

# Patriot News

August 1st, 2020

Welcome Back to School!!! I hope everyone had a refreshing summer break! We are looking forward to a new school year! We recognize that we will start off this school year with the specific focus of moving forward with COVID 19 still a factor but wanting to work hard to continue to provide continuous education for our students.

To start the year off please keep in mind that we are limiting access to our school during the school day. For now we will not allow parents to come and eat lunch with their child. We would also like to limit birthday treats coming in to the school. While I know these are things that we would normally allow, please understand that we are doing this for the health and safety of our students and staff.

Our Early Learning Academy will begin on Monday, August 10th. We are excited to have Mrs. Kristen Carpenter as the teacher along with Mrs. Abney. This is a wonderful way for our 4 year olds to get ready for Kindergarten.

We welcome Sandy Bradshaw as our temporary Kitchen Supervisor. Sandy has been at the High School for many years and we appreciate all her help at this time! We welcome Mrs. Brandi Tapia who will be training in the kitchen for the next couple of months! We are still in need of a Cafeteria Monitor, so please let me know if there is someone who is interested! We also welcome Mrs. Megan Trevelyan to Sommer, who is temporarily filling in as a Substitute teacher for Mrs. Bonwell and then will transition to take over music when Mrs. Hardisty leaves for her maternity leave.

Our Sommer PTO has been busy working behind the scenes to provide classroom grants for teachers to help with purchasing supplies, providing some initial classroom snacks for those first days of school, and encouraging parents to put up signs to welcome our students Back to School. Thank you to any who participated in this great way to show support and love to our students and staff! For this school year our Sommer PTO officers are Susannah Hinds, Allison Delp, Breanna Bonebrake, Kylie Bechtel, Marci Schultz, and Brittney Hernandez. If you have any questions or want to help participate with this organization you can send an email message to sommerpto@gmail.com. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Just a reminder for parents if you have any questions or concerns about our "Return to School" procedures please refer to this document <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16zYLyrJkbOOIL9pDHzFeYfcnZtVowSA2/view>.

We are school wide this year with using Class DoJo to communicate with parents. We are encouraging all of our parents to be connected to their child's classes through this avenue.

At Sommer Elementary we promote the growth and well being of the whole child. We offer opportunities for students to explore art and music as well as academic achievements. We strive to work with families to provide open communication about what is happening at school and after school. For students to grow in their knowledge and work hard at achieving their goals, it takes families and school partnering together. Our focus this school year will follow academic growth in reading, writing and math and promote school

wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

As a reminder, the school day starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Students are counted tardy if they are here after 7:50 a.m. Those students who are car riders in the morning will need to wait in the cars until the doors open at 7:30 a.m. Parents please follow the path of cars to ensure the safety of our students. Our school doors are locked and visitors have to buzz in during the school day. If a student will be changing their after school plans for the day, you must notify the office and no changes will be made after 1:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 362-3979 ext. 224. You can also follow North Montgomery Community School Corporation on Facebook at facebook.com/NorthMontgomery, and on Twitter @NorthMontgomery. You can follow Sommer on Twitter @lbsommer

We are looking forward to another great year and thank you for your continued support of this school and staff!

**Mrs. Gephart**

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

## Counselor Corner

As we continue on this adventure together, please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have for your student's social and emotional well being. The link below will take you to MacMindful resources that are related to the social and emotional learning that we are reinforcing at school. These resources are both specific to "pandemic" needs and also overall wellness for students and families.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16VzHaMh5-O6Mj4wAdt4AUQWcRp5yuHD6>

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Welcome back everyone! Here's a link to some helpful information for our return to school. As always, please call me at school if you have any questions pertaining to your child's health. ~Mrs. Rice, RN

[https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/BackToSchool\\_Handout.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/BackToSchool_Handout.pdf)



## Upcoming Events:

**Aug. 6th-** 1st Student Day

**Aug. 10th** - ELA begins

**Aug. 11th-**PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria

**Aug. 24th-28th-**Back to School Virtual Meetings with Parents and Teachers to go over expectations- more info coming about this soon!

**Sept. 2nd** School Picture Day

**Sept. 7th-** Labor Day-No School

**Sept. 8th-**PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria