

Smethport Elem.

Reminder

No transportation changes will be taken over the phone. You must write or fax a transportation change prior to **2:00 pm** for it to be effective. Remember, children cannot switch buses for any reason. All students getting picked up at dismissal time will exit through the circle by the High School gymnasium. You must stay in your car and remain in the transportation line for it to be effective and safe. Pick-ups will be dismissed at **3:05 pm**. To ensure safety, the building will be locked at all times. You can be buzzed in at the entrance and must present a valid ID if you are leaving the security vestibule. However, you will **not** be buzzed in for picking up students at dismissal time unless you have prior authorization, such as an appointment for your child. Please be aware that you must provide documentation regarding the appointment upon returning.

October Info.

Halloween will be celebrated at the Elementary School on Wednesday, October 31. The parade will be at **1:45 pm** at the Elementary parking lot circle (weather permitting). If you are volunteering with your child's teacher to help with an afternoon party, please make sure all clearances are on file in the office. It will be a spook-tacular time!!

FYI

Please check the Calendar of Events (on the back) for many upcoming activities, such as the PTO meeting on October 3 at 6:30 pm in the LGI room. There are many fun family days listed as well, such as National Dessert Day or National Chocolate Day! Bake a dessert to share! Or be a part of Do Something Nice Day - neighbors helping neighbors!

Students in grades 1-6 will be learning about how to prevent and reduce bullying this month through our program "Bullies2Buddies". The students will be learning how to use the Golden Rule to deal with unkind interactions with peers. If you are interested in learning more about the program, check out the website, www.bullies2buddies.com

Important

The attendance policy was updated in the student handbook at the beginning of this school year. Look it over so that you are aware of the changes. Please remember to send in a legal excuse with your child for each absence. It is very important to have students in school on time for optimal learning.