

Nether Providence Elementary

410 Moore Rd.

Wallingford, PA 19086

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Principal's Note

August 24, 2022

Dear NPE Community,

The 2022-2023 school year is quickly approaching! I hope that all of our families have enjoyed a healthy and happy summer. I would also like to welcome all of our new students to the NPE family! I have truly missed our students and I have been fortunate to see some of our students at various times throughout the summer. This summer has seemingly flown by here at NPE and we are eagerly anticipating the opening days of school.

In the meantime, we are hosting an **Open House** for any NPE new families and incoming kindergarten students tomorrow, **Thursday, August 25** from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. There will be a brief presentation in the cafeteria at 3:30, followed by an opportunity to walk and visit parts of the school. Kindergarten classes will be open and there will be a school bus present for any students who have not yet had the opportunity to visit the inside of a school bus

Please take a minute to review all of the information contained in this eblast. I am aware that the start of the school year is a busy time for everyone so I will be sending out additional eblasts next week to ensure that everyone has received this information, as well as any changes that need to be communicated prior to our first day of school, which is **Tuesday, September 6**.

I also invite you to visit the [NPE website](#) frequently to remain informed about activities, news stories, and announcements.

The NPE staff will return next week for in-services and room preparations for the return to school. The focus during our opening days will be reviewing our “Three to Be” at NPE with all of our students, as well as the implementation of classroom-based activities to promote community and belonging.

We look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday, September 6!**

Fondly,

Al Heinle

Principal

Nether Providence Elementary

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Back to School Information

- [2022-2023 WSSD School Calendar](#)
- [WSSD Attendance Brochure](#)
- [WSSD Attendance Procedures](#)
- [WSSD Trip Pre-approval Form](#)
- [School Supply List](#)
- [Nutrition Group Update](#)
- [Free and Reduced Food Application](#)
- [Principal's Summer Update \(August\)](#)

Class Assignments

The WSSD Parent Portal should be accessible after 8:00 AM today, **Wednesday, August 24**. You should be able to view your child's teacher and room assignment. For your reference, I have included directions below on how to access PowerSchool. You can find a list below of homeroom number assignments reference here:

[NPE Room Numbers](#)

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping them understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. Our entire staff works hard to make school a positive experience for all students.

Power School ACCESS

Visit the Parent Portal at wssd.powerschool.com/public, then click "Forms" and the classroom assignment will be under the "Elementary Information" category.



Email Notification



Teacher Comments



Forms



School Bulletin

Change of Address

Status	Form Name
Empty	[WSSD] - Change of Address - Submit ONLY if you've moved

Elementary Information

Status	Form Name
Empty	[WSSD] - Elementary Chromebook Access - Lunch Pin/Elementary Google Password
Empty	[WSSD] - Elementary Home Room Assignment

Meet Our New Staff Members

Dr. Liz Corson - 5th Grade

Dr. Corson will be replacing Miss Pulos who departed to pursue other opportunities this past summer. Dr. Corson has taught fifth grade at Swarthmore-Rutledge School (SRS) for many years. We are excited to add her to our team!

Mrs. Sara Benamy - Art

We are thrilled to welcome back Mrs. Benamy to NPE! Mrs. Benamy will be our new art teacher at NPE. Mrs. Benamy is no stranger to the NPE community as she served as our in-person art teacher during the 2020-2021 school year. She has also served as a long and short term substitute in grade 3 and 4, respectively.

Mrs. Deb Sweeney - School Nurse

We welcome Deb Sweeney to our NPE Office team. Mrs. Sweeney has most recently served the WSSD community in the role of lead COVID Nurse. She is excited to join our community and learn more about our students and families.

Mrs. Laura Blocksom - Learning Support

Mrs. Blocksom will be joining the NPE community as our new K-1 Learning Support teacher. Mrs. Blocksom is an experienced educator who comes to us with a variety of experiences working with students across the grade levels.

Miss Alyssa Pyne - Kindergarten

Miss Pyne rejoins the NPE community for the 22-23 school year! Miss Pyne taught kindergarten last year in the fall of 2021 and spent the remainder of the year as a long term substitute at Wallingford Elementary. Miss Pyne will be replacing Mrs. Gray, who will be transitioning to 2nd grade this year. Mrs. Gray will be taking over for Mrs. Pandov. We wish Mrs. Pandov the best of luck as she has relocated with her family since the end of the 21-22 school year.

Mrs. Shannon Sluzalis - School Psychologist

We would like to welcome Mrs. Sluzalis to the NPE student support team! She is an experienced school psychologist, most recently in the Twin Valley SD. She is excited to join our student support team. Mrs. Sluzalis should be joining us some time in the early fall. In the meantime, WSSD District personnel and psychologists from the Chester County Intermediate Unit will be supporting our students and staff.

Transportation

Transportation routes and information should be available the first week in September via the parent portal. We recommend double checking the information close to the start of the school year in case last minute changes needed to be made.

Breakfast/Lunch Information

Both breakfast and lunch will be available in the cafeteria beginning **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**. For information on My School Bucks, please visit this link: [My School Bucks](#)

Menus: [Food Services \(The Nutrition Group\) / Menus](#)

Back to School Night

Our annual Back to School Night will be held in-person on **Thursday, September 22**. For a complete schedule, please click here: [Back to School 2022](#).

We hope to see you!

Arrival and Dismissal Process

Arrival

Morning drop-off will occur in the side parking lot for car riders. Buses will drop students off in the front loop. Drivers remain in cars while staff members direct cars to the unloading/pickup area and assist with student car exit/entry. Please do not unload before directed to do so. Please do not leave the line and go around other cars or buses. As cars advance, please proceed slowly out onto Moore Road.

Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:20 a.m., unless they are attending a school-sponsored music lesson.

Students arriving to school after 8:45 a.m. are considered late and must be escorted into the school's Main Office in the front of the building by a parent/guardian to be signed in.

Throughout the year NPE offers after-school clubs and activities for which students will need to be picked up at the end of each session (usually around 4:30 p.m.).

Mid-Day Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Kindergarten Students

Mid-day kindergarten drop-off and pick-up is conducted in the front loop of NPE. Students who are bus riders will be escorted from their bus by NPE staff at arrival time and will likewise be brought to the bus by NPE staff at dismissal. Car riders can be dropped off and picked up in the front loop.

Dismissal/Car Riders

If you are picking up your child in a private vehicle, your child will be considered a **“CAR RIDER.”**

Students will be called for dismissal once walkers have been dismissed from the building. Students will be lined up in the gym. NPE staff will facilitate the loading of vehicles, once the adult has been identified by staff. To assist in this process, please clearly display the **VALET NAME CARD** on the front dashboard of your vehicle. This will speed up the dismissal process. Once loaded, vehicles will be directed out of the front loop by the township crossing guard.

“BUS RIDING STUDENTS” are dismissed from their classrooms via PA system beginning at approximately 3:30 p.m. Students are lined up in the front hallway by NPE staff before being escorted to the buses, which will line up in the front loop as they arrive.

- **Bus riding students are not permitted to ride a different bus to another child’s home for a play date. Any requests for a change in bus assignment must be arranged through BOTH WSSD Transportation and NPE Main Office. Transportation can be reached at 610-892-3470 extension 1701 or 1702.**
- If you need to change your child’s dismissal plan on any given day, you must send a written note to school. Your child will not be released to any individual who is not listed on the Student Information Form or identified by you in a written note. Individuals picking up your child will be required to show proof of identification.
- If we do not have written notification of a change or a phone call to our school’s Main Office, the student will need to follow their regular form of transportation.

Bicycle Riders

Children are permitted to ride their bicycles to school. We recommend that a child be in **third grade** before riding to school and all children must wear a helmet. There are bike racks located by the main entrance of the building. Students should lock their bike at this location. Students should walk the bicycle while on school grounds during the arrival and dismissal process. Students should only cross Moore Rd. at the established crossing area under the crossing guard's supervision.

Walkers

We recommend that only students in **grades 3-5** be allowed to walk to school without an accompanying adult. All walkers will be dismissed at the "old" entrance to NPE, adjacent to the Library. All students who walk to school should cross Moore Rd. at the established crossing area under the crossing guard's supervision.

NOTE: IF YOU UNSUBSCRIBE BELOW, YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE CRITICAL E-BLASTS FROM WSSD OR ANY OF OUR SCHOOLS. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO NOT USE THE UNSUBSCRIBE FEATURE. Wallingford-Swarthmore School District would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Wallingford-Swarthmore School District directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

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