

Constable Cubs Summer Newsletter

A Summer 2017 Parent Update



District Theme:

“My Approach Creates the Climate; my mood makes the weather. ~ Make it a sunny day!”

Dear Constable Families,

We hope you and your family are having a great summer. Here at Constable, the custodial staff has been working around the clock to clean every nook of the building and have it shining for day one. The summer has also provided us with the opportunity to strengthen our programs and make adjustments where needed. We can't wait to see your youngsters arrive on Thursday, September 7th for an exciting and challenging school year.

With the 2016 - 2017 school year approaching, we have included important information in this newsletter. Please read about upcoming events on the right side column and important information on the second page.

Goodbye and a heartfelt thanks to Ms. Buznitsky and Ms. Godinez who are pursuing new opportunities. We wish them the best.

Please join me in welcoming our new Constable staff members:

- ❖ Lexie Ballah - 5th grade
- ❖ Christen Biondolillo - 4th grade
- ❖ Larissa Dimitro - 4th grade
- ❖ Donna Starker - learning consultant
- ❖ Amanda Toto - resource center

We are excited to continue the strong Constable tradition of being a family atmosphere. The staff is committed to each and every child having a great year. As the school year approaches, practice routines and speak with your child about how he/she will get to and from school. 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.

A strong home-school connection strengthens a student's educational experience. We strive to maintain an open line of communication. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or comments. Please like us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), where the events, learning activities, and updates of 17-18 will be shared.

We look forward to an exciting and challenging school year.

Sincerely,

Peter Rattien, Principal

Kathleen Boyce, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

8/30 Sneak-A-Peek: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Our building will be open for families to take a self-guided tour on Wednesday, August 30 to help ease any first day jitters. Students new to Constable may benefit from such a visit. 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.

9/7 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. The school lunch menu is online (more details on the following page). It is recommended that kindergarten students bring a lunch in order to feel comfortable while learning the lunchtime procedures.

9/11 Board of Ed. Mtg.: 7:00 PM

Where: Crossroads North Middle School

9/18 Back To School Night: 7:00 PM

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers, and hear more about your child's program and curriculum, at our Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 pm. This informative evening provides an up-close look at your child's experience at Constable.

9/21 - 9/22 No School - Rosh Hashanah

School and district buildings are closed.

9/25 Board of Ed. Mtg.: 7:00 PM

Where: Crossroads North Middle School

10/2 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 2017-2018 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 other items such as milk and chips are able to be purchased a la carte. 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.

A full breakfast is also available daily for \$2.15.

Parents who want to apply for Free/Reduced Price Lunch can do so on the district website (Select: Parent Information: Lunch Information).

Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival:

Parents driving their children to school must drop them off, curbside on the school side of the street only after the crosswalk ("Waiting Tree"). 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.



On the first day of school, parents are allowed to quickly walk their child to class 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 Friday, September 8th, 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, the walkers/parent pick-ups will be dismissed at 3:23 PM. 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.



On the first few days, please allow additional time as the procedures will take longer to ensure safety/security.

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

School Hours: Regular School Day	School Hours: Early Release
7:00 AM Before School program begins	7:00 AM Before School program begins
8:55 AM Students may enter the building - bell rings	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.	9:05 AM Late bell rings, doors close. All students must be signed in by an adult at the main office.
3:23 PM Student pickup/walkers dismissed	1:28 PM Student pickup/walkers dismissed
3:28 PM Bus students dismissed to busses	1:33 PM Bus students dismissed to busses
6:00 PM After School program concludes	6:00 PM After School program concludes