

Pioneer Slate

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I continue to meet parents and am getting to know the students of Sevastopol every day. I have been thoroughly impressed by the staff here – their dedication to their profession and desire to truly do what is best for our students.

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 letting our students know just how “Happy” we were to have them back in the building and a link to it is on the Facebook page. Speaking of the start of school – it has been a great start to what will be a great year.

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

Monday, September 10 – PTO Meeting 3:00

Friday, September 15 – Dot Day – to encourage people of all ages to harness their creativity. The inspiration behind the event is the children’s book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds.

Friday, September 21 – School Picture Day

Wednesday, September 26 through Friday Sept 28 – 5th Grade travel to Trees for Tomorrow

Friday, September 28 – Staff In-Service – No Students

Monday, October 15 (5-8 pm) and Thursday, October 18 (12-8 pm) – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday - October 19 - No School

Other Notes:

As you may have noticed, this school year has brought some changes in procedures. Please understand that these changes are of the utmost importance in the safety and security of our students and school.

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 to their classrooms at the 8:00 bell. No students are permitted access to the 2nd and 3rd floors until the 8:00 bell, as the teachers are prepping for their school day and there will be no supervision available.

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. If at all possible, please make arrangements 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.

Turkey Trot – This is an annual event sponsored by our PTO. Last year we had our most successful Turkey Trot ever! Our profit was \$5,437.89. We want to thank our community and businesses for their support in this family fun, community event. All the money goes to the students and teachers in our school. **This year's event is on November 3.** Please mark your calendars and watch for additional information. Sign up forms are available in the elementary office.

Spirit Wear T-Shirts: The PTO has graciously agreed to sponsor a Spirit Wear T-Shirt for each elementary student in our school. What we will need from you is a form returned for each child (will be send home from your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Simply be sure to complete it with student's name, shirt size and grade. The sizing is standard but should you need to see a sample for sizing feel free to stop in the main office. **We would like all forms back by September 14** so we can place the order as soon as possible. See sample below:

SEVASTOPOL PIONEERS SCHOOL SPIRIT T-SHIRT sponsored by Sevastopol PTO
Sevastopol PTO is providing each student with a school spirit t-shirt at no cost.

Please complete 1 form per student. And return to the school office
no later than September 14, 2018

Name: _____

Gender: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Size: XS: ___ S: ___ M: ___ L: ___ XL: ___ Other: _____