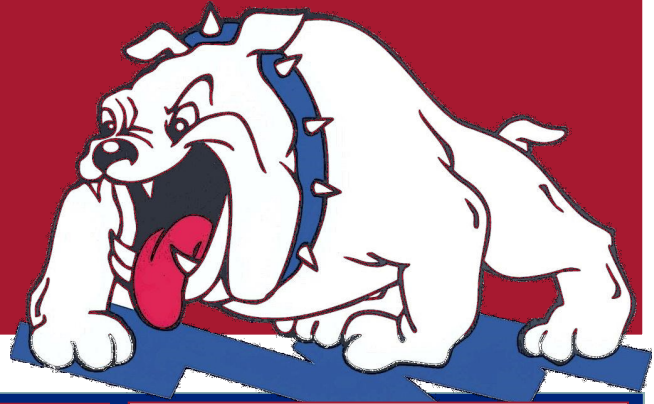


EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Erin Holman, Assistant Superintendent

In the spring, the District completed a pilot of online registration for new Kindergarten students, and in July we started enrolling all new students through our online process. This has been a successful transition. We also registered families in our community portal on Saphire. This will allow us to disseminate information quickly to all of our families. Kiosks are set up in each building for families who do not have internet access or need help with the process.

The Special Education Department



has been working to increase work-based learning opportunities for high school students in our Food Services and Buildings and Grounds Departments in cooperation with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR).

BUSINESS OFFICE

Sheri Schlemmer,
Business Manager

The Middle School and High School Activity buses, the District's continued effort to offer all students the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities, will begin running on August 20th. Runs will leave the Middle School and High School at 4:15 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. and drop students off at select locations throughout the District.

The full list of stops and the required permission slip can be found on the District website. Hard copies of the information and permission slip will also be available at the school offices.



“Progress always involves risk. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.”
Frederick B. Wilcox

STUDENT NUTRITION

Scott Rutkowski, Director

The Summer Lunch Program held at the Middle School Cafeteria was a success on several levels! The West York Area School District served more than 1,400 healthy meals to children from our community. The lunches were served in a safe, air-conditioned environment, Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. In addition to serving nutritious meals, staff was able to meet and get to know many children and parents from our community.

This success would not have been possible without partnerships within the community, including volunteers from local churches St. Matthews and St. James.

I also want to thank District staff for their dedication and help with the lunch program. It was very well received by the West York community, and I look forward to an even bigger and better lunch club next year!



1,400

Healthy meals served in the
2018 WYASD



SOCIAL MEDIA



+398

PAGE LIKES

+530

NEW FRIENDS



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Todd Davies, Superintendent

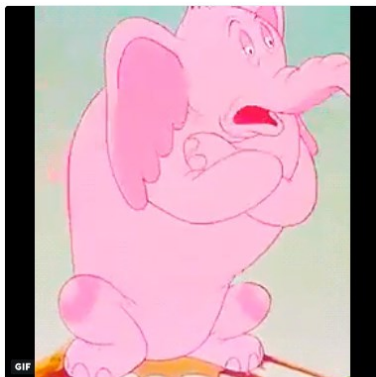
WYASD Supt. Davies @WYASDSupt August 9

The **#wyasd** Bulldog Leadership Team spent the day planning for the 2018-19 school-year. We are fortunate having such a dedicated group of student-centered administrators- It's going to be a Great Year! **#esedwyasd**



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WYASD Supt. Davies @WYASDSupt June 13



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Summer Reading in the Park!!! I'll be at W. Poplar Terrace Park at 2:00 PM!! I'll send an update if we need to reschedule due to rain. Horton and I hope to see you there!

#esedwyasd #wyasd

WYASD Supt. Davies @WYASDSupt July 19

Welcome to Bulldog Country! West York Area School District names resource officers for upcoming school year <http://via.fox43.com/vD2W6> via **@fox43**



TECHNOLOGY

Sherri Miller, Director

Summertime is always busy in the Tech Department. This year we purchased new network hardware, more than 600 Chromebooks, and 30 laptops. Additionally, existing computers are being repaired and imaged, and software systems updated. The updated technology is a key factor in student growth and achievement. Additionally, 20 classrooms will receive new interactive projectors and ten classrooms will get new mounted projectors. We are working to create an environment where students can efficiently use technology on a regular basis. It's a lot of work, but it's all for Every Student Every Day!!



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Jeff Ludwig, Supervisor

The front office of the Middle School has a new look this year and a new way for visitors to enter the build-

ing. We have taken these steps to strengthen our commitment to provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

The renovation consists of an additional door entry and an additional counter partition. All visitors will be required to go through the office prior to getting into the building, so visitors will no longer have access to the lobby upon first entry into the building as in previous years.

The Every Student Every Day initiative was in the forefront of this project.



MIDDLE SCHOOL - GRADES 6-8

Anthony Campbell, Principal

Matthew Minacci, Assistant Principal

Over the summer, our Middle School math teachers attended training workshops for the updated CPM math curriculum that will be used in the fall. CPM math focuses on three pillars of Cooperative Learning, Problem Based Learning, and Mixed, Space Practice. Teachers learned more about these instructional strategies and how to help students use mathematics to solve real-world problems. Students will have hands-on and online opportunities to answer the age-old question, "Why do I need to learn this?" Our teachers are excited to bring these opportunities to Every Student Every Day.

A group of Middle School teachers also worked with scheduling consultant Dr. Michael Rettig to look at scheduling options for the 2019-20 school year. We learned about a variety of master scheduling ideas to help provide the best program possible for Middle School students. This work will continue into the fall to create more Exploratory options for our students next year.

We conducted several staff interviews over the summer and are excited to welcome many new Bulldogs to the Middle School family. All of these teachers demonstrated a strong passion for teaching, supporting the whole child, and bringing the best possible experience to Every Student Every Day.



The Middle School is happy to welcome Student Resource Officer Brian Schlemmer! We are looking forward to working with Officer Schlemmer to further our commitment of providing students with a safe environment in which they can thrive.

WALLACE - Grades K-1

Jonathan Hoffman, Principal

The students and teachers at Wallace Elementary have been hard at work this summer! We welcomed 25 students to a kindergarten readiness learning session we call "Leaping into Kindergarten Literacy." This program introduces letters, sounds, and concepts of print. The program offers the opportunity for our select group of students to experience the building and alleviate some anxiety of starting in the "big school."

Our teachers are doing a great job providing this experience to our youngest Bulldog learners.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Beth Thieret, Director

It has been a busy and exciting summer of hiring new staff for the 2018-19 school year.

Since students left for the summer break, we have had several new hires:

32 teachers

11 support staff

5 administrators

Additionally, we filled 109 co-curricular assignments. We are ready for the new school year and eager for students to return!



ATHLETICS

Frank Hawkins, Director

In the months of June and August, the athletic department, assisted by OSS, conducted 190 physicals. This Fall season we have 260 High School student athletes competing across nine sports and 69 Middle School student athletes competing across four sports, with more student athletes participating daily.

The 2018-19 fall season is underway as of Monday August 13! We would like to wish all of our student-athletes the best throughout the 2018-19 fall Season.

Go Dogs!

BY-THE-NUMBERS

260

High School student athletes competing in fall sports.

69

Middle School student athletes competing in fall sports.



District Communications

Cindi Greco, Coordinator

School may not have been in session this summer, but there was a steady stream of good news and pertinent information to share with the community about our District.

Reminders about athletic physicals, Sapphire portal sign ups, and the YMCA Before & After Care program are a few examples of the information we have recently sent to District parents.

There was no shortage of information regarding new District employees to share. We introduced these new teachers and administrators via social networks throughout the summer months.

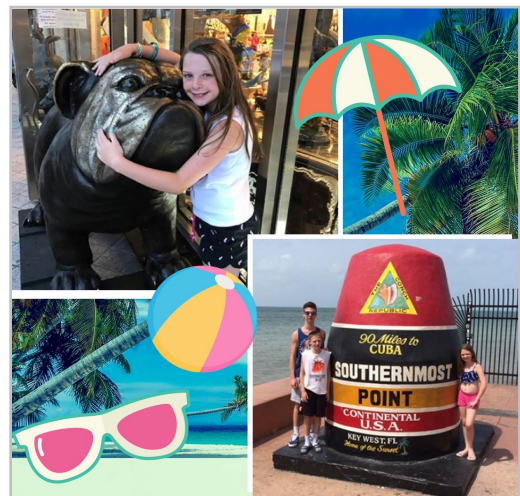
Several of our District parents also sent in photos from their summer vacations! Parent involvement in communications is inspiring and will only grow as the new school year starts.

The goal of the communications department is to deliver information that is accurate, timely, and helpful, not to mention fun when appropriate. Positive feedback and suggestions from the community

is helping to shape the content and manner in which we deliver that information.

We have also been working with District principals on sprucing up the hallways and classrooms with fresh banners, posters, and signs. The new (giant) banner in the Middle School gym leaves no doubt to any visitor that they're in Bulldog Territory!

Please follow us on social media and visit our website as we continue to share relevant news and information about our District.



Curriculum and K-12 Instruction

Melissa Appnel, Director of K12 Education and Assessment

Over the summer, there was a tremendous amount of activity for Every Student Every Day!

Our students had opportunities to visit with school and community members during our Wednesday Read Alouds in five of our local parks. Several of our teachers, members of the leadership team, and community leaders took time to meet with children under the pavilions and share a favorite story. The visits also highlighted the installations of our Bulldog Book Exchanges. The read alouds were spotlighted regularly on our District social media

accounts to engage our stakeholders as much as possible. The summer reading to encourages and equalizes opportunity and access to quality books while the buildings are closed.

Interviews for our varied open positions were conducted weekly, if not daily. Interviewing is the most important task over the summer, as the quality of the teacher matters most when it comes to our students. We are certain to have hired the very best for our students and for our culture of Every Student Every Day!

It was summertime, but teacher participation and energy was intense! High School and Middle School teacher committees met for two days each with Dr. Michael Rettig, a scheduling consultant who has led discussions on best practices across the country. We are creating schedules that increase opportunities, provide flexibility, and ensure K-12 alignment. The work continues this fall as investigation, research, and communication will determine the needs of our students and schedules.



*The whole purpose of education
is to turn mirrors into windows.*

Sydney J. Harris

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HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-12

Carrie Jones, Acting Principal
Wayne Dull, Assistant Principal
Kelly Mefford, Assistant Principal

The new administrative team at the High School has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year! Students' schedules are finalized and were released via the Sapphire Community Portal on August 13th. We have been busy interviewing for various vacancies in the building and are extremely excited about the new staff we are bringing on board in the areas of English Language Arts, Learning Support, and support staff. Keystone data is being analyzed and the upcoming assessment calendar is being finalized. Building-level safety plans and policies are being reviewed and discussed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

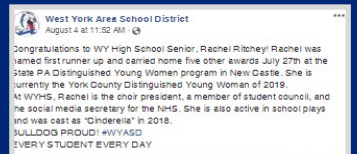
Our talented marching band students enjoyed a musical week at camp learning the field show for the upcoming season, while our Link Crew leaders continue to plan and prepare for the first day for 9th graders.

Rachel Ritchey was runner up at states for Distinguished Young Woman and took home five additional trophies.

With the continued partnership with the West Manchester Police Department, we are excited to be introducing Officer Sefchick as our School Resource Officer (SRO). He will

be working diligently to build proactive and positive relationships with students and staff while he helps us to refine our safety measures. Look for him at after-school events!

Continued discussion is being held regarding the schedule for the 2019-20 school year to ensure it supports more choices for student flexibility and course offerings. Additional information will be shared in the coming months via the district website.



LANGUAGE ARTS

Wendy Greutz, Coordinator

As the District's English Learners begin their language development instruction this school year, they will find some new instructional materials that will be used in their ESL classes. At the elementary level, new Big Books, as well as additional copies of the current textbook series, have arrived. New supplemental materials such as language games will provide for hands-on learning.

At the secondary level, a new series of textbooks will be utilized to support our English Learners' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. These materials will support



our District's mission of Every Student Every Day as students have new resources to assist in increasing their English language proficiency and opportunities for academic growth.

West York Area School District 2018-19

BACK²
SCHOOL
NIGHT **6:30 P.M.**

- Lincolnway Elementary: August 29
- WY Middle School: August 30
- Trimmer Elementary: September 4
- WY High School: September 5
- Wallace Elementary: September 6



Every Student Every Day

LINCOLNWAY ELEMENTARY GRADES 2-3

Catherine Kveragas, Principal

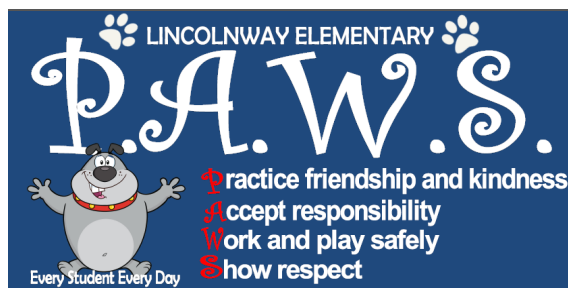
Lincolnway is getting ready for students! All of the floors are nice and shiny, rooms are set up, and our building is looking great - all thanks to the great maintenance staff that always ensures we have a clean, safe learning environment!

A student from the high school is also working on cleaning up our courtyard as part of his graduation project, and it looks great!

Additionally, we've spent a lot of time this summer interviewing teachers and aides to make sure we have a fully-staffed building, ready for our students on August 22nd!

Look for fresh banners and posters in the hallways of Lincolnway this year! Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) committee met throughout last year and updated the school-wide plan. The focus is on

P.A.W.S. - Practice friendship and kindness, Act responsibly, Work and play safely, Show respect. Behaviors will be monitored through a clip chart that allows students opportunities to reflect on their choices with a focus on redemption after a poor choice is made. Students will be recognized for their positive choices in multiple ways throughout the year.



TRIMMER ELEMENTARY- GRADES 4-5

Jenna Sloan, Principal

Trimmer Elementary is ready for Every Student Every Day to roll out for the start of the school year! A lot of work has been done by our building custodians and maintenance staff, technology crew, building secretary, and teachers, to prepare for another year filled with PRIDE at Trimmer.

Our PRIDE (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, Engagement) committee worked hard in July to finalize the new plan for our building wide Positive Behavior Support System. This included work on lesson plans to support each of the letters in our acronym and setting up a display case that

will help to advertise the items in our school store. A big shout out to all of those teachers for their hard work and dedication designing a program that is best for our students.

Classrooms have been cleaned and floors waxed. The texts and emails from teachers are flooding the building because they want to know when they can set up the rooms! Many rooms are in progress, some just need some fine tuning and a couple are ready for our Bulldogs! Pictured is Ms. Briana Hoover's 4th grade room, almost ready for students. It includes a Peaceful Place where students can reflect and practice mindfulness strategies to remain ready to learn.

Our library is going through an overhaul this summer so



that it can become a classroom space for our MATRIX Encore class - Media, Arts, Technology, Research, Innovation, Experiments. We are looking forward to a fantastic year at Trimmer with our 4th and 5th graders. With open communication and team work, we are creating opportunities for our students to thrive!



2018-19 DISTRICT WELCOME

August 20, 2018

