



### **Upcoming School Events**

- Social Media 101 Presentation on Sept. 16 at 5:45 pm in the Dassa Library
- PTO Meeting is September 16 at 6:30 pm
- Progress reports will be available on Friday, September 26
- Picture Day is September 26
- Fire Prevention Assemblies on October 10th
- Butler County Symphony Assembly on October 16 for grades 2-5
- Virtual PTO Meeting is on October 21
- Title I Fall Family Engagement Event on Thursday, October 23, 5-6:30 pm
- End of First Nine Weeks Reporting Period is October 28
- Red Ribbon Spirit Week during the week of October 27
- Evacuation Drill during the week of October 27
- Classroom Halloween Parties will be held in the afternoon on Friday, October 31
- 1st Report Card will be available on Tuesday, November 4

### **School Wide Positive Behavior Assembly**

Our School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPB) team led a SWPB Rule Review Day on September 5. Our 4th-6th grade students taught school rules to students in 1st-3rd grade. This year the team is being led by 4 teachers: Mrs. Jennifer Beachem, Mrs. Kelly Beatty, Mrs. Mindy Bish and Mr. Chad Dillon. The SWPB team was recently informed on behalf of the Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support (PaPBS) Network, that Dassa McKinney Elementary met criteria for implementing School-Wide (SWPBIS) Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports with fidelity during the 2024-2025 school year. Dassa McKinney Elementary School, will formally receive recognition for **"Tiers 1-2-3 Sustaining"** in November. Way to go Dassa McKinney Elementary students, faculty, staff and community!

### **Parent Teacher Organization Meetings**

The first PTO Meeting will take place virtually and in-person on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm. We encourage you to take this opportunity to get involved in your child's education. A ParentSquare message will be sent out by the PTO Officers with a link to the Google Meet on September 16th. If you can't make the first meeting, the second meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30pm. Additionally, the Annual Title I Family Presentation will be held during this meeting.

### **Career Readiness Classes**

Dassa McKinney Elementary School will continue to provide Career Readiness/Social Emotional Learning (SEL) classes within the 4th-6th grades. Pennsylvania was the first state to require that all students graduate with a personalized career plan and portfolio clearly defined K-12 career education benchmarks. We will be working with SMART Futures which is a Pittsburgh based company in order to formulate these career portfolios. SMART Futures provides educators/counselors with a K-12 career planning and portfolio platform that helps schools easily implement the CEW standards within any classroom.

### **Skyward Parent and Family Access**

Did you know you can access your child's attendance information, grades and report cards in Skyward? If you have any questions or need assistance logging in, please contact the Dassa office for help. The first nine weeks progress report grades for students in grades 2-6 will be available on September 26th at 4:00 pm. Grades will be unavailable from Monday, September 22nd through Friday, September 26th for teachers to work on grade entry. Kindergarten and First Grade Progress Reports will be sent home on paper.

### **Family Challenge**

**Go on a nature walk and look for signs of fall!**

