

Welcome Back!!

Only a few more weeks until the schoolbells will begin to ring once again. We'll soon be focusing on new classes, new teachers, new schedules, and new friends. There have been lots of changes in the building and in our faculty. Read on to learn of some of those new changes for the 2015-2016 school year.

Gwen Lawson

New Staff

Dudley Hardin is not new to our school, but is new to the position of Head Custodian. He is now our head custodian and we feel very honored to have him back with us.

Tammy Vaught is our new daytime custodian. She worked for us in a four hour evening position last year and we are excited to have her in the building during the day interacting with the students, staff, and parents.

Tamera Naylor is our new night time custodian. We are very excited about having her join our staff.

Bridgett McCowan is our new Title I Assistant. She is an asset to our staff and we are very happy to have her join our team.

Amber Murphy is our new preschool teacher she comes to us after having taught preschool at Toyota in Georgetown. She is very knowledgeable and has a lot to offer our school. We are very excited to have her.

April Vickers is our new FRC Coordinator. We will be sharing her with McKinney Elementary. April is from Stanford and has experience serving the needs of those in our community.

Kallen Wright is our new speech pathologist. We are very excited to have her. She has taught here before so we are welcoming her back.

Valerie Brown is coming to us from Crab Orchard. She will be working in our kitchen. She will definitely complement our already fabulous cafeteria staff.

Whitney Anderson will be our new PE teacher. We are excited about all she has in store for our children.

Other class assignments include:

Mrs. Cooper	K
Mrs. Foster	K
Mrs. Schuler	K
Mrs. Pendencygraft	1st
Mrs. Ellis	1st
Mrs. Critchfield	2nd
Mrs. Wardrip	2nd
Mrs. Sanders	3rd
Mrs. Everidge	3rd
Mrs. Southerland	3rd
Mrs. Ball	4th
Mrs. Whobrey	4th
Mrs. Dominiani	5th
Mrs. Johnson	5th
Mrs. Mullins	5th

Open House

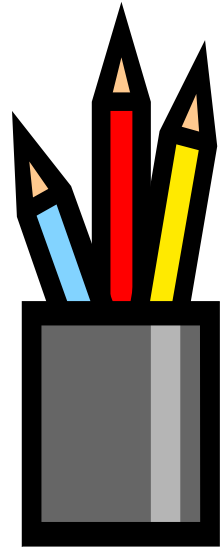
We would like to invite all students and their parents to visit the school on Tuesday evening between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for refreshments and a chance to tour the school. We have changed the location of most all the classrooms and have done a lot of work throughout the building. This will give students and parents a chance to meet their teacher, see where their new classroom will be located, and hopefully make that first day of school go more smoothly. Please try to stop by for a few minutes, have some cookies and a drink and see our bright and shiny school.

CHANGES.....CHANGES.....CHANGES.....

There have been LOTS of changes over the summer. Many of the teachers have changed the grade level in which they teach and most teachers have moved their classrooms. There will be maps at the entrance just so you will not be totally lost when you come to school on that first day. To give you a general idea, the classrooms for Kindergarten through fourth grade will be in the new section of the building to the left of the office. The fifth grade will be in the old wing that is closest to the cafeteria. The art room is now across from the computer lab on the left side of the hall as you head to the cafeteria. The preschool is no longer being housed in a trailer outside of the building.. Preschool students are in the classroom across the hall from the Media Center workroom.

Also, we will be receiving all new tables in the cafeteria. They are round and will have our school logo on them. It was thought that the tables would arrive for the start of school. They will be here by fall break. Hopefully you will have an opportunity to enter the school and enjoy seeing shiny new tables for our children.

In addition to the changes in staff and provision for new tables we have been approved for a new roof. It was thought that the roof would be replaced over the summer, however the weather has made it impossible to embark on that task. Work on our new preschool playground has also been put on hold for the time being due to the unusual weather.



School Calendar

The school activity calendar for the year 2015-2016 has been posted on the Hustonville Elementary website. We encourage you to print the calendar and use it as you schedule events for your personal life. Please try to schedule doctors visits outside of the assessment dates. You will notice that there are many activities taking place throughout the year. We encourage you to sign up to serve. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the foyer of the school during Open House, August 11th from 5:30-7:30.

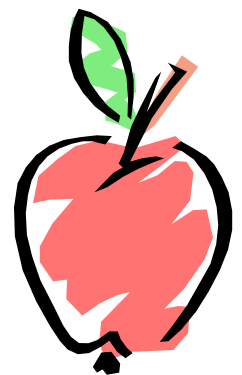
Arrival and Dismissal

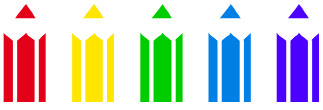
Buses unload at 7:37 am. All students will go directly to the gym upon arrival or to breakfast if they wish. Preschool students will be dropped and picked up at their classroom. The instructional day begins at 8:15, after that is a tardy. The day will end at 3:20 pm before that time is either a tardy or an absence. All car riders will be released at 3:20 pm at the front intermediate wing of the school where teachers will be there to assist. A parent or an approved person must contact the front office by 3:00 if a student will be picked up.

VISITOR CHECK IN

As a reminder, our Student/Visitor Check-In window is at the immediate entrance of the school building. Please remember to always check in upon entering the school building. This is where you will come to identify yourself upon coming to school for any reason. For your safety and that our students and staff please Do Not at any time go directly to a classroom, lunchroom, or any other location before first checking in at this location and receiving a Visitor Pass. The attendance clerk, Jenny Edwards, is there to help in any way. There will be an exception to this on the first day of school only. I

know many of you, especially those that have children in Kindergarten or early Primary grades, will want to take your child to their classroom. The first day is very hectic and our staff will be very busy and may not have ample time to answer questions. Your child will bring home contact information to accommodate you in staying in touch, posing questions and/or concerns. We hope that you are able to attend Open House on August 11th so that you are able to have any questions answered and your child will feel more comfortable on the first day of school.





IMPORTANT STUDENT PICKUP INFORMATION

In response to the rise of violence in the schools across the country. We do everything possible to keep this school as safe as possible for your child. We need your assistance and support in this. The law says that a child has a biological father and a biological mother - all other people are considered "strangers"/ You, as a parent, may share some of these rights with other people. For example, you may want a step-parent, grandmother, grandfather, sister, neighbor, etc. to pick up your child from school. Unless we have that in writing and on file in the office, we will not be able to send that child home with that person. I know this could create a hardship for some. Nevertheless, this is for the protection of the child. Make sure you fill out the provided form in the packet that your child will bring home the first day of school and return it as soon as possible.

First Day for Kindergarten

Kindergarten teachers and their assistants will be having a "Kindergarten Orientation" with all parents and students the first day of school beginning at 8:15 am. A this time they will be covering very important information to ensure that parents feel comfortable and address any questions or concerns.

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

- During Open House parents will be invited to sign up for events that they would like to help support. Some events will require that volunteers have undergone a criminal background check. This is simply a precaution put in place to ensure the safety of our children.
- PTO will be on one Tuesday each month. There will be two meetings in October and none in December. We meet in the cafeteria starting at 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity to voice your opinions, provide services to our school, help with fund raisers etc.
- You are always welcome to come and sit in on the SBDM meetings. We will meet August 25th, September 29th, October 27th, November 24th, January 11th, February 23rd, March 29th, April 26th, May 10th.
- We are always looking for those who want to be a part of our Great Leaps program. Please contact the school if you are interested in working with our children before school and we will get you connected with the coordinator, Kathy Dunn.
- You may also want to sit in on the advisory council which meets bimonthly. This council helps determine activities to support the school, students, families, and community. If interested please contact April Vickers at the FRC Center here at Hustonville Elementary. Her contact numbers is: (606) 346-3271. The FRC is here to support of the students and their families.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Transition Day at McGuffey Sixth Grade Center for our graduating 5th Grade Students is August 4th.
- Open House August 11th from 5:30-7:30
- First Day for Students is August 13th
- Parent Volunteer Training is August 26th at 1:30 at Hustonville School
- First Day for Preschool Students is August 18th. Drop off and Pick up will be in the bus lane not behind the school.