From the Superintendent’s Desk...

Message from Mr. Patrik D. Williams

On behalf of our Smyrna School District Board of Education President Chris Malec, Vice-President Kathryn O’Connell, and members, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Kristi Lloyd and Pastor Scot McClymont, as well as all of our employees and students, I am excited to welcome our community back to school on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

The 2019/20 school year will be an exciting one as we celebrate 136 years of Smyrna High School graduations with the Class of 2020. Our annual homecoming parade and game against Milford High School will be Friday, October 18, 2019, our “I Love the Smyrna School District Day” will be Saturday, February 22, 2020, and our graduation will be on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at 10am.

This past summer we submitted our formal proposal to the State of Delaware, detailing plans for the construction of a new elementary school to accommodate continued and increasing student growth. We also made all of the necessary arrangements for our fourth-grade students from Smyrna Elementary and North Smyrna Elementary to attend John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. Our custodians and maintenance crews have been busy in all of our eight schools, ensuring that they are ready for our students and teachers. Our technology, child nutrition, transportation, and school climate/safety teams have also been working long days to ensure that our entire district is ready to open the school year. Finally, our curriculum and special services teams have been working with our staff to provide the latest instructional strategies and interventions in 2019/20.

We also welcome a variety of new staff to our schools. A few administrators, teachers and support staff have moved from one school to another, and a few new faces have joined our team. It is always exciting to welcome new folks to the district, and we look forward to adding their expertise in each school and department.

On the sports field our football, unified football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading teams are all busy at practice, preparing for another thrilling season of competition. We are so proud of our coaches and our student-athletes who daily exhibit our core values, whether they are in the classroom or on the fields. Please come on out to support them and cheer them as they compete.

We are also continuing our “Whole Child” efforts to cultivate social and emotional learning, a trauma-invested climate and restorative practices throughout our district. Students and staff will practice self-care this year so that they are mentally and emotionally more equipped to deal with the daily challenges of learning. Our collective goal is to ensure that every staff member and student has additional resources available to make each classroom a positive and supportive learning environment.

A special “Thank You” goes out to our local legislators Senator Bruce Ennis, Senator Dave Lawson, Representative Bill Carson, Representative Jeff Spiegelman, and Representative Bill Bush for their continuous support of the Smyrna School District. Their unwavering dedication to our community and our schools improves the quality of life for all. Also, we wish to thank Levy Court President Brooks Banta, Smyrna Mayor Robert Johnson, and Clayton Mayor David Letterman for being just a phone call away when we need their help.

As we all gear up for the start of what promises to be yet another exciting school year in the Smyrna School District, I wish to thank our community, our staff, and our families for their commitment to our students.

Welcome back to the start of another exciting school year!

Smyrna School District 2019 Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Denise Balcerak for being named Smyrna School District’s Teacher of the Year and Sunnyside Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year! Denise has been teaching in the Smyrna School District for about ten years. She is a kindergaten teacher at Sunnyside Elementary. Denise graduated high school in Peru, New York. She attained her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Delaware State University and her Master’s Degree in Elementary Education from Wilmington University. Denise resides in Dover with her husband, David and has two daughters, Lauren and Erin. In her spare time, she loves to travel and visit new places. Denise says she was inspired to be an educator because she was a family crisis therapist in an elementary school and worked with children with emotional challenges and loved the environment. Her goal is to inspire her young students to love learning as much as she does! Denise’s love of children and enthusiasm for teaching is evident. Her mantra is that laughter is the center of the universe. Being a kindergaten teacher is not just a job to Denise; it’s her passion!
Clayton Elementary Visitor Information

Visitors to Clayton Elementary School will experience a new entrance process. With our upgraded security, visitors will be admitted to the main office vestibule. An intercom system by the door must be used to communicate with our front office staff for admittance into the building.

For everyone’s safety, all doors to the school will be locked during the school day except the Main Entrance. Visitors are requested to use the Main Entrance and proceed to the office to sign in and secure a visitor’s pass. Visitors should never go directly to the classroom even before or after school hours. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Kindergarten Supply List
- 1 Backpack (no wheels)
- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pair of Fiskars child size scissors
- 20 Glue sticks
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 1 Plastic 2-pocket folder
- 2 Containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 Box gallon or snack size baggies
- 12 Sharpened Pencils

First Grade Supply List
- 1 Backpack (no wheels)
- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pair of Fiskars child size scissors
- 5 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of glue
- 24 Sharpened pencils
- 1 Small pencil sharpener w/ lid
- 1 Pencil box
- 1 Container of disinfecting wipes
- 2 Plastic 2-pocket folders
- 1 Pencil erasers
- 2 Composition books

Second Grade Supply List
- 1 Backpack (no wheels)
- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons
- 2 Boxes of pencils
- 3 Glue sticks
- 1 Bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 Container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 Small pencil sharpener w/ lid
- 1 Composition book
- 2 Pairs of scissors
- 2 Plastic 2-pocket folders
- 1 Box of tissues
- 1 Pencil box

Third Grade Supply List
- 2 Boxes of pencils
- 2 Composition books
- 1 soft pencil case
- 1 Erasers
- 1 Box of crayons
- 1 Colored pencils
- 1 Highlighters
- 1 Glue sticks
- 1 Plastic 2-pocket folders
- 1 Container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 Box of tissues
- 1 Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box Ziplock bags
- 1 Scissors

Fourth Grade Supply List
- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Crayons
- Plastic 2-pocket folders
- Glue or glue sticks
- 12 Pencils
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Composition books
- 1 Ziplock bags

Clothing needs
- 2 suits
- 1 button down shirt
- 2 sets of pajamas

Smart Start from CES

To better protect our students and their information, Smyrna School District will no longer include beginning of the year homeroom class lists of our students. This information could be used for malicious reasons. Parents will be notified of their student’s homeroom class, supplies lists, and bus routes and pickup times through letters and postcards sent to the student’s home address.

Parents can also log into the student’s Home Access Center account for most information. Please find the time to help us out this wonderful organization. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

PTO Officers for 2018-2019 School Year:
President – Brenda Malin
Vice President – Vacant
Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Sheila Katz

First Day of School
- September 3

Mid Marking Period
- October 10

Inservice Day
- October 11

Veteran’s Day – School Closed
- November 11

Open House (6:00-7:30)
- September 11

Meet the Teacher 1:00-3:00
- August 29

PTO

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North Smyrna Elementary PTO

All parents are invited to join the North Smyrna Elementary PTO! This outstanding group of volunteers enrich the year of our students by organizing school events and fundraisers. This is a great way to get involved in your child’s school experience. Our PTO co-presidents are Courtney Kline and Jessica Marciano, and meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. Applications for the program may be obtained from the NSE main office.

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care is available through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware and is located in the NSE cafeteria. The hours of operation are from school dismissal until 6:00pm. The goal of the program is to provide a comprehensive childcare program after school hours for children to meet the needs of working parents. The program features enhanced instructional strategies, life enhancing programs, in addition to character and value development experiences. These programs support students by developing their values, skills, and self-esteem. A nutritious snack and drink is provided each day. All children must become a member of the Smyrna/Clayton Boys & Girls Club, and the annual membership fee is due at the time of registration. State Purchase of Care is accepted. Additional fees are required on school days off and half days. Registration information is available in the NSE main office.

Stay in Touch with NSE

Never miss important dates or upcoming events!

Website: https://nes.smyrna.k12.de.us/
Facebook: North Smyrna Elementary PTO
Twitter: @N5ESSD
Remind: Text @94dc6fe to 81010 to receive staff reminders.

Kindergarten Supply List
24 boxes of Crayola crayons
1 box of Crayola markers
1 bottle of multi-purpose glue or glue sticks
Scissors – Fiskars child-sized pointed, blunt
1 box of Ziploc bags – gallon, sand¬wich or snack
4 containers of Clorox disinfectant wipes
2 boxes of tissues
1 Bottle of sanitizer
1 Pack of Expo dry erase markers
1 Pack of sharpened pencils
Paper plates
Please keep at home so your child can do their homework:
Crayons
Scissors
Glue Sticks
Pencils

First Grade Supply List
2 boxes of sharpened pencils (yellow low #2)
4 plastic two-pocket folders with center prongs (1 blue, 1 red, 1 green, 1 yellow)
2 boxes 24 count crayons
1 plastic pencil box
1 or 2 packs of glue sticks
1 pack of Expo dry erase markers (black)
1 pack of pink (rectangle shaped) erasers
1 Pack of Yellow Highlighters
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
2 boxes of tissues
2 containers of Clorox Wipes
1 box of Ziploc bags (gallon/sand¬wich size)

Second Grade Supply List
2 marble composition books, 100 sheets, sewn binding
5 boxes of pencils and erasers (no mechanical) (no sharpeners)
Zipper pouch pencil case
Scissors
24 Count Crayons
Clorox wipes and/or hand sanitizer
6 glue sticks
1-2 boxes of tissues

Third Grade Supply List
Backpack (no wheels)
Pencils (no mechanical)/Erasers
Pencil sharpeners
Eraser Caps/Erasers
Highlighters
2-3 Boxes of Tissues (to share)
4 Composition Books
Crayons
Scissors
Ruler – centimeter/inch
1 Ziploc bags
Glue Sticks
Expo Dry Erase Markers
2-Clorox Wipes

Welcome Back!

On Tuesday, September 3rd North Smyrna Elementary will open its doors once again and welcome back our returning students and eagerly meet and greet our new students in kindergarten through third grade for the start of a new school year. On Thursday, September 5th, our early childhood students will have their first day of school. The North Smyrna staff is excited and prepared to teach and actively engage the minds of our kindergarten students each and every day.

North Smyrna will continue to participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Community Eligibility Provision. This provision was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and provides universal meal service to students in schools/districts that qualify. All North Smyrna Elementary students will receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no charge.

Open House for our kindergarten through third grade students will be on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00-7:00pm. Open House for our early childhood students will be on Tuesday, September 3. If your child attends in the morning session, please join us from 6:00-6:30pm. If your child attends in the afternoon session, please join us from 6:30-7:00pm.

Be sure to enjoy your remaining days of summer vacation. The start of the school year is just around the corner and is bound to be filled with new and exciting adventures. We cannot wait to see all of you at our Open House.

NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Pre K – 3 DAILY SCHEDULE 2019 – 2020

8:15 – 8:30am Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
8:20 – 8:30am Students Enter Building and Go To Class
8:30am Pre-K Morning Session Arrival
8:35am Late Bell/ Morning Announcements
9:00am Pre-K Morning Session Dismissal
1:00pm Pre-K Afternoon Session Arrival
3:20pm Walker/Car Rider Dismissal
3:25pm Bus Rider Dismissal
3:30pm Pre-K Afternoon Session Dismissal

NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Information from our Reading Specialist

One of the best things you can do to support your child’s reading development is to read to him or her daily. Often pairing it with something else that is done daily helps to make sure it isn’t forgotten. For example, read before going to bed or after dinner. As children get older, they can read to you, too! Above all, enjoy the time together!

Here are some more activities to practice reading skills:

- *Say* or *sing* nursery rhymes
- *What word doesn’t rhyme with the others?* Hat, cat, bed
- *Blend sounds* /b/+/a/+/t/ = bat
- *Segment sounds* /b/+/a/+/t/ = bat /b/+/a/+/t/ = bat
- *Go Fish game with letters*
- *Memory* game with letters (Put pairs of letters face down. Pick two cards at a time to try and make a match.)
- *Magnetic letters on the refrigerator*
- *Make letters out of play dough*

Fluency:
- *Reread a sentence or paragraph several times using expression*
- *Use a timer and try to get faster each time*
- *Practice and read aloud with books on tape* (these can often be checked out from the library)

Comprehension:
- *Ask questions about characters, where the story is taking place, and what the problem/solution is*
- *Have your child support their answers with evidence from the text*
- *Look at and discuss charts, timelines, and captions*
SMYRNA ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL INFORMATION FOR 2019/20
As we embark on the start of a new school year in a few short weeks, we want to briefly describe the arrival and dismissal routines, in addition to some significant changes for our returning families for non-bus-riding students at Smyrna Elementary. For 2019/20, there are only four (4) ways to trav- el to/from Smyrna Elementary School:
• Bus
• Car-ride (through the lane on South Street)
• Daycare van (same location as car-riders)
• Walker (will dismiss near the intersection of School Ln and South St, just across from SES)

The major difference is that there will be no area for walkers to be checked out as in years past. Walkers will simply check out with a staff member, and exit the building.

MORNING ARRIVAL @ 8:20am
• CAR-RIDERS AND DAYCARE VANS (ARRIVAL) – NO CHANGE

As has been the routine for the past few years, ALL students arriving in cars will be dropped off in a sin- gle-file line, greeted by staff stationed at the School St entrance outside the gym and cafeteria lobby. Please note: There is no staff on supervi- sory duty until 8:15am. Please do not drop your student(s) off without the presence of school staff.

• WALKERS (ARRIVAL)
No students will be permitted to enter the building via the School Lane entrance(s). Parents may not park their vehicle in School Lane or turn around and drop their student off to enter the school. If students arrive in a car, they should be dropped off as part of the car-arriver arrival procedure (see above). If students walk to school—either accom- panied or unaccompanied—they should enter either on the Main Office side of the building, or through the gym/cafeteria lobby each morning.

AFTER DISMISSAL @ 3:30pm
• CAR-RIDERS (DISMISSAL)
In an effort to streamline and more efficiently dis- miss our large number of car-riding students in the afternoon, we will be loading cars in a double-file line at the exit on South Street, outside the gym and cafeteria lobby—instead of merging to a single file. In the long run, this should certainly help the timeliness of the car-arriver line. For safety’s con- cern, the one thing that will change is, that under no circumstances will cars in line pull out ahead of cars who are actively loading students.

• WALKERS (DISMISSAL)
Students will be checked out and sent on their way by 3:30pm. Students in Room 310 (classroom nearest the corner to intersection of School Lane and South Street). They must cross solely using the crossing guard posted at the intersection of School Lane and South Street, or by the staff mem- ber located at the entrance to the bus lane and Frazier Street. There will be no staging area for “walkers” to be checked out by an adult or sibling.

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO NEEDS
You!!
The Smyrna Elementary PTO is looking for parents, grandparents, and guardians who want to positively impact their child’s education. Once again, we have big plans for our school this year, as we have allocated sig- nificant funding to create a outdoor learning space for SES. We need input, ideas, and lots of helping hands to bring the idea to life - AND...it’s never been easier to be part of the PTO action!

We will meet in person twice this year - Wednesday, October 9 and Wednesday, February 12 - both at 7:00pm in the SES Library. All other meetings will be via conference video - at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month - Sep/Nov/Dec/ Jan/Mar/Apr/May.

Please check out our website: www.SmyrnaElementaryPTO.com for PTO Meeting Dial-In Information and for links to sign up as a volun- teer at our school events. We can’t do it without you!

SES PTO Event Schedule
Fall Book Fair: October 7-10
Back to School Dance: Friday, October 4
Santa Shop: December 9-13
Holiday Parent Night Out: Friday, December 13
Winter Dance: Friday, February 7
Spring BOGO Book Fair: February 9-13
Color Run: May 8 (Rain Date: 5/15)

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Changes to the Child Nutrition Program
For the 2019/2020 school year, Smyrna Elementary no longer qualifies as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. This is the program that allowed all students to receive both free breakfast and lunch at school. What does this mean for you and your child attending Smyrna Elementary School? For school year 2019/2020 families of Smyrna Elementary School will be required to submit a meal benefit form in order to determine eligibility to receive reduced-price or free meals. A link to the 2019/20 USDA meal benefit form and income eligibility guidelines can be found on the Smyrna Child Nutrition Website.

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISION:
To inspire every student to per- sist to achieve their maxi- mum potential and realize their personal dreams.

MISSION:
Smyrna Elementary mindfully creates a collaborative, respectful, unified partnership with our school families and community in order to challenge each student to achieve academic success and enriching social activities to ensure comprehensive student success. Smyrna Elementary School strives to seek out and encourage each student home–each day–eagerly awaiting to return the next.

SES DATES TO REMEMBER:
August 21 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Central Office Board Room
August 29 - School Visitation (1:00 – 3:00pm)
August 30 - School Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
September 3 - Students’ First Day
September 10 - SES Open House (6:00pm)
September 18 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Smyrna Elementary School
September 19 - Scouts BSA signups (6:00pm) in Library
October 1 - Mid-marking period
October 10 - Progress Reports available on Home Access Center
October 11 - NO SCHOOL (Staff in-service day)
October 16 - SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at John Bassett Moore
October 18 - SHS Homecoming parade & football game (5:00pm)
October 31 - End of first marking period
November 8 - NO SCHOOL (Staff in-service day)
November 11 – NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
November 12 – Report Cards available on Home Access Center
November 20 – SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Smyrna High School
November 22-26 – NO SCHOOL (Staff In-service/Parent Conferences)
December 27-29 – NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holiday)
December 5 – Mid-marking period
December 7 – SSD Winter Chorus Concert (6:00pm)
December 13 – Progress Reports available on Home Access Center
December 18 – SSD Board of Education meeting (7:00pm) at Sunnyside Elementary
School Dec 23-Jan 3, 2020 - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
January 6 – School reopens

General Supply Lists for 2019/20
For all grade levels, teachers may require additional items pertaining to their respective organizational plan and/or classroom activities. Any such items will be listed in your welcome back letters in mid-August.

Kindergarten
- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- 24 pack Crayons (not jumbo)
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- White glue
- Glue sticks
- 1 set/pair of earbuds for school use
- 2-glue stick folder
- Backpack (no wheels, please)
- One plain white t-shirt one size too large
- One tub Clorox wipes

Second Grade
- 12 dozen Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- Composition book
- 4 glue sticks
- Scissors
- Pencil box or zippered pouch
- Extra erasers
- 2 sturdy folders with pockets
- 2 pack (8 count) markers
- 24 pack of crayons
- 1 tub disinfecting wipes
- Backpack (no wheels, please)

First Grade
- Tissues
- Book bag
- Folder
- Block erasers
- Pencil eraser tops
- Pack of 24 Crayola crayons – 2 packs
- Glue sticks – 2 each
- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil box
- Scissors

Third Grade
- Book bag
- 1 set/pair of earbuds for school use
- Erasers (caps and hand) (3/6th)
- Steady supply of #2 pencils
- Highlighters (different colors)
- 1 pack of colored pencils (12C24)
- 1-24 pack crayons
- 1 pair of student scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 ruler with centimeters and inches
- Water bottle

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
David Morrison, Principal
Mikeli Reed, Assoc. Principal

*Inspire every student to pursue their dreams, to achieve their maximum potential and realize their personal dreams.

PROMISE:
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MUSEUM:
In our tight-knit community, we value the legacy of our storied history. The Museum serves to honor, recognize, and celebrate our Smyrna Elementary School legacy. We value our history and celebrate it every year on October 18th, our Smyrna Elementary School Founder's Day.

VALUES:
At Smyrna Elementary School, our values are the foundation upon which we build our school culture. Our values are:

1. Integrity
2. Excellence
3. Respect
4. Innovation
5. Responsibility

We are Smyrna Elementary School! We embody our核心 values every day, in every way, and we are grateful to be a part of this incredible community.
North Smyrna Elementary Staff has developed a car lane system that ensures the safety of our children, as well as making drop-off and pick-up as efficient as possible. We appreciate your patience and support. Please read below for the car lane rules:

8:15-8:35am Morning Drop-Off

• In the morning, there will be a single file line for drop off. Please pull up as far as possible. Staff is there if your child requires assistance. Please DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR.

• In the afternoon, there will be a double car line. Staff will be there to direct the two lanes into a single one for loading purposes. The staff member will alternate between the double lines, five cars at a time. Please fill both lines and go to the shorter one upon arrival.

• Early Childhood Parents/Guardians: Your children come to the front of the line. They will be met by a staff member when it stops in the loading/unloading zone. If you would like to walk your child to the door or greet your child at the end of the day, please park at Municipal Park across the street and walk over to the exit.

• Early Childhood Parents/Guardians: Your children come to the front doors of the school at 3:30pm. Please wait at the municipal Park until buses 103 & 104 pull into the driveway. After they pull into the driveway you can pull in behind the buses and form two lines. You will need to walk to the front doors to greet your child. Please note, if you pull in before the buses arrive you will be required to go through the K-3 car rider lane. Thank you for your support as we work to make dismissal and drop-off safe for our students and efficient for our parents/guardians.

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Principals' Message

Sunnyside Elementary School would like to welcome all of our students and their families to another great school year! The summer has been busy for our administrators, secretaries, and custodial staff as we have been planning for the upcoming school year. Over the past several weeks, we have been diligently preparing for the arrival of our students for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 3. We look forward to working with every-one as the school year begins. Over the course of the year, please visit our website often so you don't miss out on the great things going on at Sunnyside.

On Wednesday, September 4, we will have our Open House from Kindergarten to second grade at 6:00pm and third and fourth grades at 7:00pm. We look forward to meeting and seeing you!

In the mail, you will receive a letter from your child’s teacher with lots of great information to acquaint you and your student with their new classroom and teacher. After the school year begins, you will receive a student handbook and important forms to complete. Please read the student handbook with your student and return the paperwork as soon as possible.

New updates in policies and procedures are added each year and are very important to review.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school at 302-653-2608. You may also view current school information on our school website at http://sses.smyrna.k12.de.us/index.jsp. Parental support and participation is a key factor in accomplishing our goals. Please take an active role in your child’s education. As we gear up for another Sunnyside school year, we will work together as we are “Building the Future - Every Child, Every Classroom, Every Day”. We look forward to a great school year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

SUNNYSIDE VISION AND MISSION

The vision of Sunnyside Elementary is to create a safe learning environment in which students and staff practice respect for themselves and one another while being the best that they can.

The mission of Sunnyside Elementary is to create a positive atmosphere with a challenging and engaging curriculum. Students and staff will strive to do the right thing, be a good person, and follow the Golden Rule.

Legal Notices Now On The Web

In order to save money and paper, Smyrna School District has decided to remove legal notices from the printing of the three-times-per-year Smyrna Messenger. These documents are available online at this URL: https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us, under PARENT CENTER:

• District Nondiscrimination Policy (Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 Compliance Notification)
• Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
• Federal Occupational Rehabilitation Act of 1973
• Notice Concerning Disclosure of Student Information
• Notice of FERPA Rights
• Notification to Community regarding Registered Sex Offenders
• Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (FERPA)
• Smyrna School District Notice of Parents Right to Know
• Smyrna School District Parents Involvement Policy
• Smyrna School District Title I Notification
• State Tobacco Regulation 877
• Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
• Title 14 Education Delaware Administrative Code

We hope you notice our new Smyrna School District logo. This logo was designed by our very own Crystal Sweeney, and depicts our dedication to our Core Principles of Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, and Perseverance.
4th Grade Supply List
● 3- Composition books
● 3- Tissue boxes
● Package of colored pencils
● Packages of #2 pencils
● Package of eraser caps
● Pencil sharpener with cap/cover
● Hard case pencil box
● Highlighters
● Red pens
● Packages of dry erase markers
● Dry erase eraser
● 2 pocket folders
● Glue sticks
● Scissors
● 24 pack of crayons
● Pack of markers
● Pair of earbuds
● Bottle of hand sanitizer
● Bottle of Clorox wipes
● Box of Ziplock baggies, any size

JBM 5th Grade
Student Supply List
● 2 Inch - 3 ring binder (1)
● 5 Tab dividers (2 packs)
● Composition Books (4)
● Glue Sticks
● Handheld pencil sharpener
● Loose Leaf Paper
● Scissors
● Folders - 2 pocket with 3 ring holes (4)
● 12 Pack of Color Pencils
● Highlighters
● Erasers
● #2 Pencils (standard or mechanical)
● Red pens
● Pencil Bag for Binder

Classroom Wish List
● Ziplock Sandwich bags - boys
● Ziplock Gallon bags - girls
● Tissues
● Clorox wipes
● Hand Sanitizer
● Dry Erase Markers

JBM Welcomes
Mrs. Snow
Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am very excited to be teaching at John Bassett Moore this year. I grew up in Smyrna - I even attended JBM as a student and graduated from Smyrna High School. After that, I headed to Washington College where I graduated with a degree in Human Development with Elementary Education Certification. After graduation, I taught first grade at North Smyrna Elementary School and attended Wilmington University where I received my Masters in Literacy. I taught first grade for two wonderful years and then took a break from teaching to have my two children. The last couple of years I taught Kindergarten and second grade at Smyrna Elementary School. I am so excited to be teaching fourth grade at JBM this year! My husband, Jonathan, and I live in the Smyrna School District and our two children are attending school here as well. I am looking forward to an awesome year!

JBM 6th Grade
Student Supply List
● 2 Inch - 3 ring binder (2)
● Composition Books (4)
● 5 Tab dividers (2 pack)
● Folders - 2 pocket with 3 ring holes (5)
● Loose Leaf Paper - college ruled (4 packs)
● Handheld Pencil Sharpener
● Glue Sticks
● Scotch tape
● Colored Pencils and/or Crayons
● Highlighters (4 different colors)
● Erasers
● #2 Pencils
● Index cards
● Ruler with BOTH cm and inches
● Pencil Bag for Binder
● Scissors

Classroom Wish List
● Dry erase markers
● Tissues
● Hand Sanitizer
● Disinfectant wipes
● Page Protectors (at least 10)
● Post-it notes
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WHAT IS CEP
Community Eligibility Provision- This allows a district to directly qualify all students at a school for free breakfast and lunch.

SCHOOLS QUALIFY FOR CEP IF THEY MEET SPECIFIC USDA CRITERIA. THIS CRITERION IS BASED UPON STUDENTS THAT ARE DIRECTLY CERTIFIED FOR FREE MEALS.

Questions:
Please Contact The Child Nutrition Office With
302-653-3134
82 Monrovia Ave
Smyrna, DE 19977

Welcome to John Bassett Moore Intermediate School!

We want to welcome all of our families and students to John Bassett Moore Intermediate School as we prepare for another exciting year in 2019-2020. We are so excited that our fourth grade students are joining us this year at JBM. We have been busy all summer ordering new materials, preparing our classrooms, and designing academic programs, all in an effort to make the coming school year another successful learning experience. Our custodians have cleaned, polished, and re-assembled our classrooms so that they are first-rate and ready to go. Our office staff have ordered the necessary supplies, compiled handbooks, and registered all of our students. We would like to welcome several new staff members to JBM Intermediate School, including our fourth grade staff Mallory Doddatto, Linda Staats, Ashley Daniels, Miranda Emerson, Holly Willey, Catherine Salgado, Chelsea Traynor, Jennifer Tracy, Whitney Snow, Emily DelDeDonne, Julia Wood, Carlee Hayden, Lauren Balcerak, Mandi Thomas, Emily Marinielli, Natalie Ganc, Christine Alamorion, Alyssa Wallace, Fatimah Pettigrew, and Tim Keaton. Indeed, everyone at JBM Intermediate School eagerly awaits the arrival of our students and the beginning of the school year starts on September 3, 2019. Please mark your calendars for our annual Open House on Thursday, September 5, beginning at 6:00pm. Before that, we invite all students to JBM Intermediate School on August 29 at 1:00pm for our annual visitation to take an informal tour around the school.

CEP
WHAT’S CHANGING FOR THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

• The schools affected are North Smyrna Elementary, Smyrna Elementary and John Bassett Moore (JBM).
• The Smyrna School District will have one school that qualifies for CEP. This school is North Smyrna Elementary. All students enrolled at North Smyrna Elementary will receive free breakfast and lunch regardless of their ability to pay. The students at North will NOT be required to complete a meal benefit form.
• Smyrna Elementary and JBM are no longer eligible to participate in the CEP program. These schools no longer meet the USDA criteria required to participate in CEP.
• Any student attending Smyrna Elementary and JBM that are directly certified for free meals will receive a letter from the Child Nutrition Office. This letter will indicate the student’s eligibility for free meals.
• Any parent or guardian of a child/children (enrolled at Smyrna Elementary and/or JBM) that are not directly certified will be required to complete a meal benefit form. The meal benefit forms are sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. The meal benefit form is also available on the Child Nutrition website, the school’s main office, and the Child Nutrition office.

Welcome to John Bassett Moore Intermediate School!

Steven Gott, Principal
Cynthia McNatt, Assoc. Principal

JBM Welcomes
Mrs. Snow
Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am very excited to be teaching at John Bassett Moore this year. I grew up in Smyrna - I even attended JBM as a student and graduated from Smyrna High School. After that, I headed to Washington College where I graduated with a degree in Human Development with Elementary Education Certification. After graduation, I taught first grade at North Smyrna Elementary School and attended Wilmington University where I received my Masters in Literacy. I taught first grade for two wonderful years and then took a break from teaching to have my two children. The last couple of years I taught Kindergarten and second grade at Smyrna Elementary School. I am so excited to be teaching fourth grade at JBM this year! My husband, Jonathan, and I live in the Smyrna School District and our two children are attending school here as well. I am looking forward to an awesome year!
Welcome Marissa Johnson as a Paraprofessional at CIS

Hello! My name is Marissa Johnson and I am a paraprofessional at Clayton Intermediate School. I am currently pursuing an Elementary Education bachelor’s degree at Delaware State University. I cherish the gift of teaching because it affords me the opportunity to educate and be educated continuously. When I’m not in the classroom, I enjoy traveling, crafting and making memories with my family and friends. I believe that the best teachers teach from the heart and not from the book.

Welcome Victoria White to Fifth grade!

Hello! My name is Victoria White. I graduated from Delaware State University and I am currently working on my Masters at Wilmington University. Some of my hobbies include binge-watching shows, playing video games and completing over 1000 puzzles. During my first year of teaching I taught fifth grade Mathematics in Maryland. This will be my second year teaching fifth grade and I am looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year with you!

Welcome Regina Bloemker to Sixth grade

Regina Bloemker has been a passionate educator since 2009. She has taught sixth and second grade in Delaware. Regina has a bachelor degree from Widener University and a Master Degree from Wilmington University in Elementary Education. Regina has been married for 23 years to her best friend and has one child, Alex. Alex is 15, a sophomore at St. George’s High School. Alex is an avid golfer and Regina enjoys watching him play on the course in school matches. She even took some lessons from Alex this summer at Top Golf during a family trip to Washington, DC. The Bloemker family also includes a luna cat named Oreo and they reside in Middletown, Delaware. Regina enjoys cooking, crafting and spending time with her family and friends.

Welcome Alyssa Boyer to Sixth grade!

My name is Alyssa Boyer, a wife, mother of three daughters and one dog, and an educator. I met my husband when I joined the Delaware Army National Guard in 1999. I served four years full time for the guard and two years as a weekend warrior. The military taught me self-discipline, to take care of your people, and to carefully plan out your actions. I then decided that a career in real estate would be best for my growing family. Real estate taught me how to communicate and negotiate for the good of others. I finally found my place in the classroom. I have a Master of Education in Instruction-Gifted and Talented from Wilmington University. My undergrad is from University of Delaware, Bachelor of Science in Education. I have been teaching for six years. I’ve taught multiple grade levels as well as multiple classroom settings. My passion for teaching came when my husband was deployed and I volunteered in my daughter’s classroom teaching the students about the military and doing a pen pal program with the soldiers. I thoroughly enjoy watching our youth grow into successful adults. The classroom has taught me to be patient because everyone can and will be successful.

Welcome Simone Johnson to Fifth grade!

Hi, my name is Simone Johnson. I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and moved to Dover, Delaware in 2009. In 2015, I graduated from Dover High School. Then, in 2018, I graduated from Delaware State University and received my degree in Engineering Physics with a concentration in Optics. After graduation I decided to become a substitute teacher for the remainder of the school year and through my experiences found my true passion of working with kids. I am looking forward to an exciting new school year and beginning my career in education as a paraprofessional at Clayton Intermediate School.

SMYRNA MESSENGER FALL 2019 Page 7
Congratulations to the following National FFA Agriscience Fair Finalist. These students will be representing Smyrna Middle School and the State of Delaware at the National FFA Convention.

**2nd Place Middle School Agronomy Team:** (pictured left to right)
- Luke Michaud - 3rd place individual
- Bailey Clark - 5th place individual
- Isabella McMullen - 7th place individual
- Austin Carney - 11th place individual

Food Products and Processing, Division 1 - McKenna Vest (not pictured)

Social Systems, Division 2 - Isabella McMullen and Regan Nacrelli (not pictured)

### SMS Attends State Agriscience Fair Competition

The Smyrna Middle FFA Chapter once again had an outstanding showing at the State Agriscience Fair competition, June CDE week, and at the 2019 Delaware State Fair. Congratulations to the following National FFA Agriscience Fair Finalists. These students will be representing Smyrna Middle School and the State of Delaware at the National FFA Convention in October.

Environmental Services, Division 2 - Carl Rifino and Elizabeth Evans
Food Products and Processing, Division 1 - McKenna Vest
Plant Systems, Division 1 - Luke Michaud
Social Systems, Division 1 - Faith Hewes
Social Systems, Division 2 - Isabella McMullen and Regan Nacrelli

**Members attended the National FFA Convention and also participated in leadership workshops focusing on teambuilding and career skills. Our students did a wonderful job representing our chapter during our Career Development Week in June. Smyrna Middle School FFA trained an Ag Mechanics team and a Food Science team this year. The Ag Mechanics team placed first in the state. Team members included Bailey Clark- 1st place individual, Mary Waits-2nd place individual, Ornai Kelly, 4th place individual, and Austin Carney, 3rd place individual. The Food Science Team also placed first in the state. Team members included, McKenna Vest, 1st place individual, Elizabeth Evans- 2nd place individual, Regan Nacrelli- 3rd place individual and Isabella McMullen- 4th place individual. In preparation for the Delaware State Fair, numerous FFA members attended educational farm tours and practices throughout the summer to train for their respective Career Development Event. The following FFA members participated in the Middle School Horse Evaluation Career Development Event: Kate McGowan- 1st place individual, Elizabeth Evans- 2nd place individual, Brooke Duke- 10th place individual and Roarie Glenn-Russum who placed 13th individual. The team placed 1st place in the state! Competing in the Middle School Agronomy Career Development Event were Luke Michaud- 3rd place individual, Bailey Clark- 5th place individual, Isabella McMullen- 7th place Individual and Austin Carney- 11th place Individual. The team placed 2nd in the state. In addition to Career Development Events, Smyrna Middle School FFA members have been very busy showing livestock animals at the 2019 Delaware State Fair and volunteering over 50 community service hours throughout fair week by volunteering at the Delaware State Grange and the FFA AgVenture. Not to mention, the 2019-2020 SMS FFA Executive Committee which consists of T.J. Herran, Bailey Clark, Brian Mast, Roarie Glenn-Russum, McKenna Vest, and Ally Holmes participated in a two-day leadership training session this summer where they met with State FFA Officers and advisors to develop team building skills and plan out the upcoming FFA year. Overall, SMS FFA is very proud of all our members’ accomplishments throughout the summer and is excited for the upcoming school year!**

### Smyrna School District Begins Using BoardDocs for Board of Education Meetings

Starting in the spring of 2019, Smyrna School District Board of Education members started using BoardDocs to access all documentation that was shared for monthly board meetings. All documents are available online prior to the meetings for the members to review and make notes. Smyrna Administrators or Technology will ensure that all members have access to computers during the meetings, to follow along with during the meetings. This online system replaces the printing of paper documents, sorting, stapling, and bundling, sometimes into large binders, saving many reams of paper used each year.

Documents that have a legal requirement to share with the public are available online after the Board Members have voted on their approval, including minutes from the previous meeting.

Also available online are the agendas for upcoming meetings for anyone to view. The public can view these documents, agendas before a meeting, and other documents after approved by the Board, at: https://go.boarddocs.com/de/smyrna/Board.nsf

**Message from the Principal**

We have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year and hope everyone had a great summer. As we continue to grow, we are in the process of hiring a new associate principal, several new teachers and other staff as well. New this year we have added several new elective opportunities for students including Wellness, Novel Studies, Eco Art and Geography just to name a few. We are also putting our students on teams this year. This means that students will remain with their team for all content area subjects and have a majority of their classes in one hallway. Our eighth grade teams are on the first floor and our seventh grade teams are on the second floor. At the middle school we offer many clubs, sports, and other groups for our students and are hopeful that they can find areas that interest them. We are having a visitation for students to come explore the building and find the locations of their classes. On the visitation day you can come pick up a copy of your schedule. They can also find this information on their Home Access Center.

**A few important dates and reminders**

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**SMSYRNA MIDDLE GENERAL SUPPLY LIST**

**General Supplies:**
- Colored Pencils
- Blue and Black Ink Pens
- Pencil Cap Erasers
- Highlighters
- Number 2 Pencils
- White Loose Leaf Paper

**Organizational Supplies:**
- Five Tab Dividers
- Spiral Notebooks (multi-subject)
- Two Pocket Folders
- Composition Books

**Elective Classes:**
- White or Light Gray T-Shirts for PE
- Shorts, Sweats or Wind Pants for PE
- Athletic Shoes and Socks for PE
- Reeds for Woodwind Band

**Specific Classes:**
- Information on specific course materials will be given on the first day of class by teacher.
2019-2020 school year. The east side of the build-

ing (Smyrna Side) is designated for student park-
ing. Students who wish to drive to school will 

be required to complete their Application for Park-

ing Permit with all supporting documents to Ms. Alicia 

Bryan in the front office, along with the $10 park-

ing fee, starting August 12 from 8:00am–3:00pm. Only stu-

dents that have completed their six month restrict-

ed driving process may purchase parking tags. 

Students who owe an obligation will not be 

allowed to purchase a parking pass until the obli-

gations are cleared. Parking spots may not be 

reserved at any time. Seniors are permitted to 
purchase parking tags starting on August 12 

from 8:00am–3:00pm. Juniors may purchase 

their parking tags starting August 13 from 

8:00am–3:00pm. All remaining students may pur-

chase a parking tag beginning August 14 from 

8:00am–3:00pm. Please note that the main office 

will be closed on August 27 from 7:30am–1:00pm 

for a district-wide meeting.

The Administration urges the students and parents to become famil-


to towing. It is the position of the Smyrna High 

School Administration that driving to school is a 

privilege as indicated on the Application for 

Parking Permit.

When entering the Smyrna High School prop-

erty, all traffic must enter using the West side 

(Clayton Side entrance) and exit the property 

using the East side (Smyrna side exit). Be 

mindful of the 15 MPH speed limit and yield to 

pedestrians crossing on their way to the building.

All vehicles are permitted to park in the bus lane 
or to drop off or pick up students in front of the 

school between the hours of 7:00-7:30am, and 
2:15-2:45pm. The parking office is located on the 

Smyrna side of the building next to the 

entrance to the auditorium lobby. Please follow 

the driving directions provided by the signs, 
cones, and school personnel in that area when 

dropping off a student in the morning.

Smyrna School District Addresses

Building Security

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, vis-
itors to all eight Smyrna Schools will experi-
ence a new entry process. Visitors will be 

asked to enter the vestibule to get out of any 

rainy or cold weather. In the vestibule they 

will be asked to share the reason for their visit 

before they are allowed into the main office.

If the visitor is there for a valid reason, as 
a parent or guardian, or a meeting with 

a school official, or a vendor/contractor to per-
form some task, they will be given access to 

the main office. From there, they will be 

required to sign-in, and only then will they be 

allowed to enter the school, again through a 
safe door opened by one of the office staff.

It is recommended that you bring some 
form of official, government-issued identifi-
cation with you when you are visiting our 
schools.

We know that increased security can be an inconvenience sometimes, but your children 

and out staff members safety is our para-

mounf concern.

SHS Jay Davis attends
STEM Educator Energy I nstitute

Jay Davis, Career and Technology Education Specialist at Smyrna High School, joined other educators from throughout Delaware at the STEM Educator Energy Institute sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Center for Renewable Energy and Advanced Technology.

The event was held August 6-8 at Delaware Technical Community College. Participants used information of how to measure the electric potential, current, and power production of solar photovoltaic-

ic. Educators explore natural mental solar and electrical principles and learned about energy manage-

ment for smart buildings and net-

zero energy homes. During the Institute, participants also practiced hands-on classroom lab activities that bring energy to life for students. The content covered during this workshop was cutting edge and cer-

tainly pertains to us students as we strive to ensure this further education and career readiness opportunities,” said 

Davis who now oversees Career & Technology Education students and teachers at the High School. According to the Solar Foundation’s National Solar Jobs Census, the solar workforce increased by 170 percent in the past seven years, from about 93,000 jobs in 2010 to more than 250,000 jobs in 2017. Although solar currently makes up less than 2 percent of overall US energy generation, the sector employs twice as many workers as the coal indus-

try.

The National Science Foundation’s Advanced 

Technology Education (ATE) pro-

gram supports the development of innovative approaches for training highly skilled technicians for the industries that drive the nation’s economy. The STEM Educator Solar Institute strengthens connections 

between high schools and community 

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Smyrna Middle School Fall Sports, 2019-2020

Please visit the SMS Athletics’ website at http://www.smyrnamiddlesports.com/ for team information, tryouts, updates, schedules, and announcements. Our Fall Sports sign ups will be on Tuesday, August 27 from 5:00-6:00pm in the multi-purpose room of Smyrna Middle School. This will be an hour prior to the start of SMS Open House. Coaches will be available for questions, and you may also bring a completed physical at this time.
The Smyrna FFA Chapter featured two fine chapter displays in the FFA Centre that were crafted by members: Taylor Davis, Justin Foersch, Philip Gaughan, Chris Marr and Brynn Rifino. The Delaware Agricultural Products Display placed second, only missing first by .3 points. The FFA Educational display was entitled, “I Believe In Leadership…” and will be used for future membership recruitment at Smyrna High School.

The Smyrna FFA Agricultural Issues team with their topic, “Is All Insecurity Worth All The Biosecurity?” placed 1st with team members including: Kayeley Davis, Sarah Dinsmore, Zane Kerr, Brynn Rifino and Brooke Wix. Their forum now qualifies them to compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. Prior to their competition, the Ag Issues team presented five community forums to the Smyrna/Clayton Holly’s Club, Delaware Department of Agriculture, Kent Conservation District- NRCS & FSA Offices, the University of Delaware’s Cooperative Extension Service and the Smyrna/Clayton Rotary Club.

Smyrna High School was also able to capture 1st Place in the State Agricultural Mechanics CDE with team members: Chris Marr, Aiden Pepta, Logan Strauss, and Gabe West as they were able to test their knowledge and skills in small engine troubleshooting, electrical wiring, plumbing and welding. Their efforts also ensures further competition at the National FFA Convention in the Fall.

The Livestock Evaluation Team placed 3rd in competition and was made up of members: Anthony Buhr, Cheyenne Donaghe, Maria Sterling and Austin Vendrick. This competition allows members to judge large farm animals, as well as cooperatively classify livestock as “keep” or “cull” for market and breeding purposes based on physical characteristics and records. Individual top ten placings for the team included: Maria Sterling placing 6th and Austin Vendrick placing 9th.

The Horse Evaluation CDE team placed 3rd as well, with fellow members: Abby Conway, Sydney Kirch, Robin Logue and Rayne Thompson. The event consisted of judging six classes of equines, completing a team test and delivering two test performances involving 2 oral reasons.

The Nursery Landscape Team placed 4th in competitive action and consisted of: Gabryele Carter, Sky Jackson, Delaney Tome and Raelyn Wiley. The event was comprised of a written exam, team activity, tool and plant material identification. Individual top ten placings for the team included: Gabryele Carter placing 4th and Delaney Tome placing 9th.

Kaylee Dulin represented Smyrna FFA in the Dairy Showmanship event and placed 5th individually. The event demonstrated her skills and awareness in the show ring when working with dairy cattle.

Taylor Davis and Chris Marr drove their way to 6th and 7th place respectively in the Safe Tractor Operation CDE. This event was comprised of a written test, parts identification, using a skid steer, front end tractor loader and operating tractors with two and four wheel wagons against other statewide competitors in a course designed to test speed, accuracy and safety around obstacles.

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SUMMARY STATE FAIR

It was another fine year, as the Smyrna FFA Chapter brought home a variety of awards and ribbons from the 100th Annual celebration of the Delaware State Fair, with numerous recognitions being presented at the Delaware FFA Awards Breakfast held on July 26, 2019. The Smyrna FFA Chapter featured two fine chapter displays in the FFA Centre that were crafted by members: Taylor Davis, Justin Foersch, Philip Gaughan, Chris Marr and Brynn Rifino. The Delaware Agricultural Products Displays placed second, only missing first by .3 points. The FFA Educational display was entitled, “I Believe In Leadership…” and will be used for future membership recruitment at Smyrna High School.

Smyrna FFA Animal Exhibitors

Besides showcasing the hard work that goes into growing, designing and building projects, a number of Smyrna High School FFA members were also responsible for exhibiting farm animals at the Delaware State Fair. The following members took to the show ring and gave it their all in their respective areas:

- Beef Cattle: Kendra Mounts, Brynn Rifino and Nicholas Shane.
- Dairy Cattle: Kaylee Dulin.
- Goats: Abby Conway and Delaney Tome.
- Swine: Kailyn Collins, Cheyenne Donaghe, Andrew Miles and Maria Sterling.

At the conclusion of the awards presentation, the Smyrna FFA Chapter was recognized as this year’s 1st Place National Chapter for Delaware, receiving a Gold Rating and the right to be recognized at the National FFA Convention & Expo to be held this October in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Smyrna FFA Chapter was founded in 1976 and makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through Agricultural Education. The chapter currently consists of 468 agricultural education students at Smyrna High School and is under the direction of FFA Advisors: Keith Shane, Jay Davis, Sarah Bell and Kellie Michaud.