

Constable Summer Newsletter

A Summer 2016 Parent Update

District Theme
"Attitude Determines Altitude - Fly High!"



Dear Constable Families,

We hope you and your family are enjoying the summer. It's certainly been a great July and August here at Constable, as the staff has been working hard to prepare for your students. We can't wait to see your youngsters arrive on September 6th for an exciting and challenging school year.

Although there is still time to enjoy some fun days, the 2016 - 2017 school year is approaching and you will find important information in this newsletter. Please read about upcoming events on the right side column and important information on the second page.

Every child is unique, and we treat them as such here at Constable. As we approach the start of the school, consider your child's personality and needs in helping preparing them for the year ahead. To build confidence and independence, practice routines before the school year begins. Speak with your child about how he/she will get to and from school as this can reduce some anxiety about the first day. Consider having your child find a quiet and comfortable place to read and do work at home. You may even have him/her self-regulate by trying out a few places to see what works best.

We believe that a strong home-school partnership strengthens a student's educational experience. Therefore, we will share the 16-17 story of Constable School on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to see many pictures, videos, events, learning activities, and updates throughout the year!

An exciting school year lies ahead. We look forward to partnering with you to instill a positive attitude for students to fly high.

"Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude."
- Zig Ziglar

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or comments. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,
Peter Rattien, Principal
Kathleen Boyce, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

- 8/25 **New Parent Tea: 6:30 PM**
New parents are encouraged to attend the PTO New Parents' Tea. At the tea, you will tour the building and hear about some of our school procedures. **Please arrange for child care, as this event is for parents/guardians only.** Enter at the school main entrance.
- 8/30 **Sneak-A-Peek: 4:00 - 5:00 PM**
Our building will be open for families to take a self-guided tour on Tuesday, August 30 to help ease any first day jitters. Please note that teachers will not be present and classrooms will be closed. Please enter through the main entrance. This is an opportunity for students to walk the halls, locate their classroom, and they may even bump into a few other students! Some students may benefit from walking from the bus loop to their classroom location. If you think this is a beneficial opportunity for your child, we look forward to seeing you then.
- 9/6 **First Day of School**
This is a full day of school for all students, with lunch available for purchase. The school day begins at 8:55 am, and the late bell rings at 9:05 am. Dismissal occurs at 3:30 pm.
- 9/12 **School Closed - Eid Al Adha**
Board of Ed. Mtg.: 7:00 PM
- 9/21 **Back To School Night**
You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, and hear more about your child's program and curriculum, at our Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 pm.
- 9/26 **Board of Ed. Mtg.: 7:00 PM**
- 9/29 **Early Release: Professional Dev.**
Dismissal is at 1:35 PM. Students have lunch, but do not have recess.
- 10/6 **School Picture Day**
Information will be sent home as we get closer to this date.



Important Information

- During the first week of school, important information will be shared with all Constable families. Please plan to spend some time with this paperwork and return required forms promptly.
- Also during the first week, the 2016-2017 Parent/Student Handbook will be shared with you. The handbook is a valuable resource where you will find information and procedures not mentioned in this newsletter. Please plan to take the time to read it carefully and review relevant information with your child.
- Supply lists and summer reading assignments can be found on our [website](#). These were also distributed with reports cards in June.

Breakfast, Lunch and Snack



Students may either bring lunch from home or purchase lunch at school. Menus are posted on our [website](#) (Select: School Information: Lunch Information). A student lunch costs \$2.40, and separately purchased milk costs \$0.55. Each child has a debit card to use for purchasing lunch.

Chartwells, our food service provider, has information on this process available on our [website](#) (Select: School Information: Lunch Information). With so many new experiences for our kindergarteners, we encourage them to bring lunch for the first few days. Of course if this is not possible, we will help your child with this process.

Breakfast will also be available this year. The price of a full breakfast is \$2.00.

Parents who want to apply for Free/Reduced Price Lunch can do so on the district website under “Parent Information” then under “Lunch Information.”

Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival:

Parents driving their children to school must drop them off, curbside between the gym driveway and just past the crosswalk (at the “Waiting Tree”) on the school side of the street only. After your child has exited your vehicle, please move along to allow other parents to drop off their children in the designated “drop and go”/no parking zone.



Parents are allowed to quickly walk their child to class on the first day of school and should vacate the building no later than 9:05 am, so we can start our morning routines. For the safety of others, strollers must be parked outside

near the bike rack. Beginning Wednesday, September 7th, students will be expected to walk to class on their own. Additional staff will be available to ensure students find their classrooms.

Dismissal:

Following the dismissal of After School Program students and bussers, the walkers/parent pick-ups will be dismissed. Kindergarten students exit using the stairs near the pole barn/side blacktop. First and second graders will exit from the main entrance. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will walk out the door to the left of our flagpoles.



Curbside pick-up, following dismissal, works just like arrival. You may park before and after the posted *No Parking* signs but the “drop and go” zone becomes the “pick-up and go” zone.

Our dismissal will be safe and efficient if everyone is respectful of our well-established safety procedures.

School Hours: Regular School Day

- 7:00 AM Before School program begins
- 8:55 AM Students may enter the building - bell rings
- 9:05 AM Late bell rings, doors close. All students must be signed in by an adult at the main office.
- 3:30 PM School day concludes - dismissal
- 6:00 PM After School program concludes

School Hours: Early Release

- 7:00 AM Before School program begins
- 8:55 AM Students may enter the building - bell rings
- 9:05 AM Late bell rings, doors close. All students must be signed in by an adult at the main office.
- 1:35 PM School day concludes - dismissal
- 6:00 PM After School program concludes