

Williamsville CUSD #15
August/September 2017 Newsletter

Welcome Back Bullets!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I hope you enjoyed a summer vacation or time off filled with fun and exciting memories with your family, friends, and loved ones. Each school year starts a new chapter and new choices in everyone's lives. Everyone has the opportunity for a fresh new start. Everyone has a new opportunity to make a change, challenge themselves, and set new personal goals. Everyone is undefeated!

I challenge all students to be involved. There are opportunities for everyone. Your years at WCUSD #15 will go by fast. Please enjoy the experience. Remember it is "cool to care."

I encourage parents and guardians to be actively involved in your child's education. It takes a village to raise a child. Creating a community-parent-school partnership will help WCUSD #15 go from "good" to "great." We can work together to collaborate one best solution that is "what's best for ALL kids."

As we continue to face challenges in today's education, your support of and partnership with the Williamsville-Sherman School District #15 will help us continue to be a premier educational institution and a destination community in the State of Illinois.

"IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BULLET"

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New Employees

We would like to welcome the following new employees to the district: Adrianna Bennett – music teacher at SES, Morgan Thompson – special education teacher at SES, Debbie Larson – art teacher at WJHS, Derek Smith – history teacher at WJHS, Clinton Thornton – Pre School For All teacher at SES, Lori Batson – cook at WHS, Ron Schuecking – bus driver, and Janine Toman – bus driver.

District Website

The 2017-18 school calendar, athletic schedules, and lots of other important information are located on the district website, www.wcusd15.org.

School Offices Open

All school offices will open on August 2. Office hours will be 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Textbook Rental Policy

Although the obligation of providing textbooks for students belongs to the individual parent, the school acts as an agent in this function. In this capacity, the school has purchased books at the discount allowed to educational institutions and passed this savings on to the students through the book rental plan. Under this plan, the students pay a nominal fee for use of the books for the school year and this rental fee is used to replace old series of books. It is obvious that under such a plan, all students must pay their rental fee if the school is to continue textbook service to the patrons of this district. The following book rental policy will be enforced:

1. Textbooks may be purchased from some agent other than the school.
2. All transactions of textbook rental from the school will be on a cash basis.
3. Any parent/guardian who is unable to pay the rental fee may request free book rental by submitting a waiver of fees application to the building principal. Anyone planning to make the application for free textbooks should do so immediately.
4. Loss or damage of textbooks - any student who loses or damages a textbook will be assessed a fee up to the full price of replacing said book.

Waiver of Student Fees

The Board recognizes that some students will be unable to pay textbook rental and lunch fees. However, students shall not be denied lunch, educational or academic credit due to the inability of parents or guardians to pay fees or charges. Students whose parents are unable to afford student fees may receive a waiver of fees. Students are not exempt from charges of lost or damaged books, locks, materials, supplies and equipment. Applications for fee waivers are available in the school offices and on the school's website.

Free and Reduced Lunches

The eligibility application forms for the 2017-2018 school year are available for pickup at the district office. Office hours are 8:00am to 3:30pm. The form is also available on the district website. Families that participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or Income Eligible Medicaid will be directly certified (eligible without filling out an application form). These families will receive written notice of this direct certification in the mail from the WCUSD district office prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year. If you have any questions regarding the free and reduced program, please call 566-2014.

Section 504 Plans and Students with Diabetes

Section 504 is a plan designed to accommodate the unique needs of an individual with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Disability in this context refers to a "physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities". This can include physical impairments; illness or injuries; chronic conditions like asthma, allergies and diabetes. A 504 plan spells out the modifications and accommodations that will be needed for these students to have an equal opportunity to perform at the same

level as their peers. In comparison, a diabetes care plan sets out the basic medical needs that the student has at school and how those needs will be met. For students with diabetes, the diabetes care plan is an optimal document for medical attention at school. It is the responsibility of the student's family to share the health care provider's instructions concerning the student's diabetes management during the school day with school personnel. In addition to the medical issues covered in a diabetes care plan, a 504 plan may be written to include limited accommodations that are necessary and deemed appropriate for diabetic students in the classroom. Please note: A student may have a diabetes care plan in place without needing to implement a 504 plan. If you believe that diabetes, can at times, adversely affect your son/daughter's educational performance, 504 plan eligibility and appropriate accommodations will be determined. A 504 plan is reviewed on an annual basis and each teacher who has the student in class will receive copies of the necessary accommodations. If you have questions regarding a 504 plan for your son/daughter, please contact your school's principal or guidance counselor.

Opening Day Activities

All schools will open for the fall term on Wednesday, August 16. The first day is for teachers only and will consist of a workshop and explanation of procedures for the 2017-2018 school year. The first day of attendance for students will be Thursday, August 17. The first two days, August 17 and August 18, will be shortened days with classes at the elementary school (Kindergarten - 4th grade) starting at 8:00 AM and dismissing at 11:00 AM, middle school and junior high starting at 8:30 AM and dismissing at 11:30 AM, and high school starting at 8:18 AM and dismissing at 11:30 AM. Students in the junior high and high school should report to their first hour classes.

School Board Meetings

The Board of Education will meet on August 7, August 21, and September 18 at 6:00 PM, in the Superintendent's Office. The public is invited.

Labor Day

Schools will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Early Dismissal for School Improvement

On Friday, September 29, Sherman Elementary will dismiss at 11:00AM and Williamsville Schools will dismiss at 11:30AM.

Physical Exams for the 2017-2018 School Year

In compliance with Public Act 81-184, the following students are required to submit a physical examination:

- a. Beginning pre-kindergarten students
- b. Beginning kindergarten students
- c. Students entering 6th grade
- d. Students entering 9th grade
- e. New students transferring in from out of state

The physical exam must be on the physical examination form which the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State board of Education have prescribed for statewide use. These forms are available at the school offices and on the district website. Physical examinations will be due in August at registration or on the first day of school.

Certificate of Religious Exemption for Required Immunizations or Physicals

On August 3, 2015 Public Act 099-0249 was enacted that changes the process for parents or legal guardians seeking a religious exemption to any required immunizations or examinations for their children for school attendance. The new law requires parents/legal guardians who object on religious grounds to complete a Certificate of Religious Exemption. This certificate must also be signed by the physician, and advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant responsible for performing the student examination. Beginning October 16, 2015 the use of the Certificate of Religious Exemption form is required for all students entering kindergarten, sixth or ninth grades when parents or legal guardians seek religious exemption and for all newly enrolling students requesting religious exemption on or after October 16, 2015. Failure to comply with this requirement on or before October 15 of the school year will result in a student's exclusion from school attendance until the completed form is provided to the school office. Health care providers are not expected to furnish this document. Please take a blank copy of the form with you to your scheduled appointment if seeking religious exemption. The Certificate of Religious Exemption form can be found on the public health website at www.dph.illinois.gov or at your school office.

Diet Restriction/Modification

Any student purchasing the school lunch who has diet restrictions or requires the meal modified in any way, must have a signed form from the physician. This form is personalized for each student to list appropriate food substitutions. If this form has not previously been submitted to your child's school, or if there have been changes in the diet restrictions, please contact Pauline Osman at 566-2014.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Eye examinations performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist are required for incoming kindergarten students and students transferring in from out of state. Vision exam forms must be received by the first day of school. Vision screening will be done, as mandated for all transfer students, 2nd and 8th grade students each school year. Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Students are not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months and the evaluation is on file at the school. Hearing screening will also be conducted, as mandated for all transfer students, and kindergarten through 3rd grade. This notice is not a permission to test and is not required to be returned. Vision and hearing screening is NOT an option. If a vision or hearing examination report is not on file at the school for each student of mandated age/grade/group, a screening will be conducted. If a student's vision or hearing results indicate a need for further assessment, parents will be notified so that a doctor evaluation can be obtained.

Dental Exams

The Illinois Child Health Examination Code now requires all kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grade students to have a dental examination on file at school. If your child will be entering these grade levels in August 2017, it is necessary to have that required examination. Dental examination forms may be obtained from the school office or the district website. If your child has had a dental examination within 18 months of the May 15 deadline for this school year, that exam is considered current. Just have your dentist fill out the form based on that examination.

Pesticides Application Notice

The Williamsville School District maintains a registry of parents/guardians of students and employees who have registered to receive written notification prior to the application of pesticides to district grounds or property. If you wish to be notified, please call one of the school offices and have your name added to the registry.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**Volleyball**

The Lady Bullets volleyball team will have official practice starting on Wednesday, August 9. All physical forms need to be sent to the office on or before August 9. Any athlete who does not have a current physical will not be able to participate and will miss a match at the beginning of the season. An August calendar will be given out on Wednesday, August 9.

Registration

Forms and fees payment should be sent or delivered to the WHS office in August. We will have regular office hours starting on August 2.

New Student Registration

Students new to the Williamsville School District may go to the high school office beginning August 3, from 9:00AM-3:00PM, to register.

WHS School Day

On regular school days, WHS students will report to their first hour classes by 8:18AM. Each class will be 45 minutes in length with a four minute passing period between classes. Students will be dismissed at the end of the day at 3:16PM.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes will not be made unless there are unusual circumstances. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the guidance office between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:30PM, starting August 3.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**New Student Registration**

Students new to the Williamsville School District may go to the junior high school office beginning August 3, from 9:00AM-3:00PM, to register.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**New Student Registration**

Students new to the Williamsville School District may go to the junior high school office beginning August 3, from 9:00AM-3:00PM, to register.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**New Student Registration**

New students to the district may come into the Sherman Elementary School office to register their child(ren) beginning August 2 from 8am-3pm. Please bring proof of residency.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Monday, August 14, at 7:00pm.

Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night for 1st-4th grade students will be held on Wednesday, August 16, from 4:30-6:00pm.

PTO Meetings

The first PTO meeting of the 2017-18 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 5, beginning at 6:30pm in the elementary school library. Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month. Dates are as follows: October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, and May 8. We hope to see many SES parents in attendance!

Public Notification Regarding Asbestos

The following public notification is being released for compliance with the regulations of the Federal AHERA guidelines for the management of asbestos containing material. The inspection Report and Management Plan is on file for review at the district office.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This notice is to inform occupants of the potential hazard and locations of asbestos containing materials. It has been determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency that asbestos is a potential health hazard, and precautions should be taken to avoid disturbing any asbestos containing materials.

Materials containing asbestos have been found in the following school buildings:

Junior High School	0150-26-1001
High School	0150-26-0001
Sherman Elementary	0150-26-2004
Middle School	0150-26-2003

No asbestos containing materials were used in the design and construction of the following school buildings:

District Office

Any evidence of disturbance or change in condition will be documented in the Management Plan as required by law.

Cleaning and maintenance personnel who recognize the danger of asbestos are taking special precautions during their work to properly guard against disturbance of the asbestos containing materials. All asbestos containing material is inspected and evaluated periodically and additional measures will be taken when needed to protect the health of building occupants.

I, Tip Reedy, Superintendent of the Williamsville School District 15, do hereby attest that Public Notification has been distributed to the following occupants:

Students
Employees
Administrative Staff
Parents and Guardians

Tip Reedy
Signed

July 24, 2017
Dated