



Upcoming School Events

- Play Safe Morning Program- expected start date of September 23rd (see flier for details)
- Progress reports will be available on Tuesday, September 24th
- Picture Day is September 27th
- Fire Prevention Assemblies on October 8th
- No School for students on Monday, October 14th for an Act 80 Day (Teacher In-Service)
- Book Blast- Oct. 15th - 25th
- Title I Fall Family Engagement Event on Thursday, October 24th at 5pm
- End of First Nine Weeks Reporting Period is October 24th
- Red Ribbon Spirit Week during the week of October 28th
- Evacuation Drill during the week of October 28
- 1st Report Card will be available on Thursday, October 31
- Classroom Halloween Parties will be held in the afternoon on Friday, November 1st

Parent Teacher Organization Meetings

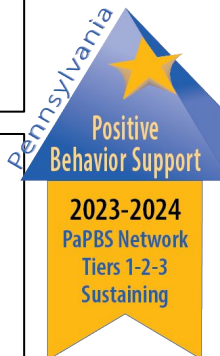
The first PTO Meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm. We encourage you to take this opportunity to get involved in your child's education. A Skylert email will be sent out by the PTO Officers with a link to the Google Meet on September 17th. If you can't make the first meeting, the second meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30pm. Additionally, the Annual Title I Family Presentation will be held during this meeting.

Career Readiness Classes

Dassa McKinney Elementary School will be implementing Career Readiness/Social Emotional Learning (SEL) classes within the 4th-6th grades. Pennsylvania was the first state to require that all students graduate with a personalized career plan and portfolio clearly defined K-12 career education benchmarks. We will be working with SMART Futures which is a Pittsburgh based company in order to formulate these career portfolios. SMART Futures provides educators/counselors with a K-12 career planning and portfolio platform that helps schools easily implement the CEW standards within any classroom.

School Wide Positive Behavior Assembly

Our School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPB) team led a SWPB Rule Review Day on September 6th. The grade level stations taught student expectations in various settings throughout the school day. This year the team is being led by 3 teachers: Mrs. Jennifer Beachem, Mrs. Mindy Bish and Mr. Chad Dillon. The SWPB team was recently informed on behalf of the Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support (PaPBS) Network, that Dassa McKinney Elementary met criteria for implementing School-Wide (SWPBIS) Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports with fidelity during the 2023-2024 school year. Dassa McKinney Elementary School, will formally receive recognition for "Tiers 1-2-3 Sustaining" in November. Way to go Dassa McKinney Elementary students, faculty, staff and community!



Skyward Parent and Family Access

Did you know you can access your child's attendance information, grades and report cards in Skyward? If you have any questions or need assistance logging in, please contact the Dassa office for help. The first nine weeks progress report grades for students in grades 1-6 will be available on September 24th at 4:00 pm. Grades will be unavailable from Wednesday, September 18th through Tuesday, September 24th for teachers to work on grade entry. Kindergarten and First Grade Progress Reports will be sent home on paper.

Family Challenge

Go on a nature walk and look for signs of fall!

