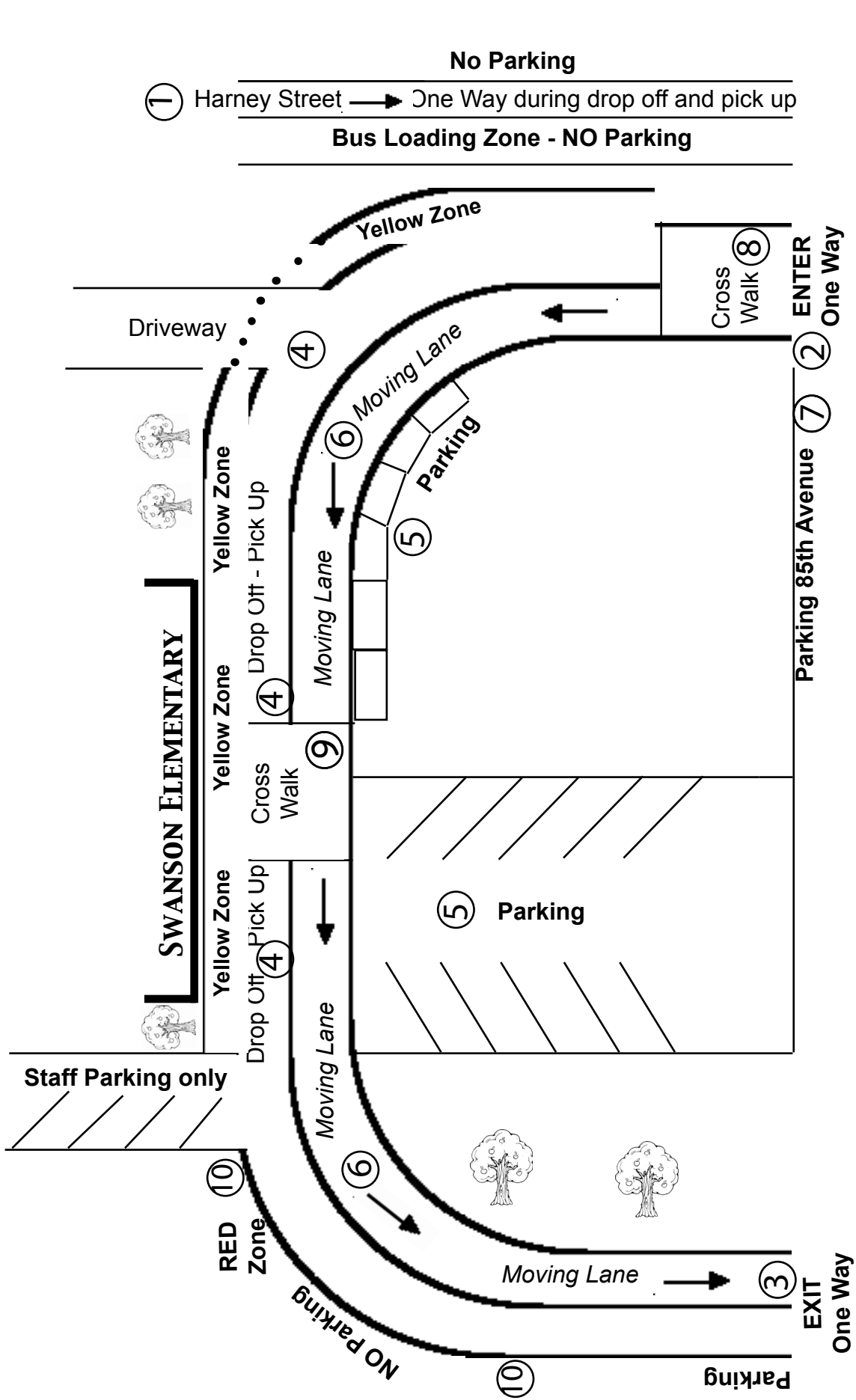
1. Harney Street (1) is ONE WAY ONLY eastbound during drop off and pick up times. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LOADING ZONE OR IN FRONT OF THE BUSES.
2. All traffic is ONE WAY in front of school and in the parking lot. Cars are to enter the drive at the north entrance (2) and exit at south exit (3) Under no circumstances may you enter at the south exit only drive (3).
3. When dropping off students, parents must use the 15 second "Drop off and Pick up Yellow Zone." (4) Students must exit on the sidewalk side of the car only and proceed to the front or ramp doors. THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE CURBSIDE IN THE YELLOW ZONE (4). Cars will only be allowed at the curbside area while in the actual 15 second process of dropping off and picking up students. If your child needs longer than 15 seconds to get instruments or school projects from trunk, longer good-bye, hair brushed, etc. you MUST park in the parking spaces or Lot to the east of school. (5). NO EXCEPTIONS. Once the students are out of the cars please ease into the moving lane to exit the school grounds. Please have your child exit the car the first time you stop your car in the yellow zone rather than inching forward until you are in front of the school doors. This procedure will expedite the unloading time for all students.
4. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE STUDENTS TO ENTER OR EXIT CARS THAT ARE IN THE MOVING LANE.(6)
5. There is NO PARKING IN THE RED ZONE. (10) This is a fire lane and must be left open. You may park along 85th Ave. north of the school. (7), Harney Street behind the buses, and Harney Street to the west of the school by the tennis courts. Cars along 85th Avenue should park only on the school side of the street and should face to the south. Police will be monitoring this area and any cars facing the wrong directions will be ticketed. Students are to use the crosswalk (8) to get to cars on 85th Ave.
6. The parking lot on the South side of the building is for staff parking only. (marked Staff Parking on the map)
7. Please hang up your cell phone before entering the school drive allowing all of your focus to be on the safety of our students. Thank you.



Bus Information;

Swanson has bus transportation available for students who live one mile or more from school and/or west of 90th Street. Please call Chief Bus if you have any questions regarding where the bus stops are located or what time pick up and drop off times are.

CHIEF BUS COMPANY
392-2144



MORNINGSTAR CHURCH



PLEASE SIGN IN! WHY?

Here are important reasons to "sign in":

- ✓ We enjoy having a lot of friendly visitors each day at Swanson. You may think we know each & every face & can even put a name with that face! While we try, we are not always able to do this.
- ✓ Sometimes we simply don't know you're here, a telephone call comes asking for you & we don't know where to look for you (this happens quite often)! SO, if you sign in, we'll know where you are. You can get your messages & everyone will be happy!
- ✓ Safety is always a main concern— visitors usually look friendly & even familiar -but sometimes we do need to confirm a guest's purpose in being here. If we all sign in no one will feel uncomfortable being asked to do so.

REMEMBER..WHEN YOU VISIT SCHOOL:

LET'S USE "6-INCH VOICES"
School is in session from 8:40 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. During school hours, let's be respectful of learning going on in classrooms by keeping our voices down in the hallways and silencing your cell phones. Please refrain from interrupting class when learning is in progress.
THANKS!

- ✓ ALL GUESTS NEED TO SIGN IN AT THE FRONT DESK.
- ✓ WEAR A GUEST STICKER WHILE YOU'RE HERE!

2015/16

August	10	Open House/Meet Your Teacher Night, 6 - 7:00 p.m.
August	12	SCHOOL BEGINS , 8:40 a.m.
August	20	Back to School Potluck, 5:30 p.m.
August	21	Feet First Friday Walking Days Begins
August	25	Curriculum Night/Community Club Mtg., 6:15 - 6:40 p.m. - 1st Session 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. - Community Club Mtg. 7:05 - 7:30 p.m. - 2nd Session
August	27	5/6th Gr. Instrumental Music Parent Mtg. @ WMS, 6:00 p.m.
September	4-7	NO SCHOOL
September	9	School Picture Day
September	10	6th Gr. Outdoor Ed. Mtg. @ WMS, 6:30 p.m.
September	18	Movie in the Park
September	21-22	6th Grade Outdoor Ed.
September	22	Community Club Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
October	7	International Walk to School Day
October	12-14	Scholastic Book Fair
October	12&14	Teacher Dinner (provided by Community Club)
October	12&14	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October	15-19	NO SCHOOL
October	23	School Picture Retakes
October	27	Community Club Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
October	30	Halloween Parade/Parties, 2 p.m.
November	11	Veterans' Day Program, 9:30 a.m.
November	17	Community Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
November	21	Turkey Trot/Pancake Man
November	25	Grandfriends' Day, 2:00 p.m.
November	26-27	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December	1	6th Gr. Band Concert @ WMS, 6 pm Rehearsal, 7 pm Concert
December	7	6th Gr. Band/Strings Concert, Afternoon
December	15	5/6 Gr. Strings Concert @ WHS, 7 pm
Dec./Jan.	21-1	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January	4	School Resumes, 8:40 a.m.
January	18	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January	22	Family Game Night
January	26	Community Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
February	8&10	Teacher Dinner (provided by Community Club)
February	8&10	Parent-Teacher Conferences
February	9	Valentine Parties, 2:30 p.m.
February	11-15	NO SCHOOL
February	23	Community Club Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
February	23	5/6 Gr. Strings Solo/Group Concert @ WMS, 6:30 p.m.
March	4	Variety Show, 6 p.m.
March	7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
March	17	5th, 6th, 7th Grade Band-o-rama, 7 p.m. @ WHS
March	22	Community Club Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
March	22	Vocal Music Festival, 6th Grade @ WHS, 7 pm
March	23	Spring Picture Day
Mar.-Apr.	28-1	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April	7	Art Fair/Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m.
April	22	Earth Day/Feet First Friday Walking Days Begins
April	26	Community Club Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
May	10	5/6 Gr. Band/Strings Concert, Afternoon
May	10	5/6 Gr. Stings Concert @ WHS, 7 pm
May	13	Let's Move - Fun Run, 1:45 p.m.
May	20	"Rites of May" Fun Fair, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
May	24	6th Grade Celebration-9 a.m. Breakfast, 10 a.m. Recognition
May	24	Community Club Mtg., 12:30 pm
May	24	Last Day of School, 1:00 PM DISMISSAL



Swanson Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

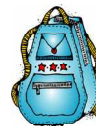
Kindergarten List

- 2 boxes of Washable Crayola markers
- 1 box of Twistable colored pencils
- 1 package of Twisted Crayola crayons
- 10 plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 glue sticks
- 1 rectangular rubber eraser
- 5 2 pocket plastic folders, 1 each: red, blue, green, yellow, orange
- 1 3-prong plastic folder
- 1 100-page spiral-bound notebooks
- 1 bottle of Elmer's school glue, 8 oz.
- 1 pair of colored student scissors
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 2 containers of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues



1st Grade

- 1 box of Washable Crayola markers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 pair student scissors
- 1 rectangular rubber eraser
- 4 2 pocket folders, 1 each: red, blue, green, yellow
- 1 pencil box
- 1 5 subject notebook
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- Last names A-M 1 package of zip lock sandwich baggies
- Last names N-Z 1 package of zip lock gallon baggies
- 2 boxes of tissues



2nd Grade

- 1 box of Washable Crayola markers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 rectangular rubber eraser or pencil top erasers
- 2 3-prong, 2 pocket folders, 1 each: red, purple, plastic preferred
- 2 2 pocket folder no prongs, 1 each: orange, blue-plastic preferred
- 1 black and white, wide rule composition notebook
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 1 pair of ear buds/headphones
- 2 black dry erase markers
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 containers of Clorox/Lysol wipes



3rd Grade

- 1 box of Washable Crayola markers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 2 highlighters
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair of scissors
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 glue bottle
- 1-2 rectangular rubber erasers
- 8-10 pencil top erasers
- 1 composition notebook-wide rule (black & white)
- 3 one subject spiral notebook-wide rule
- 1 2 pocket folder/no prongs 1 each: red, purple, blue, green
- 1 pair of ear buds
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- pencil box
- mini pencil sharpener
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Last names A-M - hand soap & sanitizer
- Last names N-Z - 2 containers of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 1.5 inch view binder (with clear front to insert schedule)



4th Grade

- 1 box of Washable Crayola markers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 24 plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 ruler/1 pair scissors
- 4 glue sticks
- 4 rectangular rubber erasers/ 1 pkg. pencil top erasers
- 1 wide ruled composition notebooks
- 1 wide rule spiral notebook 1 each purple, green
- 1 3-prong, 2 pocket folder-green
- 1 2 pocket folder no prongs 1 each: blue, green
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 1 pair of ear buds
- 1 ream of white copy paper



5th Grade

- 1 box of Washable Crayola markers
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 24 plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 2 glue sticks
- 3 rectangular rubber erasers
- 2 pkg. pencil top erasers
- 2 highlighters
- 2 no prong, 2 pocket folders, 1 red, 1 blue,
- 3 spiral wide ruled notebooks (70 pages)
- 1 3 section spiral notebook
- 1 pencil box
- 1 pair student scissors
- 1 pair of ear buds-optional
- 1 stylus for Ipad-optional
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes

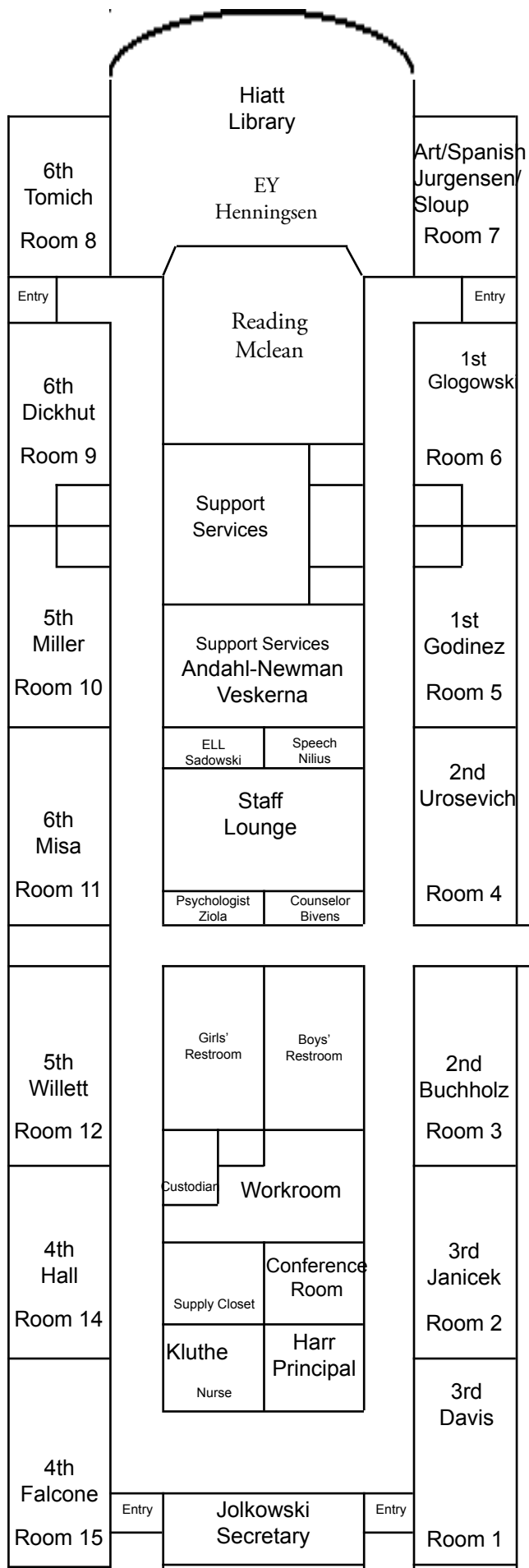


6th Grade

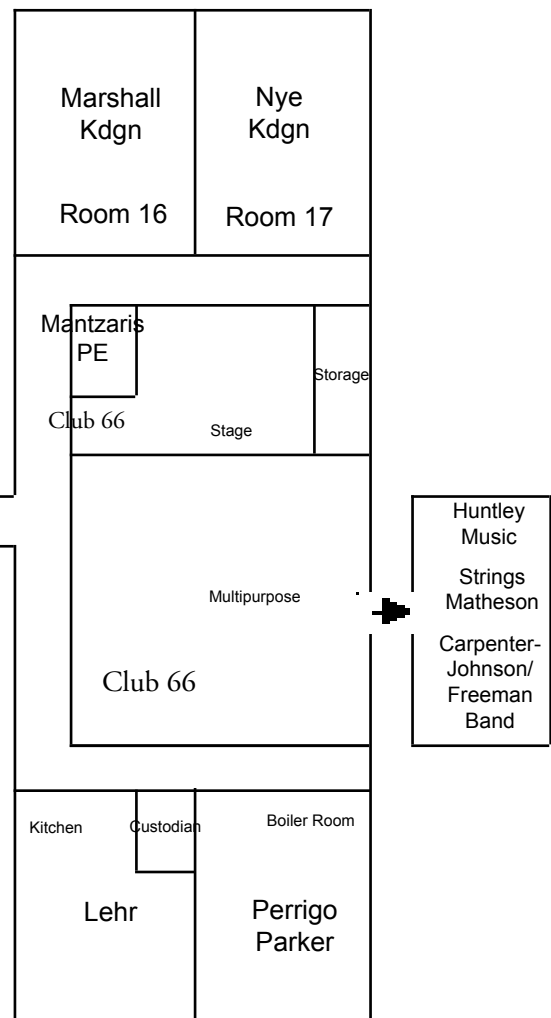
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 boxes plain #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 pair of large scissors
- 1 glue bottle
- 2 one subject spiral notebooks
- 2 three subject spiral notebook
- 1 4 subject notebook for pre-al. students only
- 1 zippered pencil pouch (3 holes for binder)
- 1 2 inch ViewBinder (with clear front to insert schedule)
- 1 pair of ear buds/headphones
- 1 stylus for Ipad-optional
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 2 containers of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 3 boxes of tissues



We are asking families to consider donating school supplies again for the 2015-16 school year. Doing so will save the District approximately \$25,000 annually. Above is the list of school supplies needed for your child's grade level. If you choose to purchase supplies, please consider purchasing a few additional items for those families who are unable to provide these supplies for their children. We will continue to provide supplies for all children who do not wish to voluntarily contribute.



SWANSON ELEMENTARY



Westside Community Schools

School District 66
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402.390.2100

Student Calendar 2015-16

July 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

Bold dates indicate days
students will be in school.

SCHOOL BEGINS

Semester 1: August 12

Semester 2: January 4

Parent-Teacher Conferences

* October 12, 13, 14

* February 8, 9, 10

*Elementary conferences will be
Monday and Wednesday evening

*Middle School conferences will be
Monday and Tuesday evening

*High School conferences will be
Tuesday and Wednesday evening

Last Day of School

May 24

NO SCHOOL

Professional Development - September 4

Labor Day - September 7

Intersession - October 15 & 16

Professional Development - October 19

Thanksgiving Break - November 26 & 27

Winter Break - December 21 - January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 18

Intersession - February 11 & 12

Presidents' Day - February 15

Spring Break - March 28 - April 1



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Mrs. Pam Buchholz
Mrs. Mary Urosevich
Mrs. Jamie Davis
Miss Chelsi Janicek
Mrs. Amy Falcone
Mrs. Deb Hall
Mrs. Melissa Misa
Mrs. ZsaZsa Willett
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Miss Jenna Miller
Mrs. Marlo Tomich
Mrs. Hannah Andahl-Newman
Mrs. Kari Veskerna
Mr. Mick Huntley
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Mr. Mike Freeman
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Secretary

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1st Grade
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Music
Strings
Band
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Library
EY
Club 66
Art K-6
PE
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ELL

Swanson Staff 2015/16



Support Staff

Mrs. Vicky Harris-Ragland	Kdgn.
Mrs. Michele Kemp	Kdgn.
Mrs. Helen North	Gr. 1-6
Mrs. Margaret Nelson	Gr. 1-6
Mrs. Louise Rasmussen	Gr. 1-6
Mrs. Tami Piper	Gr. 1-6
Mrs. Val Sestito	Gr. 1-6
Mrs. Vicki Bacon	Library
Mrs. Janet Ficenec	Resource
Mrs. Beth Forcade	Resource
Mrs. Katie Henningsen	Resource
Mrs. Shelley Novacek	Resource
Mrs. Lois Kluthe	Health Asst.
Mr. Tim Perrigo	Engineer
Mr. Frank Parker	Bldg. Service
Mrs. Lanessa Lehr	Kitchen Manager
Mrs. Gail Phillips	Kitchen Assistant

SWANSON COMMUNITY CLUB

DID YOU KNOW....As a Swanson parent or family member, you ARE a member of the Community Club (CC).

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY CLUB DO???

LOTS!!!

Fundraising

Ice Cream Socials

Back to School Picnic

Swanson Logo Wear

School Directory

Classroom parties

Movie Night in the Park

Game Night

Teacher Luncheons

Staff Appreciation

Variety Show

Book Fair

Bingo/Pizza night

Fun Fair

Fun Run/Feet First Fridays/Turkey Trot



And these are just many of the community building events we already have on our 2015/16 calendar!

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS???

With your many talents of course!

Volunteers are needed to help our CC build a vibrant Swanson community. Please begin to think about where your talents would best benefit our school.

Our first community building event will be the "Winner – Winner – Chicken Dinner" Back to School Pot Luck. (see attached flyer)

Please take a minute that evening to find the Community Club table and see the many available opportunities to volunteer for this upcoming year.

And please do not hesitate to contact any of the 2015-16 CC Board members if you have any questions:

President - Kelley Maxwell

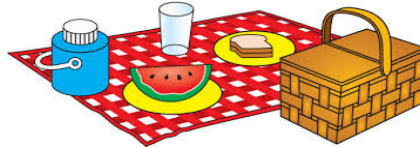
President Elect -

Secretary - Traci Copple

Treasurer - Amy Neumeister

Mark Your Calendars!
Pack your Blankets!
Meet your community!!

August 20th @ 5:30 pm



Back to School Potluck
"Winner winner chicken dinner!"

Swanson Community Club will provide fried chicken.

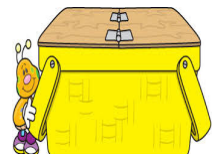
Families with last name starting with letters A-G: please bring drinks to share.

Families with last name starting with letters H-O:
please bring desserts to share.

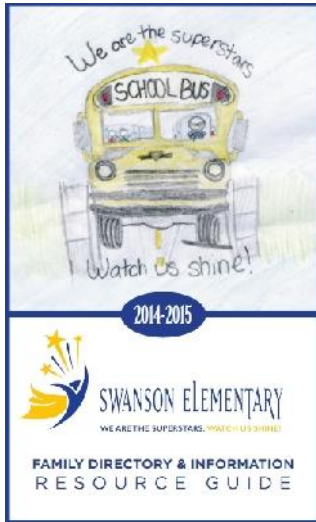
Families with last name starting with letters P-Z:
please bring side dishes to share.

We are looking for parents to lead some good old fashion picnic games: T-ball, kickball, relay races.

Please contact: Jamie Sweet at
jamisonsweet@me.com



Swanson 2015-16 FAMILY DIRECTORY



Be sure your family is listed in the Swanson School Directory!

The Directory is published in the Fall of each year and provides contact information for Swanson families, as well as important school dates and information. You can have essential school information at your fingertips!

District policy states that we must have this completed & signed form, in order for your family to be included in the directory. If parents **do not live together, there is space below for a second address.**

- ☐ **Opt In:** Please check here if you are authorizing Swanson Elementary Community Club to include your family in the directory, as long as your family has a student at Swanson Elementary. There will be an opportunity at the beginning of each year to make changes to your listing.
- ☐ **Opt Out:** Please check here if you do not want to be listed in the directory. (Be sure to include names above.)
- ☐ **Continuing Families:** Please review your listing from the 2014-15 school directory. If your listing is fine as is, please simply check here, write your child(ren)'s name below and sign at the bottom of this form. If you have changes, please complete the rest of this form.

Child's Name (and Grade in 2015-16 school year) _____

Child's Name (and Grade in 2015-16 school year) _____

- If more than 2 children attend Swanson, please list additional children on back and mark X here: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

Home phone number: _____

Parent 1 Cell phone: Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Name: _____

Parent 2 Cell phone: Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Name: _____

Email address: *Our policy is to list one parent's email address -- please choose the parent who most often handles school communications and activities for your child(ren).* _____

If parents **do not** live together please feel free to submit all contact information for both parents - both parents must sign a form.

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Parent Name (print) _____ **Signature** _____

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Kutler at pamkutler@hotmail.com

ADVERTISE IN THE 2015-2016 SWANSON ELEMENTARY DIRECTORY!

CELEBRATE YOUR
SUPERSTAR STUDENT(S)



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS



SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL



See next page for actual ad sizes and pricing.
Please fill out the ad form and leave it at the front desk
after July 27 with payment.

Make checks out to **Swanson Community Club.**

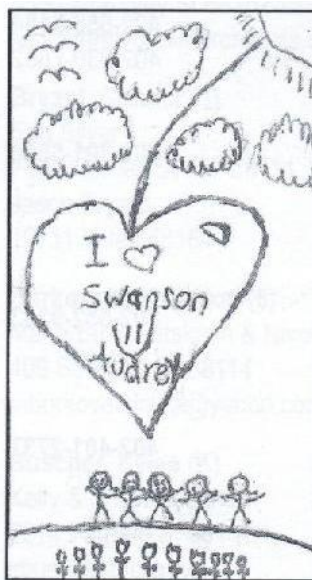
Deadline:
Friday, August 29, 2015

**Just email your photo and the text,
our designer will do the rest!**

Questions or to email ad: Pam Kutler

PamKutler@hotmail.com 402.651.2812

SAMPLE ADS (NOT ACTUAL SIZE)



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SWANSON COMMUNITY CLUB & DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE SCHOOL!

FAMILY Advertising Order Form

Student Name(s) _____

Parent Name(s) _____

home (_____) _____ cell (_____) _____ e-mail _____

2" x 3.75" (either direction) • \$50.00

3.5" tall x 4.5" wide • \$75.00

**FOR BEST
RESULTS
USE
BLACK
FELT TIP
PEN!**

4.5" x 7.5" tall • \$125.00

SWANSON APPAREL



Short Sleeve White or Royal



Long Sleeve Gold, White or Royal



Hoodie Sweatshirt Royal Only



Baseball Cap (Specify Y/A)

Please return orders to front desk. Direct any questions to Traci Lamb at tlamblingshop@gmail.com or call

402-350-6898 with any questions.

Cash or Check (payable to Swanson Community Club) will be accepted. **Order forms are due by September 11th.**

Name _____

Email/phone _____

Teacher _____

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL		TOTAL
Short Sleeve T-shirt White												\$12	
Short Sleeve T-shirt Royal												\$12	
Long Sleeve T-shirt Gold												\$15	
Long Sleeve T-shirt White												\$15	
Long Sleeve T-shirt Royal												\$15	
Sweatshirt Hoodie Royal only												\$25	
Baseball cap (Royal only)	One Size Fits Most – Specify Youth or Adult											\$10	
											GRAND TOTAL		

We will be at the School with a selection of apparel on August 10th (open house) or August 20th (Potluck).

Swanson/Westside Bling



Short or Long Sleeve t-shirt White, Royal or Gold with Glitter Logo



Short Sleeve t-shirt Red or Black

Stadium Blanket Red or Black

Long Sleeve T-shirts Red or Black

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