

Church Street School Champion



Soaring to New Heights!

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Upcoming Events

September 4

- Kindergarten Meet and Greet 2:00PM
- New Student Tour 4PM

September 5

- First day of school!
- New Parent Breakfast

September 7

- 1st Announced Fire Drill

September 10th-11th

- Schools Closed-Rosh Hashanah

September 14

- Back to School Picnic 5:30PM-7:00PM

September 18

- Dad Take Your Child to School Day

September 21

- 1st Lockdown Drill

September 25

- Open House K-2 6:30pm

September 28

- Bingo Night 6:30PM

Principal's Message

Dear Church Street School Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

It is so hard to believe that the beginning of the school year is upon us.

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for a school year full of growth! Welcome to all of the families who are joining the Church Street School community, you are now part of a larger family!

As we begin the school year, we will set goals with students, establish routines and most importantly work on building an inclusive community within the classroom and throughout Church Street School. Kindness will be the theme that we will carry throughout the school year. As the school year begins, we will help students define kindness and ways they can exhibit this characteristic to contribute to a positive learning community.

The Church Street school community values and appreciates all of your support. Working together, I am sure that we will be able to help students **SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS!** The Church Street School faculty and staff eagerly await the arrival of our **Church Street School Champions!** Looking forward to another successful school year!

Sincerely,
Myra Castillo
Principal



Book of the Month: Be Kind by, Pat Zietlow Miller



Our first book of the month is Be Kind by, Pat Zietlow Miller. This book will help set the foundation on what our school will stand on for the academic year...kindness. The author helps readers think about what it means to be kind. Our goal is to help students reflect on what it means to be kind and how they will show kindness to contribute to their school community. **Visit our website for more about the book of the month and follow-up**

activities!

More Important News

Stay Connected

To ensure that we are able to stay connected with you, please visit the parent portal at <http://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/k12portal> to update emergency contact information for your child. It is imperative that this information is kept up to date at all times.

District Mailing

You will receive the following information from Education House:

- School Calendar
- Free and Reduced Lunch Applications- a new one should be submitted each school year.
- Snap forms (for activating your child's lunch account)-***If you would like to make a SNAP card payment on the first two days of school, you can do so right outside the cafeteria at the walker door used during early dismissal.***
- Bus information. If you have any questions regarding bus transportation, please call (914) 422-2056 or (914) 422-2057.

Family Handbook

Please take the time to review the family handbook as it contains a lot of important information regarding school procedures and policies. The handbook is updated each year with important dates. One handbook is distributed per family, please make sure to return the signed slip to acknowledge that you have received a copy. Communication is the key to success, if at any time you have a concern or a question, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Tips To Prepare Students for the First Day of School

As the first day of school approaches both students and parents may experience excitement mixed in with some nerves. Don't worry...this is normal!

Here are a few tips that we have found to be helpful for a great start to the school year:

- Start establishing night and morning routines at least a week before school begins
- Establish an afterschool routine and designate a space for homework
- Review with your child how the day will go (i.e. review coming to school and dismissal plan)
- Talk about all the positive things they will experience going back to school
- Show your excitement for the first day of school!
- Read a book about the first day of school:
<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/back-to-school>
- Place a surprise note for your child in their backpack or lunch bag



Welcome to our New Faculty and Staff!

- **Mariela Ugarte**
Kindergarten Teacher
- **Stephanie Tock**
2-3 Self-Contained Teacher
- **Paula Bernal**
Teaching Assistant
- **Jenny Pyne**
Band/Instrumental/General Music Teacher
- **Anthony DiTaranto**
General Music Teacher
- **Katty Marte**
Office Manager

Important Announcements

Opening of School!

- Doors will open at 7:45 AM
 - K-1-Auditorium
 - 2-5-Gymnasium
- Dismissal-2:45PM please allow extra time for the busses to arrive.
- ****Please complete the Dismissal Form and return on the first day of school**

Included in Summer Mailing

- Class Placement
- School Supplies
- Car Tag
- Early Dismissal Form
- Family handbook
- Code of Conduct
- School Map
- Technology Contract
- Attendance Counts
- SEPTA Flyer
- Dad Take Your Child to School Day Flyer