Jaguar Connection Newsletter

Seiter Education Center

September 2018



Dear Jaguar Families,

We have had a great start to the 2018-19 school year. This is going to be an amazing year! Students have been working hard to demonstrate our three expectations (Safe, Independent & Communicate). Staff have been working equally as hard to catch students displaying those expectations and recognizing them with Jag Cash. Students have opportunities weekly to use Jag Cash to purchase items from the school store. In addition, students work together to meet Jag Cash goals and earn special celebrations. Our current goal is to collectively earn \$5000 Jag Cash by September 20th, to earn a caramel apple making party. Families can support our work through donating items to the school store (shark teeth on a necklace, tactile balls that make noise, headbands, barrettes, nail polish, coloring books, board books, body spray and lotions) and continuing to encouraging their student to be safe, independent and to communicate.

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Please continue to collect box tops for our school.

Upcoming Events

September 17-21 Spirit Week (pg.5)

September 21– PBIS Assembly

September 24-28- No School

October 12– Picture Day

October 19– End of 1st Marking Period

November 30– Picture Retakes

December 14– Christmas Luncheon

Welcome New Staff

Rachel Petit Speech & Language Pathologist





At Seiter we have a sensory room for all our students. A sensory room is a special room with various lighting, music, movement, and objects that help develop your child's senses and how they react to their environment. Some students use this room to calm themselves while others use items in the room in order to stimulate themselves for learning. Each student is different, and process sensory information differently. Watch your child, and ask your child's teacher what their favorite sensory input is. We can help you with ideas to use at home to meet their sensory needs, or call Paula the Occupational Therapist 616-225-4746 if you would like more information.

Lunch Reminders

Breakfast

- We offer a Universal Breakfast Program. That means all students are served free breakfast. Breakfast is served
- until 9:30am. If students will be arriving tardy, please let the classroom teacher know before 9:30.

Lunch

- Please return the yellow application soon as possible. This will ensure that students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will not be charged.
- If your student is arriving late, please call the teacher by 9:15 if a lunch needs to be ordered for them. Our lunches are not prepared here at Seiter, therefore you need to let the teacher know so a lunch can be ordered for them.
- Statements will be sent home with students when they have a low balance in their account or need money sent to school.
- Money can be added in to accounts in three different ways.
 - ♦ Check-make them out to Greenville Public Schools and returned to Carol Lewis at Seiter.
 - Online-You may also go online and put money into your student's account through Greenville Public Schools lunch program. Check the instructions that were sent home with the yellow form.
 - ◊ Cash- can be sent in to Seiter with your student
- When students have half days, lunches will still be served before they leave school. Long bus rides make for hungry students.

INFLUENZA

What is the flu?

The "flu" or influenza is a serious disease. It is very contagious and spreads in the U.S. each year, starting in the fall and continuing through spring. The flu is caused by a virus and spread mainly by coughing, sneezing or close contact. Young children and the medically fragile are at highest risk of getting the flu but anyone can get it.

Flu Prevention: Talk to your doctor about receiving a flu vaccine, most insurance companies cover the cost of the flu vaccine at no cost to you.

What are the symptoms?

Unlike a cold, flu symptoms start suddenly. They appear about 1-4 days after a person is exposed to the flu. Symptoms may include:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills.
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Tiredness

How long is a person with the flu contagious?

You can pass the flu to others from 1 day before you have symptoms up to 5-7 days after you get sick.

Is there treatment?

The flu can be treated with antiviral drugs if started soon after you get sick. They will help reduce how sick you get and how long you are ill. Over the counter drugs like acetaminophen or ibuprofen may be taken to increase comfort. People with the flu need rest and fluids.

If my child or another family member has been exposed, what should I do? Call your doctor or clinic for advice.

Please keep your student home if they are sick until they are symptom free for 24 hours



What We Are Learning

Some of the classrooms at Seiter Education Center utilize Unique Learning System, ULS, as their main curriculum. Each month has a different theme and all of the reading, writing and math activities are based around that theme. Below are the themes for October.

Mrs. Heather's Class



Animals in Their Homes Explores common animals and where they live.



Nutrition: A Healthy Me Focuses on nutrition and healthy food choices.

Mrs. Jill's Class



What Is an Ecosystem? Explores biomes and the animals that live in each biome



Living in an Ecosystem Introduces plants and animals in various ecosystems and how they survive.





Knowing Our Ecosystems Discusses ecosystems and biomes and the dangers they biomes and the dangers they face.



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Mr. Tyler, Ms. Hannah & Mr. Terry's Classes

Will be taking the MAP Growth Assessment. MAP[®] is a computer adaptive test created by NWEA[™] that kids take two to three times per school year. The results provide teachers with information to help them deliver appropriate content for each student and determine each student's academic growth over time. Learn more at https://tinyurl.com/n5mfa3h



Ms. Heather's Class

During the month of September, students have been working on "writing" his/her home journals. In these journals, students are cutting and pasting pictures with words about 4 topics that each student participated in as well as what their favorite activity was for the day. Each student is telling their families if he/she had a good day or bad day and something special he/ she did or observed. Each student is using a communication system to participate daily on writing these journals.



Seiter Student Calendar



We are the Jaguars!

Programs for students with Severe Cognitive Impairment

Nursing 616-225-4794

Transportation 616-225-4818

Seiter Front Office 616-225-4720

> Cafeteria 616-225-4780

Teresa Boyer 616-225-4712 616-557-5740 **Kory Stevens**

616-225-4786 Jill Stevens

616-225-4742 Heather Keur

616-225-4794

Programs for students with **Emotional Impairments**

> Kristen Larson 616-225-4826 616-970-0715

> > **Terry Eubank** 616-225-4744

Hannah Finegan 616-225-4768

Tyler Schultz 616-225-4812 Programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

> **Rachel Tabron** 616-225-4724 616-894-2930

Vince Truszkowski 616-225-4874

> Emily LePard 616-225-4792

Rhonda Waldorf 616-225-4882