

Welcome Back!

PTO Back to School Ice Cream Social

Friday, Aug 23rd
6-7 pm

First Week's Schedule

Wednesday, August 28th: First Day of School: 12:30 dismissal

Thursday-Friday, August 29-30: 12:30 dismissals

The purpose of these early release days is to allow time for families and teachers to meet together at the beginning of the year to get to know each other and share hopes and dreams for the year. Please call the front office (624-3451) to schedule an intake conference.

Information on bus routes will be published in the Greenfield Recorder on Saturday, August 24th.



Early Release Days in September:

9/11, 9/18, and 9/25



Preschool Families

School or home visits will occur Aug. 28-30. Each child, accompanied by one parent, is required to have a visit with preschool staff. You can choose whether you would like to have it at school or home. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to set up a visit. If your schedule is tight, feel free to email Elle at emiller@mohawschools.org to schedule early. Preschool will begin Sep. 3rd with a short day. (11:30 dismissal) Our full schedule will begin Wed. Sep. 4th. We will follow the school calendar for the rest of the year. (Running Monday through Thursday)



First Day Celebration

On Wed. Aug 28th from 8:30-10:00 we invite you to join us for our First Day Celebration. This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet the teacher, hear some info about what Colrain Central School has to offer, and participate in the first all-school assembly of the year. Hope to see you there!

Changes to the handbook

At the end of last year, we did some reflecting as a staff on some of the behaviors we witnessed throughout the year and the effect they had on students, staff, and learning. We have made some changes to our handbook that will be important for you to make note of so that students and their peers are able to succeed.

- * Please drop children off in the front lobby, or by the gym door, rather than walking them to their classrooms each day. This allows students to begin to foster independence and start their day with a clear distinction between home and school. Of course, there may be times when there needs to be exceptions to this, but as a general rule, please say goodbye by the front office or the back door.
- * If your child commits a major safety infraction, you will be called and asked to come in and meet with staff within 24 hours. This will allow us to work together to create a plan for success for the student.
- * If your child commits a major safety infraction during the day, they may not be allowed to ride home on the bus or attend the After School Program that day. A family member may be asked to come and pick them up at dismissal.
- * If your child elopes from the classroom or school grounds, they may receive the consequence of having to have supervised recess(es) at a separate time from his/her peers.
- * If behaviors at the Before or After School programs are problematic, a family member may be asked to come in and meet with staff and the student to create a plan before the student is able to return to the program.
- * If there are major and/or ongoing problems on the bus, the principal may issue a bus ticket, even if the driver does not. It is critical that all students feel safe on the bus and do not provide a distraction to the driver.
- * If you volunteer to be a chaperone for a field trip or other school sponsored event, you will be asked to sign off on a set of chaperone guidelines. This is designed to ensure that everyone is clear on expectations and students are able to have the most positive experience possible.
- * The before school program will begin one hour before the start of school: 7:30 on a regular day, 8:30 on a one hour delayed opening, and 9:30 on a two hour delayed opening.