



Slade Elementary School

Albany County School District #1

Believe to Achieve

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Welcome Back Newsletter – August 18th, 2020

Dear Slade Families:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope you had an enjoyable, relaxing summer break with family and friends and remained healthy and safe during this unprecedented time. Additionally, I hope you had the opportunity to continue learning with your children through community events, weekend adventures, and quality family time. Here at Slade, we are busily preparing for a very exciting, productive, and unique school year. Our mission is to **ensure all students succeed at high levels of learning!**



You're Invited!

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 to an Outside Open House

On Tuesday, August 25th families and students are invited to school for an Outside Open House! This event will take place outside and looks different this year so please read below for details. Families will come to school during the timeframe listed below based on last names.

Time to come to school	Student last name begins with the letters:
11:30 am-12:00 pm	A-F
12:00-12:30 pm	G-M
12:30-1:00 pm	N-S
1:00-1:30 pm	T-Z

When you arrive on campus, please follow these expectations:

- Masks must be worn by all people on school grounds.
- The event is outside only.
- Park your car and head to a main school entry. School staff will be outside to greet you and direct you to your child(ren)'s classroom.
- Go to your child's outside classroom door to meet your teacher!

This time is meant to help families and students:

- Find your new classroom and meet your teacher
- Drop off school supplies
- Feel confident and relaxed about Wednesday morning

We hope you can join us!

Important Information for Families:

A Change to School Start and End Times:

A major change this year is the arrival time for students to come to school each day. Due to current health and safety guidelines, we can no longer offer an open playground in the morning. No students may be on campus before 8:00 am each day. This means students must be dropped off at school between 8:00-8:20 am and go directly to their outside classroom doors for entrance into the school. Buses will arrive by 8:05 am and families are encouraged to drop their child(ren) off between 8:05 - 8:20 am. Breakfast will be available in the classroom each morning through our lunch service program.

A similar process will occur at the end of the school day. Students who ride a bus will leave at 2:55 pm. Students who are walking, riding a bike, or being picked up will be dismissed from 2:55-3:05 pm exiting the building with assistance from Slade staff.

First Week of School:

Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 26th and it is a half day of school with dismissal at 11:35 am. Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th will also be half days. Please plan for your child(ren) to be on a bus or picked up by 11:35 am these three days.



PowerSchool Information Updates:

It is essential that all families update all contact, emergency, and health information every year for each child in the PowerSchool Online Registration system. **This step is required for all current and new students in Albany County School District #1 prior to starting school on August 26th, 2020.** This information is also required before students will be able to check out a Chromebook for our 1-to-1 technology initiative.

All families have been sent an individual link to their PowerSchool account through Slade School Messenger. This email also includes two guides to help walk you through the process of setting up or accessing an account. Please call the school if you have any questions.



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Safety Precautions:

As outlined in the ACSD#1 Reopening Plan, Slade will be following these safety measures:

- Face coverings are mandatory in all ACSD#1 buildings and on school grounds
- Social distancing of 6 feet will be implemented across settings
- Increased hygiene (handwashing & sanitizer use during transitions)
- Increased daily cleaning of surfaces
- Limited movement within the building
- Cohorts or grouping students by grade level

Visitor Policy:

At this time, we are unable to welcome visitors into our school for lunch or to volunteer as only ACSD#1 personnel and students are allowed into the Slade building. If you need to drop off or pick up an item or check in/out a child who is late, returning to school, or leaving for an appointment, please buzz in at the front entry and a member of our school team will meet you at the front door.

Backpacks and Lunchboxes:

In the most current reopening plan approved by the ACSD#1 school board, backpacks and lunchboxes may be brought to and from school each day. As a reminder, there will be no microwaves available for student use during lunch times so lunches brought from home must be ready to eat.

ACSD#1 Student Handbook & Slade Information:

Located on our website are two important documents for families. One is called the ACSD#1 Elementary Schools Handbook. This handbook provides the policies of our school district.

The second document is called **Slade Orientation Information Guide**. This guidebook is a very important source for you to read and go over with your child(ren). The Orientation Information Guide is an excellent reference and contains information that will answer many questions you may have about our school. If you would like a paper copy of these handbooks, please call the school office and we will be happy to provide a copy to you.

Guidelines for Success:

Our goal is to create an environment where courtesy and kindness prevail, people are treated with respect, and students learn skills for a successful future. In order to ensure success, we would like you to know our five guidelines. We call these guidelines for success Eagle P.R.I.D.E. Please discuss our guidelines as a family so we can all work together to ensure a safe and civil school.

Positive Attitude
Respect and Safety
Individual Responsibility
Dependable Citizen
Effort

In order to show our Eagle P.R.I.D.E., we expect all students to show **respect**, be **responsible**, and be **safe** in all areas of the school. We will teach you these expectations, practice them daily, and reinforce the positive behaviors we see.

Welcome to our New Teachers:

We are excited to announce that Mr. Livingston is joining our Title I teaching team and Mrs. Garver will be joining the 4th grade team. This is a big change but we know they will utilize their strengths to ensure all students are learning. We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Roelser and Ms. Jacobsen as our Dual Language Immersion teachers for 1st graders in the district DLI program. And finally, Mr. Lipton will join our team teaching our students who are learning English as a second language.

We are very delighted to have them as part of our teaching team! Please welcome these new and returning staff members as you see them in and about our wonderful school.

Classroom Snack:

Students are able to bring pre-packaged snacks to school to eat during designated snack times. In the younger grades, teachers may utilize community snack by following all safety and health guidelines to place snacks at students' desks.



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Family Involvement and Communication:

This year has provided us with new opportunities and challenges to build family and community involvement in different ways. Communication about school activities and important information is one way that we try very hard to involve families. Your best resource for up-to-date information about Slade is our school website.

www.acsd1.org/ses/

Stay Up-to-Date:

To provide you with the most recent news we will be using our online **Slade Communications** to share important school reminders and information (newsletters, school programs, important dates, etc.) with you via email (so watch for emails from Slade Communications). All community flyers that are not directly affiliated with the school will also be sent home through Slade Communications. If you do not have an email account, please contact Kendra in the office and she will be happy to send a copy home with your child.

Teachers will send classroom specific information on a regular basis through newsletters, flyers, email, and the Remind App for clear communication.

We also hope to hold a variety of Open House Night opportunities in order to build strong relationships between home and school. Our hope is that families attend these learning opportunities together.

If you would like to be even more involved in our school, please consider joining our PTA. Our PTA meets once a month to plan school events and fundraisers.

Transportation Information:

If your child(ren) rides a bus to and from school, please call the bus garage at **721-4470** to learn about your child's specific pick-up and drop-off locations and times.



Important Dates:

Date	Event
8/25/2020	Meet Your Teacher Outside Open House (See schedule on pg. 1)
8/26/2020	First Day of School Early Dismissal @ 11:35 am <i>PowerSchool registration must be complete</i>
8/27/2020	Early Dismissal @ 11:35 am
8/28/2020	Early Dismissal @ 11:35 am
8/31/2020	First Full Day of School
9/7/2020	No School - Labor Day
9/17/2020	Picture Day!

As we prepare for the school year, I want to take a moment to let everyone know that school will not be "normal" this year due to the health and safety guidelines needed to ensure that we are as prepared and preventative during the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic.

Our school day will look different. However, we believe that, as a school community, we can create an environment for students, families, and staff that brings us together to meet the needs of all students.

To accomplish this goal, we need your support, understanding, and flexibility. Slade is a school of problem solvers and we are here to support each other. Please do not hesitate to contact the school.

This year promises to be exciting and challenging for our students and teachers at Slade. We look forward to working with students, parents, teachers, and staff to continue the tradition of excellence in all aspects of our school. Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We've got this!

The Slade Team

Together, We ALL Achieve!