

Pioneer Slate

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We had a great start to the year, smiling faces on the kids and the staff which was wonderful to see.

We are working as a district to bring more attention to our social media presence including our Facebook page. We encourage you to check it out: facebook.com/sevastopolpioneers/ Our staff put together a video welcoming the students back in the building and a link to it is on the Facebook page.

We hit the ground running with some upcoming activities listed below.



Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, September 18 is Fire Prevention / Safety (Fire Department will visit school)

Friday, September 20 – School Picture Day

Wednesday, September 25 through Friday Sept 27 – 5th Grade travel to Trees for Tomorrow



Thursday, September 26 - *Green and Gold Day* - With the Packers playing on Thursday, September 26 staff and students are encouraged to wear Green and Gold.

Friday, September 27 – Staff In-Service – No Students

Wednesday, October 9 (5-8 pm) and **Thursday, October 10** (12-8 pm) – Parent/Teacher Conferences (note: full day of school on the 9th and half-day on the 10th)

Friday - October 11 - No School

Monday – October 14 – PTO Meeting at 3:20 pm

Tuesday, October 29 – Hearing and Vision Screening

Other Notes:

Reminders



Arrivals: The school doors will open promptly at **7:30 AM**. Parents may drop students off at the main lobby. Students who are eating breakfast will report directly to the cafeteria and those who are not, are to proceed directly to the elementary gym. A supervisor will direct students accordingly. Students will remain in either the cafeteria or the gym, under supervision, until they are released at the 7:50 bell, as the teachers are prepping for their school day and there will be

no supervision available. Students should not be going to their classrooms prior to the 7:50 bell.

Please note that the doors will be locked until 7:30.

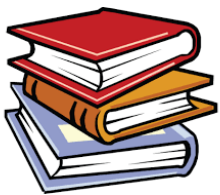
Dismissal: The door will open at **3:00 PM**. Parents arriving to pick up their students are to remain in the lobby until classes are dismissed and students are directed downstairs to be released. Please keep in mind that middle and high school classes are still in session on the first floor, so please wait quietly, as to not disturb those classes. If a parent needs to see a teacher after school, please check in at the elementary office next to the lobby. Our teachers are assigned afternoon dismissal duties and may not be available until after 3:15 or so. Please arrange to meet with a teacher in advance. You may call them or email them to make an appointment.

Appointments: If your child needs to be excused early for an appointment, it is important that you **contact the school office, in advance**, (i.e. call, email, or in person), so that the secretary has a record for attendance and can notify the teacher, and the transportation director. We ask that you do this rather than sending a note to the teacher. Also, if your child has a medical appointment – physician, dentist, etc. please provide a note from the care provider indicating the date/time of the appointment so that absence can be marked accordingly rather than as a parent excused absence.

If your child will not be taking the bus home, or will be picked up by someone different than usual, you **must call the school office by 12:00 PM**, and the secretary will notify the teacher and the transportation director. These procedures will ensure that the students are all safe and accounted for.

Spirit Wear T-Shirts: Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the annual spirit wear T-shirts that every Sevastopol student grades K4-8 will get. You should have already received the order form. There is no cost to families.

Destination Imagination: The 2019-2020 DI season is quickly approaching. To help prepare both students and parents for what is ahead, we are inviting prospective team members and parents to an orientation meeting. You have the option of attending a session on either Tuesday, September 24 or Wednesday, September 25. More details about the meeting will be sent home in your child's Take-home folder next week. Please look for the letter if interested in DI this year. DI is available to students in grades 4-12.



Book Fair: We will be hosting our regular fall Book Fair in the Multipurpose Room. It will be held October 7-10 (before & after school, lunch, and on conference nights until 8:00).

Reading Passports: To help keep children reading all summer long, Sevastopol held its second annual Summer Reading Program. With the "Passport to Reading Adventure" students were encouraged to partake in reading activities that will keep them reading all summer long. The activities were also meant to explore the names of parks, cities, and places that they visit or read about.

Each child received a "Passport to Reading Adventures" Exploration Packet the last week of school in June. Our PTO has funded for books to be given at the end of summer when you return your slips. Please have your child return the Blue Passport to Reading Adventure Forms to their classroom teachers. They will then turn them in to the Literacy Committee. Books and certificates will be given to students who turn them in at the end of September.



Magnetic Calendars – If you haven't already done so, or if you need a second one we have magnetic school calendars available in the elementary office. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring these.

Summer Enrichment Survey: Students will be bringing home a summer enrichment survey for parents/guardians to complete on Friday, September 13, 2019. Please return completed survey's to the elementary office. Only one survey will be going home per family. Thank you for your feedback as we continue to build a fantastic summer experience for students!



Rewards and Recognitions: This year we will again be recognizing students for doing great things. There are two ways to be recognized. One is through Pioneer Pride Tickets. A teacher or other staff member could give students who are caught doing well a ticket. As students accumulate tickets, they can turn them in for a variety of things. Students can also be written up for doing well on what we call our Way-2-Go forms. Those forms also entitle a student to pick an item, they get their name said on the morning announcements and a copy of the form is sent home (usually by email). We are excited at this point that two area businesses helping with this program are Jimmy Johns and Apple Valley Lanes. Please thank them for their support. We are always looking for additional partners. If you know of a business that might be interested please have them contact the elementary office.

Turkey Trot – Your School! Your Community! Your Opportunity!

Please consider signing up your child or yourself for the 2019 Sevastopol Turkey Trot!

Friday, October 4 is the deadline for the sale prices and for guaranteeing a long sleeve t-shirt!



This year's event is scheduled for **November 2**. The PTO has been organizing this event for over 10 years. We have the privilege of having Sevastopol Destination Imagination Organization team up with PTO this year. We do this for YOU! We do this because we care about Sevastopol and we care about our community! This is another day to meet your neighbors, make some friends, socialize, laugh, celebrate the importance of friendship and also encourage your child/you to participate in a fun-walk/running event!

The Sevastopol Turkey Trot is YOUR "fun-family" school/community event!

1/2 Mile Fun Run: All boys and girls that enter this race begin at the starting line and follow a 6 foot turkey in a costume. The boys and girls follow the turkey to the finish line. (They follow the turkey so no one gets lost as we have many younger children participate in this event and we want to ensure their success!) This is an incredibly fun event and very unique to Sevastopol!! We also have volunteers at the end of this race following the children - so we make sure all "cross" the finish line! Hurray! Immediately upon crossing the finish line all participants get awarded a real medal medallion!! The smiles this creates is worth more than words!!!

1,2 and 4 mile Races: We have over 23 different age categories for these 3 events. We do this for lots of reasons but the most importantly as we want to encourage lots of winners, and acknowledged that there is a big difference in athletic ability in just a few years. There is water provided at the finish line as well as at various points along the race for the 4 mile.

Chili Contest: We also have available a chili cook-off in which we are looking for folks to enter their "favorite chili"

recipe. The chili will be formally judged and a silver etched ladle is for the award winning chili! If you are interested in entering this contest please call Tracy Wautlet. (920) 495-2982.

Chili/Grilled Burgers & Hot dogs: We will have "bottom-less" bowls of chili for sale for \$5.00 and grilled burgers and hot-dogs as well! Water, coffee, hot-chocolate, bananas and a wide variety refreshments will be provided free to those entering any of the races!

Gobble Gobble - Come and join the fun November 2.

Here is the link for Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y672gd8h>

Link for Sponsors: <https://tinyurl.com/yvu42ezw>