



Syring 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*

Principal's Message



Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year at Syring!

Welcome back, families! My name is Brandie Bevel, and I am honored to serve as your elementary principal. I am so excited to begin a new school year and get to know our students, families, and community.

As a principal, one of my greatest priorities is creating a school where every child feels safe, valued, supported, and excited to learn. I believe that strong relationships between school and home make a tremendous difference in student success, and I look forward to partnering with you throughout the year.

Our staff has been working hard to prepare for an amazing school year, and we are excited to welcome our students through the doors. I can't wait to see the learning, growth, friendships, and accomplishments that this year will bring!

Thank you for welcoming me into your school community. I look forward to getting to know your families and working together to make this a wonderful year for every student. **Welcome back- we're so glad you're here!**

Brandie Bevel



First Day of School Info

Our first day of school is a ½ day of school in the afternoon. First through 5th grade students attend 12:30-3:25.

Bus transportation will not be provided for kindergarteners on August 31 – parents / guardians must attend with the child. This is an important first-day experience for kindergarten students and their caregivers. Kindergarten students and parents will attend together from 1:00-2:00 pm if your child's last name is A-K, and from 2:00-3:00 pm, if your child's last name is L-Z.

Upcoming Events & Planning Ahead

8/27 Syring Open House 6:00-7:00

8/31 1st day of School Half Day PM Kindergarteners attend with a parent/guardian

9/1 First full day of school- kindergarteners 1st day of school

9/4 No School

9/8 No School

This calendar is helpful for parents as you plan ahead for days off school, ½ days, and so forth for the school year. Click here to see: [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

VOLUNTEERS: A Volunteer/ ICHAT form is encouraged to be submitted yearly for those parents wishing to volunteer for certain events. These forms are kept on file at the school in anticipation of those opportunities.

A background check **is required to be completed 5-7 days prior to EACH event.** (By having the form on file it speeds up the process when background checks need to be run.) Here is a link to the Syring [Volunteer form](#).

PTO News

Welcome back!! Your Syring PTO is gearing up for another great year!! We are looking for volunteers to help us throughout the school year. Without volunteers, we CAN NOT do all the

fun things. We are REALLY looking for a parent or two at each building to be our "Popcorn Kernels" That means you're in charge of popcorn sales once a month and organize the volunteers. Don't worry, we will train you! If you are interested in helping us, please email sjacob@swcrk.org!

PLEASE visit our PTO tables at open house! We will have volunteer sign-ups and this year's t-shirt order forms!!

PTO board of officers:

President: Stephanie Jacob sjacob@swcrk.org

VP: Lisa Burns lburns7@gmail.com

Secretary: Lex Alden LexAlden23@gmail.com

Treasurer: Heather Holtz hholtz@swcrk.org

Medication

If your child has to take medication during the school year please stop by the office to fill out the appropriate forms and bring in the medication in their original bottles. DO NOT send medication in with students as this is a safety concern and against district policy. [You can access all relevant Medical Forms here.](#)

Food Services



[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. [Meal Magic Family Portal Instructions](#)

Tony Delgado, Food Services adelgado@swcrk.org 810-591-1858

TRANSPORTATION



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.

2026-2027 [Transportation Instructions](#)

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 the appropriate staff listed in the instructions.

John Miehme, Transportation jmiehm@swcrk.org (810)591-2113

General School Information

The School Day:

Students may enter the building at 8:15 am

Classes begin at 8:25 am

School Dismisses at 3:25 pm

Half Day AM starts at 8:25 am

School Dismisses at 11:40 am

Half Day PM starts at 12:30 pm

tip of the week

LABEL, LABEL, LABEL - label all of your child's belongings with their name. You would not believe the amount of clothing and other personal items that accumulate in our lost and found every month! Anything not claimed and not labeled at the end of each month will be donated.

CREEK EXPECTATIONS

C-Commit to Learning

R-Respect Others

E-Everyone is Responsible

E-Everyone is Safe

K-Kindness Counts



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