



# SEPTEMBER 2022



F.P. Donnelly  
Elementary School

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back for another wonderful school year! I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing summer filled with fun activities, family and friends.

The 2022-2023 school year will certainly be an exciting one. All of us here at Donnelly are looking forward to partnering with you to ensure your child's learning experience is a successful one. Your partnership and support are key elements to ensuring that we are able to maximize each child's educational and personal development. Our talented faculty brings a diverse set of approaches to instruction in order to address a variety of learning styles.

I would like to welcome the following new staff members to Donnelly:

- Mrs. Valerie Ayres - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Bobbi Jo Hatton - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Victoria Strong - PreK Support Staff

The beginning of school is always one of my favorite times of year. I love the excitement a new school year brings, welcoming our students and hearing all of their summer stories. Please feel free to contact us at any time if there is a question or situation you'd like to discuss. It is important to keep communication open and I invite you to contact us whenever you feel there is a need. I look forward to partnering with you for the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,  
Jill Rich

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- \* Thurs., Sept. 15 - 4:00 - PTA Meeting via Zoom
- \* Wed., Sept. 22 - 6:00 - Curriculum Night
- \* Sat., Sept. 24 - Homecoming
- \* Tues., Oct. 5 - School Pictures
- \* Thurs., Oct. 6 - PTA Meeting
- \* Thurs., Oct. 6 - 3:05 - Early Dismissal for Bus Drill
- \* Fri., Oct. 7 - Early Dismissal at 12:30
- \* Mon., Oct. 10 - Columbus Day - No School

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## CHARACTER EDUCATION WORDS OF THE MONTH:

Respect/Responsibility

Manner of the Month: Table Manners

- \* Respect: A feeling or attitude of admiration and deference towards somebody or something.
- \* Respect includes taking someone's feelings, needs, thoughts, ideas, wishes and preferences into consideration.
- \* "The secret to a happy life is respect. Respect for yourself and respect for others."
- \* - Ayad Akhtar
- \* Responsibility: The state or fact of being accountable for something. The state or fact of having a duty to deal with or have control over something.
- \* "In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility."
- \* - Eleanor Roosevelt

## UPDATES/REMINDERS

The school doors open each day at 8:55 a.m. In the morning, our staff is busy preparing for the day. Please do not drop off your child prior to 8:55 a.m., as there is no supervision available.

Students arriving after 9:05 a.m. are **tardy**. Upon arrival after 9:05 a.m., please escort your child to the front doors and use the intercom to be "buzzed" into the building. Here you can sign in your child and provide a written excuse for the tardy.

Dismissal of all students is at 3:20 p.m. Students will be dismissed to the bus or to the south entrance for pick-up once their ride arrives.

### Main Office Early Pick-up:

If you need to pick your child prior to the end of the school day:

- Please use the front doors and the intercom to be "buzzed" into the building.
- Please come to the vestibule window to sign out your child.
- We require adults to **show a photo ID** at the point of sign out.
- Please make sure that those who are authorized to pick up your child are listed on your child's emergency card.
- If the early departure is scheduled, please provide a note to the classroom teacher to expedite the anticipated pick-up.

### \* South Entrance Pick-up:

- All students must be signed out.
- We will require all adults to show a photo ID at the point of sign out each day.
- Please make sure that those who are authorized to pick up your child are listed on your child's emergency card.
- For your child's safety, please do not allow "horsing around" or playing in the parking lot.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to provide a safe learning environment for all children.

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## VISITORS

We welcome parents as "Partners in Education" and encourage communication from home. To avoid disruption of instructional time, we would ask that you schedule an appointment when you need to meet and talk with any staff member.

You will be greeted at the vestibule window where you will need to show identification and sign in prior your meeting. Please remember, teachers are not only instructing students during the day, but are dealing with a myriad of tasks in the morning and/or dismissal time.

Scheduling an appointment ensures that adequate time and attention will be available to address your concern.

Thank you for your cooperation!

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

Each family will receive a copy of the Donnelly School Handbook on the first day of school. Please take time to review the expectations with your child(ren). Upon review, please complete, sign and return the forms in the back of the handbook to the classroom teacher. You can also view the handbook online by visiting Donnelly's building page through [svsabers.org](http://svsabers.org).



## Tools for Schools

For over 15 years, the Tools for Schools program has helped shoppers like you support the school of their choice just by shopping with their AdvantEdge card. You may enroll your card to support our school for the 2022 - 2023 school year starting now. Enrolling is simple and takes just minutes. Go to [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) to check your enrollment and sign up. You may find the link for Tools for Schools under the "Savings" tab, then Click on "School Savings Program" and the Tools for Schools logo will appear. Please help us reach our goal of 50 new registered card members by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

We want to thank all of you who have supported our school through "Tools for Schools" and encourage anyone who is new to the program to join today by registering your AdvantEdge card to our school code: 17009.





## Message from the Nurse

Welcome Back!! It is going to be an exciting year here at Donnelly. Here are some reminders for the school year:

- If your child requires medication at school, a **MEDICATION ORDER** form must be completed by the physician and parent for both prescription and over the counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, and cough drops.
- Medication order forms can be found at [svsabers.org](http://svsabers.org) under the Health Services tab.
- Medications **MUST** be properly labeled and in their original containers and must be brought into the school by a parent/guardian. Students are not allowed to carry medication on the bus.
- A new order is required at the beginning of every school year.
- The parent/guardian must sign the order form.
- If your child has a food allergy, a **DIET PRESCRIPTION** form must be completed by their physician. This form can be found under the Health Services tab on the SV website.
- Please remember to call if your child is going to be absent.
- If your child is injured and needs to sit out of PE and recess, a doctor's note is needed.

All forms can be sent in with the student, faxed or emailed to the Health Office. The fax number for the Health Office is 607-775-7507. The phone number is 607-775-9108 and my email is [rflander@svsabers.org](mailto:rflander@svsabers.org).

Here's to a healthy and great school year!

Mrs. Rebecca Flanders, RN  
F. P. Donnelly School Nurse

## NEW BREAKFAST & LUNCH PRICES

	<u>Full Price</u>	<u>Reduced</u>
Elementary Breakfast:	\$1.90	\$0
Elementary Lunch:	\$2.80	\$0

"Rock on Cafe" is committed to good nutrition for your children. With this in mind, there continues to be changes and improvements. The end result will be healthier meals for our children and we know well-nourished kids do better in school! Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Please note there will be a cost for breakfast and lunch for students this year. We strongly encourage parents to complete the meal application found in the school calendar or online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com).



## NYS ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADES 3 - 5

The dates for all state tests for the year are listed below. Although testing does not begin until April, we want to let you know now so you can plan any trips/vacations around these dates. It is critical that all students are present to take the tests. Thanks for your cooperation.

- Grades 3 - 5 ELA - April 19 - 21
- Grades 3 - 5 Math - May 2 - 4

# Attention: Parents/Caregivers from Donnelly PTA



**Please become a member today!**



Stay connected by joining our Facebook Group "**Donnelly PTA**"



OR



Join our Donnelly PTA Remind Group by sending a text to **81010** with message **@f426d6k** for any updates on what is going on.

### Virtual Ways to help support:

Anytime you purchase anything from Amazon, please use <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7005133> and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price to our PTA!



Download the BoxTop app and while at the supermarket, look for these labels on products and our PTA receives \$.10 per label after scanning receipt with Box Top merchandise!

Get ready for the 2022-2023 school year and buy your spiritwear online @ [Donnellyspiritwear.com](http://Donnellyspiritwear.com).



## PTA Meetings:

We usually hold our meetings via **zoom** on the **first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m.** The beginning of the year will vary slightly. Meeting announcements will be posted on the Facebook page, Remind app and monthly school newsletter. Please join us! **Our first meeting will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID: 498 001 3029 Password: PTA**

**Notifications and volunteer requests will be posted on Facebook AND Remind.**

**Please be on the lookout for these!**

**2022-2023 PTA Officers:**  
**Meagan Parslow, President**  
**Heather Benning, Vice President**  
**Jessica Freda, Treasurer**  
**Ashley Salisbury, Secretary**



Any questions or just to reach out, you can contact us directly by emailing us:  
[fpdonnellypta@gmail.com](mailto:fpdonnellypta@gmail.com)

# SPIRIT WEEK

September 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

**Monday**

September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Tie dye day**



**Tuesday**

September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Red, White and Blue**



**Wednesday**

September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Pajama day**

**Wear your PAJAMAS! (NO SLIPPERS)**



**Thursday**

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Sports team day**

**Wear your favorite sports team clothes**



**Friday**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**School Spirit**

**Wear BLUE and GOLD to show your SABER PRIDE**





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# SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HOMECOMING PARADE!

## ATTENTION *SABER FANS!*

Show your Saber Spirit and participate  
in the 2022 Homecoming Parade!

**Saturday September 24, 2022**

Starting at Schnurbusch Park & ending at SV High School

- Line-up begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Parade starts at 11:00 a.m.

If your organization would like to participate, please contact:

Rachel Heslin, High School Student Council Advisor,  
[rheslin@svsabers.org](mailto:rheslin@svsabers.org), 607-775-0304