**Principal’s Message**

I am extremely excited and honored to be entering my fourth year as the Principal of the Wantage Elementary School.

Throughout the past several years, I have had the opportunity to meet many students, parents and family members of the Sussex-Wantage Community. I am continually impressed with the positivity and enthusiasm regarding everyone’s educational experiences here at Wantage Elementary School. It is my goal to continue to be supportive of this positive school climate and provide each student with the necessary support to enable them to reach their fullest potential. I believe there are no limits to what we can accomplish with the “Right Attitude; a Positive Mindset; and a Committed Team”.

I understand that education is a collaborative process and is not possible without the support of the parents and families. I am extremely eager to build relationships with each of you as we continue to provide the best experiences for our Wantage Eagles.

I truly appreciate everyone’s support and am looking forward to another amazing school year.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or any ideas you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gregory
Principal

**Welcome Back**

A Bald Eagle visited WES and landed in the front of the school during bus drop off on the first day of school.

**Drop Off & Pick Up**

Please be advised that drop off is in the rear of the building and occurs between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 am. Please exercise caution when dropping off your children. We respectfully request that children exit the vehicle on the passenger side closest to the building for safety.

For pick up, parents and guardians should park on the lower lot or near the playground. Pick up is located in the cafeteria and begins at 3:20 pm. Please have identification available when you pick up your child.

The parking area for pick up will be closed until 3:10 pm. We respectfully request that you do not arrive before then. We appreciate everyone’s support with our procedures to ensure the safety of all of our students.

**Note:** Please wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop with the red lights flashing prior to letting your children approach the bus.
**Dates to Remember**

- 9/23/21 - BOE meeting at SMS @ 7 pm
- 10/4-10/8 - Week of Respect
- 10/11 - School Closed
  Professional Development for
  Faculty & Staff
- 10/18-10/22 - School Violence
  Awareness Week
- 10/25-10/29 - Red Ribbon Week

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**Bowling Club**

**5th Grade**

**9/28/2021**

Bowling Forms should be returned to Mr. Terwilliger

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**TIPS from the TEAM**

Getting back into the school routine is often stressful and anxiety provoking for many families. Having an organized plan is often helpful and necessary. The following are tips to get your child off to a successful school year.

Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Most kids between the ages of 5 and 12 should be getting 10 or 11 hours of sleep. Improve the sleep environment by keeping distractions out of the bedroom. This includes televisions, cell phones, and computers. This will keep them from being tempted to use a device during the night.

Develop a nightly routine that includes reading. Whether you read to a child or they read to themselves or even another sibling, this is a time without technology and unnecessary stimuli.

Develop a routine for homework that includes a designated location to complete work and all necessary supplies. Research suggests that listening to music may help relaxation, learning and memory.

Use a large calendar displayed in a central location to record all pertinent due dates, events and appointments. Different colors can be used for different siblings. Review this with your family on Sunday to prepare for the week ahead. It can also help teach children to manage their time, study for upcoming tests and plan out when they will work on long term projects.

“Parents are teachers and home is a child’s first and most important classroom.”

On that note, we wish the Wantage School students and parents a most successful school year!

Robin M. Reese, Learning Consultant,
Child Study Team

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**Free Breakfast (8:10-8:45 AM) & Lunch available to all students.**

**ATTENTION ALL FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS!**

It's time to sign up for the Wantage School Band!!!

To learn more about the Wantage School band program, rental information, and more, please visit the Band website!

https://sites.google.com/swregion al.org/wantageschoolband

If you have any questions, please contact our band teacher, Mrs. Felsen at kfelsen@swregional.org.
WES represented the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District by participating in the Moving Wall Escort as they passed by the Wantage School en route to Woodbourne Park.

**Parent Portal**

Realtime Notification is the primary means of communication for school closings, emergencies and general notifications. Parents/Guardians will need to update their contact information and complete a series of yes or no questions prior to accessing features like their child’s schedule or homeroom teacher. Should you have any issue logging into your parent portal account please email your child’s school secretaries for assistance.

Please follow the directions below to log into the Realtime Parent Portal:

http://fridayparentportal.com/sussexwantage

Enter the Portal Code, Username and Password

You can also access the Parent Portal by logging into our District Website:

www.swregional.org

~Parents
~Realtime Parent Portal
~Enter the Portal Code, Username and Password

**SWPTO**

Family Membership sign-up is open! We are so excited for the school year to begin and your $5 per family membership fee goes a long way to help us provide programs, materials, and events at our schools. 🍎

Families can sign up here:

https://forms.zohopublic.com/sussexwantagepto/form/SussexWantagePTOMembershipSignUpPAID/formperma/SfOKSGp9fi6_oL5M-AzXJ9MQu_g-kwKxOwj1lcoiYc

The PTO’s first fundraiser of the year has begun! Check out our amazing new design of school spirit-wear. Shop here:

https://sw2021.itemorder.com/sale

All info is on our website

https://www.swpto.org/

**Wantage Township Recreation Presents**

Woodbourne Park 5K

The Moving Wall will be on display from September 9-13 @ Woodbourne Park 145 Sherman Ridge Road

Questions can be emailed to SussexElks2288@gmail.com

Facebook.com/SussexLodge2288

**Family Run/Walk**

September 18, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
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