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Dear Penn Valley Families,

August, 2019

Please take the time to review these procedures carefully. We continue to evaluate our procedures and make changes to improve safety for our students and the community. Safety is a priority for our students.

Student Arrival by Vehicle:

The driveway between North Park Drive and North Turn Lane is exclusively for parent drop off and pick up. This is a one-way driveway entered from North Park Drive. When dropping students off via the car rider line, drivers are expected to come to the next available cone to drop off students in front of the A-wing doors. Stay in one straight line, stop your vehicle, drop off your child and you are free to go. Please do not get out of your vehicle as we want to keep traffic moving smoothly. We will have staff on duty beginning at 8:35 AM, so your child will be greeted. Please do not hold up the car rider line watching your child enter the building. All students can enter through the A-wing doors to walk inside the building or they can use the walkway that leads to the B-wing door. Please follow the directions given by our security guard.

*Parents are not allowed to use the bus loop on North Turn Lane. This is designated strictly for buses and vans. Please do not park anywhere in this loop.

Student Dismissal by Vehicle:

The pick-up traffic pattern is the same as the arrival pattern. A staff member will greet you and identify which cone near the A-wing door you can pick up your child(ren). **Please post, in large print, the student's last name on a piece of paper in the windshield to expedite the pick-up process.**

Walkers Arrivals:

Students should not arrive at school before 8:45 AM, unless they are having breakfast, which begins at 8:35 AM. Students whose classrooms are in A-wing will wait under the canopy at the end of A-wing. Students whose classrooms are in B or C-wing will wait under the canopy at the end of B-wing. The students will stand in line based on their designated grade level. Doors will open at 8:50 AM, at which time students will proceed to their classrooms. **Parents will not be permitted to accompany children to their classrooms.**

Walkers Dismissal:

Students in Grades 2 & 3 will be dismissed through the B-wing exit. Students in Grades 4 & 5 will be escorted out the door along side of the library in between both wings, weather permitting. If not, they will exit B-Wing. Students in Grades K & 1 will be dismissed through the A-wing exit. Older siblings may meet younger siblings under the canopy at A-wing. Walkers must go directly home.

Bicycle Riders:

Students in Grade 3, 4 & 5 may ride bikes to school. All bikes should be parked and locked at one of the bike racks in the courtyard between A and B-wing. **It is required by law to wear a helmet.** If the law is not followed this privilege will be suspended.

Bus Arrival:

Bus riders will go directly to the gym where they will be supervised until 8:50 AM, when they will be dismissed to their classrooms. Bus riders who are eating breakfast will report directly to the cafeteria upon arrival.

Bus Dismissal:

Bus and childcare riders will report directly to the gym. Students will board their buses/vans from that location.

Dog & Pet Owners:

While many of us own dogs, bringing dogs or other pets to our dismissal area is **NOT** permitted. Dogs can become startled at the sight of our students, buses, vehicles, parents and other dogs. This, in turn, can create a situation for our students (especially our younger students) that is not safe. Also, there are students who are allergic to animals.

Changes in Your Child's Dismissal Plans:

Any change that is made to your child's dismissal plan **must be indicated in writing for your child's teacher.** This could include a change in how your child leaves (walker vs. vehicle rider) or even a change in who your child is leaving with for the day. **It is strongly encouraged that these decisions are made prior to the start of school or early in the school day.**

Dismissal Times:

- 3:30 PM Dismissal bell chimes –Principal/Designee will make the afternoon announcements.
- 3:35 PM Bus/Van students report to the gym. **Walkers begin the dismissal process.**
- 3:37 PM Car riders will begin their dismissal.

I know that the safety of our children is everyone's priority. If everyone practices basic safety, exercises common sense, follows the traffic laws and has patience, we will make the dismissal process as safe and effective as possible for our students.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS

Riding the bus is a privilege. Students are expected to behave appropriately while at the bus stop and riding the bus. Their appropriate behavior will result in a safe bus ride for all students. These expectations will be reviewed at school as well.

The following **expected behaviors** are for **all** Penn Valley students:

At the bus stop and while riding the bus:

Follow directions given by driver and safety.	Report any problems to the driver or safety.
Keep all materials in your bookbag.	Use quiet voices.
Sit in assigned seat.	Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
Use the handrail when entering and exiting the bus.	Give notes to your teacher if you will not be riding the bus.

Please support us by discussing the above expectations with your son or daughter. This will ensure the safety of all the students on the bus and at the bus stop. Please remember that inappropriate behavior on the bus or bus stop may result in the loss of bus riding privileges.



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Wellness Policy Update

Dear Penn Valley Families,

The Pennsbury School District wellness policy was updated. Under the guidelines of the wellness policy, we are no longer permitted to have sweet treats for birthday celebrations. If parents/guardians elect to send in a small treat, please note that items such as cupcakes, cakes, ice cream, donuts, brownies and other sweet treats will not be permitted. Suggestions for healthy treats include: fruit, soft pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, yogurt, cheese and crackers, etc. Please do not send in sweet treats for your child's birthday! If this occurs, you will be contacted and asked to pick up the item. Parents/guardians should contact their child's teacher in advance of sending any birthday celebration items to school. Remember that birthday celebrations at school are very quick and time is limited. Items such as balloons, party bags, etc. are not permitted. To view the policy Student Wellness Policy 246.1R2, go to the Pennsbury website under board policies.

Respectfully,

Barbara Hidalgo
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Emergency School Closing and Early Dismissal Procedures

As we begin the new school year, I would like to remind you to discuss with your child(ren) alternate care arrangements in the event there is a scheduled or unscheduled early school dismissal (ie. Snow, excessive heat, water emergency, storms). This information will help ensure that your child understands where he/she is to go in this type of event. Identify below the arrangements you have made by completing the bottom portion of this notice. Please return it to your child's teacher by Friday, August 30th.

It is the policy of the Pennsbury School District to operate every day that children can be transported safely. If it is necessary to close school, notice will be posted as follows:

Official Notification

- *Blackboard Connect automated phone, email, and texting system
- *Web: www.pennsburysd.org
- *Hotline: 215-428-4100, option 8
- *Comcast Cable Channel 28
- *Verizon FiOS Channel 42
- *Text @psdalerts to 81010 for District Remind messaging

Secondary Notification

The following radio and television stations will also announce Pennsbury by name if school is closed.

RADIO: WBCB-1490AM

WPST-94.5FM

KYW-1060AM

TELEVISION: CBS-3, NBC-10, 6-ABC and FOX-29

Weather conditions may be such that a delayed opening of two or three hours will be necessary. Notification of a delayed opening will be communicated in the same manner as a school closing. **Buses will arrive at stops two or three hours later than usual and school will begin two or three hours later.**

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

Elementary Schools 2 hour delay 11:00 a.m. 3 hour delay 12:00 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSALS

On some occasions, it may be necessary to dismiss students early from school due to developing weather conditions or emergency circumstances. Therefore, it is critical for parents and guardians to plan ahead for the potential need for child care. Please discuss appropriate after-school arrangements with your children so they know what to do.

BH/eao

(Emergency School Closing & Early Dismissal Procedures, 19-20 school open)

Emergency School Closing and Early Dismissal Procedures

Student Name: _____ Room #: _____

In the event of an early closing, my child will be a: Walker _____ Ride bus # _____ Car rider _____

The destination will be: Home _____ Other _____ (complete information below)

Adult's name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

On the Playground...

We R Respectful - We follow the school rules of a game. We accept decisions made by adults. We include everyone who wants to play.

We R Responsible - We line up quickly and quietly when the whistle is blown. We put away all equipment. We report all injuries and problems to an adult.

We R Safe - We stay in the designated recess area. We use equipment properly. We keep hands and feet to ourselves.

In the Bathroom...

We R Respectful - We use inside voices. We respect the privacy of others.

We R Responsible - We return to class in a timely manner. We clean up after ourselves. We flush the toilet.

We R Safe - We keep water and soap in the sink. We wash our hands. We throw trash in the trash cans.

During Arrival and Dismissal...

We R Respectful - We greet others kindly. We follow the directions of the adults and safeties the first time.

We R Responsible - We wait in our assigned line. We report to school on time. We keep all materials in our bookbag. We report any problems to the safeties or adult.

We R Safe - We enter and exit the building calmly. We report any problems to the safety or adult. We sit in assigned seats.

During All-School Meetings & Assemblies...

We R Respectful - We clap at appropriate times.

We R Responsible - We watch and listen to the speaker or performer.

We R Safe - We stay in our seat. We keep our hands in our laps.

Some behaviors are unacceptable and will result in immediate action by the principal and/or guidance counselor.

Each disciplinary action and consequence is unique in nature. Based on the infraction, the principal, guidance counselor, and teacher will work to determine appropriate steps and consequences as necessary.

Series of Consequences:

Each classroom has an existing discipline plan developed by the teacher and students. Minor infractions will be taken care of within the classroom. Teachers will contact home in the event of consistent discipline issues. If the problem then continues to exist, the student will be referred to the guidance counselor. Major infractions will be addressed by the principal.

The following consequences will occur:

1st - A meeting will be held between the student and guidance counselor.

A parent contact could be made and an appropriate consequence given.

2nd - A meeting will be held between the principal and student. A parent contact will be made and an appropriate consequence will be given.

3rd - A parent conference will be held.

4th - Parent contact will be made and suspension may occur.

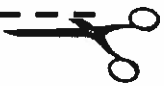
PENN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Disciplinary Guidelines



Pennsbury School District
Fallsington, PA



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Penn Valley community recognizes and appreciates your role in raising kind, responsible, and trustworthy children in our community. We believe that any effort to encourage appropriate social behavior and safety requires your parental cooperation, understanding, and support. I am asking each parent/guardian, as well as classroom teachers, to review the behavior guidelines established at Penn Valley Elementary School with their children.

It is in your child's best interest that we work together to support a positive learning environment. This plan is an effort on our part to keep you better informed concerning all aspects of your child's educational experience. Please take the time necessary to read and discuss this brochure to/with your child.

Penn Valley staff continues to be a community of learners striving for excellence, exhibiting pride in our accomplishments, modeling strong character values, and demonstrating respectful, responsible, & safe behavior.

Your acknowledgement, understanding, and support of Penn Valley's Disciplinary Guidelines and Consequences is integral to the growth, safety, and success of your child and our community. Please sign and return the tear-off slip to your child's teacher by Friday, August 30, 2019.

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Disciplinary

Guidelines

In all areas of Penn Valley...

We R Respectful

We R Responsible

We R Safe

*Guidelines for specific
areas of Penn Valley:*

In the Hallway...

We R Respectful - We walk silently in classroom lines.

We R Responsible - We stay in line and keep personal space. We keep our hands at our sides.

We R Safe - We look where we are going. We control our bodies.

In the Cafeteria...

We R Respectful - We use inside voices. We follow directions. We show good manners.

We R Responsible - We bring our lunch or lunch money to the cafeteria. We make healthy food choices. We clean up our trash and any spills.

We R Safe - We maintain a clean eating area. We raise our hand for assistance.

We understand and accept the guidelines and consequences outlined in the Penn Valley Disciplinary Guidelines.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student



PENN VALLEY ELEMENTARY & ID# 23778

Dear Supporter:

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year's A+ Program runs from September 6, 2019 through March 14, 2020.

Our school **Penn Valley Elementary**, ID#: **23778** has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant!

Former Supporters:

You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:

- Beginning *August 2, 2018*, visit giantfoodstores.com and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT", followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT", then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school.
- If you do not have an online account, visit giantfoodstores.com and click "REGISTER". Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.
- You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-888-814-4268 option 1.

To earn points:

- Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at any Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more cash rewards for our school!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,
Ms. Hidalgo

OUR SCHOOL: Penn Valley Elementary School

OUR ID#: 23778

A+ REWARDS PROGRAM RUNS 9/7/18 – 3/16/19

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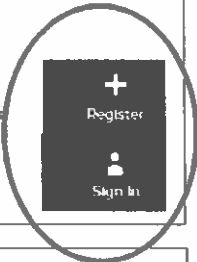
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Savings

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2) Access your account settings



Manage Your Account



Rewards & Savings

3) Select your preferred school(s) to reward

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