



Dieck Elementary School Family Newsletter

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District Mission Statement: *Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges through continuous learning*

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
August 27	Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m
August 31	School starts- ½ Day PM Arrival Time 12:30 p.m Dismissal Time 3:25 p.m.
Sept. 1st	Full Day 8:25 a.m.-3:25 p.m.
Sept. 4	NO SCHOOL
Sept 7	NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
September 11	Popcorn Friday Patriot Day-Wear Red, White, and Blue
September 15	Goodies w/ Grown Ups @7:30 a.m. PTO Meeting @ Dieck 3:45
September 18	Homecoming Parade/Game

believing in the potential of every student and providing the strong instruction, relationships, and support needed for each child to grow and succeed.

Our families are an important part of this work, too! Your involvement—whether volunteering, joining the Dieck PTO, attending school events, or simply talking with your child about what they are learning—strengthens the connection between home and school and helps our students thrive.

As we begin this new school year, I look forward to building on our successes, focusing on our goals, and creating a school filled with positive energy, kindness, strong relationships, and academic excellence. ***Take pride in being a Dieck Dragon—and together, we will create a school we love!*** To learn more about Principal Briggs, [click here.](#)

SCCS DISTRICT 2026-2027 CALENDAR

Principal's Message



Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are so excited to start our journey as a K–5 Dieck family. Our goal is to create a school where every child feels welcomed, supported, challenged, and excited to learn each day.

Across Swartz Creek Community Schools, we are committed to high expectations and high achievement for everyone. At Dieck, that means



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Our Parent Newsletter is updated every month with important information—please read each edition carefully. It can be found via our school website at <https://dieck.swartzcreek.org/>.



Dieck's Open House is on Thursday, August 27th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Students will be able to see their classroom, meet their teacher, and tour the school and playground so they feel comfortable, excited, and ready for the new school year ahead.



The first day of school is **Monday, August 31, 2026. Grades 1–5:** Half day from 12:30–3:25 p.m. **E5's & Kindergarten:** Students and a parent/guardian attend together. There will be no bus transportation for E5's and Kindergarten students on this day.

Last names A–K: 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Last names L–Z: 2:00–3:00 p.m.

All students will begin our full day schedule on September 1st.

Full-Day Schedule

8:25 am- School Starts

3:25 pm-Dismissal

Student drop off begins at 8:10 a.m. School doors open at 8:15 a.m. At 8:25 a.m., the school bell will ring and instruction will begin. Students will be marked tardy after that time.



School supply lists by grade level may be found at: <https://dieck.swartzcreek.org/>.

Teachers may have a few additional school supplies that they will communicate out to parents through their Welcome Back letters. Please note that all supplies must be labeled with your child's name and will be individual to your child, not shared by classmates. Our school code at Office Depot is **70052707**. We receive 5% back in free supplies from your purchases.

Backpack Donations

Please call the office if you are in need of a backpack or supplies. We have members of our community donate some to our school.



Power School Power Parent Account

Before school begins, set up or verify access to your PowerParent Account. ([Directions for Account Setup](#)) Be sure all student forms and contact information is accurate and updated, including emergency contacts! If you have difficulty accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal account please email tech@swcrk.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the main office at **810-591-5270**.

Dieck PTO News

Welcome back Dieck Dragons! Your Dieck PTO is gearing up for a great year and we are excited for everything ahead. We are looking for volunteers to help us throughout the school year. Our volunteers make so many of the fun activities and special events we provide for our students possible, and we would love to have you join us!

Be sure to visit the PTO Table at Open House! We will have volunteer sign-ups, T-shirt order forms, and dates for upcoming events. It's also a great chance to meet our PTO and learn more about what we have planned for the year.

2-Can Tuesday is back! Beginning Tuesday, September 1, families can drop returnable cans and bottles in our collection bins. All proceeds go directly to the Dieck PTO and are used throughout the school year to support our students and staff.

Finally, save the date for Goodies with Grownups on Tuesday, September 15! Our first PTO meeting will also be Tuesday, September 15 at 3:45 p.m. We would love to see some new faces this year. You don't have to commit to every event to be involved., Come join us, share your ideas, and help us make it a fantastic year for our Dieck Dragons! If you are interested in volunteering with the PTO in any way, please email us at dieckelementarypto@gmail.com.

PTO Board of Officers:

President- Amy Odglen amyodglen@gmail.com

Secretary- Marti Leman mleman@swcrk.org

Treasurer- Kaylee Cannon kcannon@swcrk.org

**Our PTO also has a mailbox in the Main Office where messages can be dropped off.*

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Dieck would like to invite our adult family members, neighbors, and community members to volunteer. We need folks to sign up to help out during a wide variety of days, times, and activities. We would love to have some adults help out as lunchroom helpers, reading with kiddos, helping with popcorn Fridays and more! Please fill out the

[Dieck Volunteer Form 2026/27](#) with your interest and availability for volunteering, or stop in the office to speak with us. In order to volunteer in the building or as a chaperone on field trips for your child's class, adults must submit a volunteer form and agree to a criminal background check. Please fill out and submit this form at the beginning of the year and we will keep it on file for the 26-27 school year. There are only 2 forms per student available in Powerschool. Additional forms are available in the link above and will be handed out at open house.



- ❖ Tank tops_with 2in strap or more are permitted. Spaghetti strap tank tops are not.
- ❖ Bare midribs are not permitted.
- ❖ Mid length shorts are permissible in school
- ❖ Closed toe sandals and shoes are preferred for recess and gym class.
- ❖ Hoods on sweatshirts and jackets should not be pulled up and used to cover the head while inside the building. Please remind your student to remove them when they enter our school.



Food Services

Announcements

Swartz Creek Community Schools **WILL** continue to offer **FREE** breakfast and lunch to **ALL** students in grades pre-K through 12!

For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Food Services directly at 810-591-1864.

Meal Magic Family Portal: A fantastic resource for families. Here, you can set up accounts for your children to deposit money, view purchases, transfer funds between children, and set restrictions.

 [MealMagicFamilyPortalInstructions.pdf](#)

Lunch Menus: Available on the food service page under the NutriSlice tab, detailing nutritional value, calories, macros, and allergens.

Special Dietary Statement: If your student has dietary restrictions please have the form below completed by your family physician and turn into the office.

Breakfast Procedures

Breakfast at school will be served in their classrooms each morning. When your student enters the building, he/she will get breakfast off the breakfast cart and then proceed to go to class.

[Breakfast Menu](#)



HELP US REACH 100% PARTICIPATION!
2026-2027 EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS APPLICATION

WHY IT MATTERS
Every completed application helps Swartz Creek Community Schools receive state and federal funding, including Title I and At-Risk funding, that helps provide programs, services, and educational opportunities that benefit our students.

- ✓ Takes less than 5 minutes
- ✓ One application per family
- ✓ Every submission matters

SCAN TO APPLY

swartzcreek.familyportal.cloud

QUESTIONS? adelgado@swcrk.org

Swartz Creek Families: Help Us Reach 100% Participation!

One of the easiest ways you can support your child and every student in Swartz Creek Community Schools is by completing the 2026-2027 Educational Benefits Application through our Family Portal.

 It takes less than 5 minutes

 Only one application per family

 Our goal is 100% family participation

Even if you don't think your family qualifies, please complete the application. Every submission matters.

While this application is not used to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals, it is still incredibly important.

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Complete your application today!

 Online (Recommended)

<https://swartzcreek.familyportal.cloud>

Or simply scan the QR code



[2026-2027 Transportation Instructions](#)

Transportation will be open during the summer from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. Bus Routes for the 2026-2027 school year will not be available on your *StopFinder* app until August 20-21.

If your child will be riding a school bus this school year or will be attending AM and/or PM Latchkey, please take a few minutes to carefully review the link with transportation instructions and complete the required Transportation Change Request form in your PowerSchool/PowerParent account (only if there are changes).

Please note the following important reminders:

- You must answer "YES" to the question asking if your student needs transportation. If you do not select YES, your child will not be assigned to a bus.
- Complete the form carefully, selecting the appropriate transportation option (AM, PM, or both) and the correct pick-up/drop-off location.
- Transportation requests may take up to 5 business days to be processed and assigned.

The 2026-2027 Transportation Instructions link also includes:

- StopFinder setup instructions for families using the district's bus tracking app.

- Latchkey transportation instructions for students attending AM and/or PM Latchkey.

Thank you for completing these steps as soon as possible to help ensure your child's transportation is in place before the start of the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact. **John Miehm, Transportation** jmiehm@swcrk.org (810)591-2113.

Check your **STOPFINDER** app for the updated information. **Please do not go to PowerSchool** for bus route information. **Only go to the Transportation part of PowerSchool** if there is a **change** to your student's Transportation information and needs.

Please remember that any changes to the Transportation page on PowerSchool will take 2 to 3 school days to take effect.

<https://powerschool.swartzcreek.org/public/home.html>

StopFinder Info

If you need to sign up for a STOPFINDER ACCOUNT, don't hesitate to contact transportation to request an invitation. Click the links below to watch a short video on how to set up and use your StopFinder app and to answer the FAQ.

[StopFinder.com](#)
[Link to video](#)

Please log in to your StopFinder app to view your student's bus schedule. If you are unable to log in, please uninstall and reinstall the app. Then, use your email address to log in and tap the "Forgot Password" button to create a new password. Please note that the scheduled pickup times may vary if not all students are riding to school. To be

safe, it's a good idea to be outside looking for the bus about 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time until a regular schedule is established. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Transportation Department.

Dismissal is at 3:25 p.m. Bus riders will load at that time. Parent pick-up follows the same route as morning drop-off. Families will receive a car sign with their assigned number to display in the passenger-side window. Staff will use the number to notify teachers to release students to the pick-up lane.

School Safety

Your child's safety is our utmost responsibility while they are at Dieck Elementary. Throughout the year, we will conduct safety drills for emergencies such as fire drills, tornado drills, evacuation drills, and lock-down drills. Your child's teacher will discuss all emergency procedures with their class and teach them the proper way to handle each situation. If you have any safety concerns, please contact the main office at 810-591-5270 or use the information below.

Medication

Medication will be administered to students only if the Authorization to Administer Medication form is on file in the office. Medication **MUST** be in the original prescription container with the child's name and the name of the doctor on it. The medication will be stored in a locked container and administered as prescribed by the physician. Administration will be recorded on a medication log sheet by staff.

[Over-the-Counter Medication Form](#)

[Prescribed Medication Form](#)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MEDICATION IN WITH YOUR STUDENT. THE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BRING IT INTO THE OFFICE AND FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE FORMS. MEDICINE CANNOT BE TRANSPORTED WITH THE STUDENT VIA THE BUS.

Student Illness

If your child does not feel well, you must keep your child home from school. Classroom teachers will also monitor students for symptoms and send them to the school office for a temperature check if a fever condition is suspected. In the event that a



Arrival/Dismissal

Any student not using bus transportation should be dropped off and picked up using the appropriate traffic lanes for drop off and pick up. Students should exit the car on the sidewalk side only. Please do not park in the lot. We want to ensure all employees have adequate parking to begin the school day on time!

Students drop off will begin at 8:10 a.m. School doors open at 8:15 a.m. School begins at 8:25 a.m.; arrivals after 8:26 a.m. are marked tardy. Staff will be outside to greet and direct students to their entrance. Please stop briefly, then keep moving so other cars can pull in.

student has a temperature of **100.4 or greater**, he/she will be sent to the school's designated quarantine room which will be cared for by a school staff member until the parent can arrive to take the child home. Children must be 24 hour fever/puke free before returning to school.



Call in absences: 810-591-5270

Parents should contact the school office by telephone, email, or handwritten note (signed by the parent) to explain the reason for the absence so that it can be excused. Preferably, this communication will happen the morning of the absence. To avoid academic disruptions, try to schedule medical, dental, legal, and other necessary appointments outside of the school day. When possible, please provide a signed statement from the appointment to excuse the absence. Report back to school after the appointment if appropriate. If you are going on vacation, please notify the teacher and the main office ahead of time. A detailed description of the [Dieck Elementary Attendance Policy](#) can be found in the student handbook and on our website.

Change of Address Requests

It is imperative that your home address, email address, and emergency contact information are updated and accurate in our system. It is important that we be able to get through to you should your child become sick and need to be picked up. If you've recently moved and need to

change your address, we will need you to use our change of address form and provide us with your changed driver's license and one other proof of residence in accordance with our district policy. No changes can be made in our system until we have this documentation from you. The form can be downloaded at this link: [Change of Address Form](#)

Annual Directory Information Notice

The ***Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*** (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that our District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Swartz Creek Community Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised our District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Swartz Creek Community Schools to include information from your child's education records in certain school publications such as a school yearbook, honor roll lists, and special event programs (*please access the [Directory Information Opt-Out](#) webpage for more examples*).

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. If you do not want Swartz Creek Community Schools to disclose any or all of the types of information designated as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, please notify the principal of your child's building by completing and submitting the designated [opt-out form](#) available from our District website.



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It's everything Swartz Creek, in your pocket.

With the new app, you can access documents, events, news updates, and even emergency notifications.

Download for Android <https://bit.ly/41lpftU>

Download for iPhone <https://apple.co/41K06z6>



Stock up on Dragon gear for the whole family! The online shop is open **August 10–31, 2026**. Show your Swartz Creek pride and start the school year in Dragon style! **Shop here:**

<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/7spFXTeDgx>

Stay Connected With Us!

Download the District mobile app ("Swartz Creek Community Schools") from **Apptegy**:



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(PTO T-Shirt Order Forms for this design will be coming soon! Stay tuned!!!)