

# *PENN-TRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*Harrison City, PA 15636*

*NOTICE TO PARENTS*

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*

*JANUARY 12, 2010*

## ***MAKE -UP DAY***

Monday, January 18, 2010 has been designated as a make-up day for Friday, January 8 when school was cancelled. School will be in session on Monday, January 18, 2010 for all students in the district.

## ***KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION***

Registration of elementary school children who will enter the Penn-Trafford School District for the next school term (2010-2011) will take place at each elementary school from January 25 to 29. Parents may register their children on any of the above dates between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten entry for school year 2010-2011 requires the child to be five years of age on or before September 1, 2010.

First grade entry for school year 2010-2011 requires the child to be six years of age on or before September 1, 2010. Children who are enrolled in district kindergarten classes this school term need not register for first grade next year.

You may register your youngster by calling the office of the appropriate elementary school as listed below:

Harrison Park	724-744-2161
Level Green	412-372-6603
McCullough	724-744-7441
Sunrise Estates	724-864-6700
Trafford	412-372-6600

## ***IMMUNIZATION REMINDER***

Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine are required for students entering school for the first time (i.e. kindergarten or first grade). The immunization card has been modified to accommodate this requirement. Also, Varicella (chicken pox) immunity is required, either from vaccination, history of disease or laboratory testing for new school admittance (i.e. kindergarten or first grade) and for students entering seventh grade. Students who fail to have both hepatitis B vaccine and Varicella immunity will not be enrolled. Also, students are no longer required to undergo tuberculosis testing or screening. All of these modifications have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

## ***PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION***

Pre-school registrations for the 2010-2011 school year begins February 1. Interested parents should contact the Penn-Trafford High School Guidance Office at 744-4425 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Applications will be mailed to parents.

## ***EARLY DISMISSAL***

Mark your calendars for February 15, 2010 as we will have our third early dismissal on that day. Teachers will be working in collaborative groups during the early dismissal time.

## ***DELAYING THE START OF SCHOOL***

In the winter months, a decision is occasionally made to delay the start of school due to poor road conditions. However, as a parent, you have the right to make your own decision regarding the safety of your child. If you believe that it is unsafe to send your youngster to school, please know that I support your decision to assess your personal circumstance and to act accordingly.

## ***WEATHER RELATED DISMISSALS***

During the winter we occasionally encounter unusual snow conditions during the school day. The question arises as to why we don't dismiss school early on these days.

The early dismissal of students relates to the safety of our youngest students. I prefer not to send primary students home when there is no adult to meet them.

On these unusual days, and depending on conditions, we may dismiss the high school 20 to 30 minutes early. This enables us to dismiss the middle school approximately 10 to 15 minutes early. Ultimately, this permits the elementary students to be dismissed on time.

When unusual weather occurs during the school day, this modified dismissal pattern helps to insure that a responsible adult will be home to meet our primary youngsters when they arrive.

## **2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

Please find a copy of the approved 2010-2011 school calendar on the reverse side of this notice.