

Mariaville School News

Schalmont Central School District

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From the Principal

Mariaville School:
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Dear Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our students and our parents to another school year here at Mariaville School.

During the first few days of school we will be sending home a number of important items, such as a student information form, and a Mariaville School calendar for September. Please pay close attention to what your child is bringing home, particularly on the first few days of school.

The staff members here at Mariaville are all glad to see our students again! We have been busy all summer preparing for the start of the new school year.

Please call me at school or stop by the main office if you have any questions. We are all looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Brian Hunt
Principal

Health and Safety Reminders ...

Emergency Information: It is very important for our staff members to be able to reach parents when an emergency situation arises. If you have not already done so, we ask you to return the information form we distributed in the summer and at the beginning of the school year. Please update us immediately when changes occur in any of this information.



Visiting School: You are welcome to visit school whenever you have a question or concern. However, we remind you that instruction in our classrooms should not be interrupted. We ask that you report to the Main Office first. Parents working in our school building or those who are here for an appointment must sign in and wear a visitor's ID badge at all times. When picking up your child, we ask you to sign your child out in the main office, and then wait at the office. This procedure helps us maintain clear hallways for students at lunch and at arrival and dismissal times.

Shared Facilitation Committee

All Schalmont Schools will have Shared Facilitation Committees beginning in the 2010-11 School Year. The Schalmont Board of Education adopted the policy on Shared Decision Making to give all of our constituent groups (parents and community members, teachers, staff and administration) the opportunity to participate in decisions affecting the progress of our students. Issues to be considered by the Shared Facilitation Committee must relate to school policies that impact student performance. The committees will meet regularly throughout the year and will report to their respective groups on the issues discussed and the decisions made. Here is the list of representatives on the Mariaville Shared Decision Making Committee for the 2010-11 School year:

Parents and Community

Mrs. Herbinger 864-7051 jherbinger@princetowncable.com

Mrs. Moyer 864-5010 lmoyer23@aol.com

Teachers

Mrs. Carusone

Mrs Knapik

Mrs. Kramer

Mrs. Wolbert

Staff

Mrs. Karp

Mrs. McKeon

Administration

Mr. Hunt

Reports on the activities of the Shared Facilitation Committee will be given at PTO Meetings and in the monthly Parent Newsletters. If you have questions, or an issue to be raised with this committee, please contact your representatives.

Changes in the NY State Testing System

The Board of Regents have made several significant changes to the NY State Testing System. Here is a summary of the changes affecting elementary testing:

- The cut scores were raised, which means that students have to answer more questions correctly to achieve a proficient level (level 3) or exceeding the standards (Level 4) score on the Math and ELA tests.
- The Social Studies 5 Test has been eliminated.
- Score Reports for students will be sent home in late September.

There is additional information available on the NYS Education Department website www.nysed.gov
If you have questions you can also call Mr. Hunt.

Key Events at Mariaville in the Fall

Our first PTO meeting of the school year will be held on Tue., Sept. 14th at 6:30pm.

Book Fair Preview Day is Fri. Sept 17. Book fair purchase days are Mon. Sept 20 and Wed Sept 22 during Library classes.



Open House Wednesday, September 22th

You are cordially invited to our annual Open House on Tuesday Sept 22 beginning at 6:30pm. Open House is always a great opportunity to learn about your child's school programs. Please mark your calendars! We will send home a detailed agenda for Open House soon.

PTO Donates Stage Curtain

After years of fundraising work, the Mariaville PTO was able to donate the money to have a stage backdrop curtain installed at our school. The curtain will be installed on the first day of school September 8 after students have left. This will allow us to have a proper backdrop for events such as the talent show, plays, and the moving up ceremony. Thanks to PTO or this very generous donation, and thank you all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this happen.



Daily Schedule

School Schedule

Morning Arrival Times:

8:35am- Bus Arrival and Breakfast Program begins
8:45am Students go to classrooms
9:00am- Instruction begins

Lunch and Recess Times:

12:00noon – 12:30pm – Lunch for Gr. K-1-2 and Recess for Gr. 3-4-5

12:30 – 1:00pm – Recess for Gr. 3-4-5 and Recess for Gr. K-1-2

3:00pm Dismissal Time



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Welcome to New Staff Members

September always brings with it some new faces. Here are our new staff members at Mariaville School:

Mr. Croote—Physical Education

Mr. Pattison—Art

Mrs. Porco—Speech

I know you will join me in making these new members of our school community feel welcome.



Safety Drills

We conduct 3 different kinds of safety drills with our students during the school year to ensure everyone's safety:

- Fire drills are conducted frequently during the year, and we work with the Mariaville Volunteer Fire Dept. to teach our students about fire safety.
- We also conduct an evacuation drill annually, in which our students practice evacuating the school site.
- The third drill we practice is called a lockdown. In a lockdown, students and staff are locked securely in classrooms, students given safety directions, and classrooms are arranged for various safety purposes.

Parents should expect children to discuss these drills as the year progresses. We recommend you use that as an opportunity to discuss safety issues with them.