



## MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent*

Moshannon Valley Families, Students, and Staff,

The new school year is upon us, and we wanted to provide some important information. The first day of school for all students is Thursday, August 25. Several highlights for the opening of school are listed below.

### **Back-to-School Night**

- **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 pm – 6:45 pm** at both the high school and elementary school.
- High School
  - Student schedules will be accessible in Skyward on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Paper copies will not be handed out from the Office and will only be available for pickup during the Back to School Night. Any schedule-related questions are to be directed to HS Counselor, Mrs. Jayne Kitko, [jkitko@movalley.org](mailto:jkitko@movalley.org) (814)-378-7616 ext. 2009 beginning Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Grade 7 families and students should report to the Auditorium by 5:00 pm to begin orientation.
  - Students and families in grades 8-12 can pick up schedules in the High School Main Office Lobby beginning at 5:00 pm.
  - Everyone is welcome to tour the building and take an opportunity to meet and talk with your teachers.
  - Elementary School
    - Families and students should report directly to their student's homeroom.
    - **Kindergarten Orientation will run from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** and families should meet at 6:15 pm in the Kindergarten Commons for an informational session.

### **Meet the Knights & Damsels**

- **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm at CNB Bank Football Stadium.** We hope you will come and see our Varsity and Jr. High Fall sports teams, cheerleading squads and the Black Knight Marching Band.

### **Private Transportation / Student Drivers**

Any students who we be traveling to school using private transportation **cannot arrive prior to 8:00 am at the Elementary or 7:50 am at the High School.** Private transportation procedures will be the same as last year. Family drop-off at the Jr.-Sr. High School is the Main Office Entrance.

Any HS students driving will need to complete a parking application to receive their parking pass. Applications are available in the Main Office and are to be returned to Mr. Ricciotti. Cost of a student driver parking pass is \$10.00.

At dismissal, all HS student drivers and parent pick-up will exit from the HS Auditorium Entrance following school bus departure.

### **Free Breakfast & Lunch for All Students**

The District has an approved Community Eligibility Provision [CEP] program through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which provides one free breakfast and one free lunch daily to each student. Families do not need to complete any application to participate. There will still be several a-la-carte items available for a fee and additional full meals may be purchased at the program required rate of \$4.05 for lunch and \$2.10 for breakfast.



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### **Biometric Identification**

Moshannon Valley is about to implement the latest technology, the IDconnect® Biometric Identification System for access to students' district food service accounts.

The identification system is the same technology used in logging into a smartphone or similar electronic device. This will eliminate the need to type in the lunch ID number or scan a lunch tag, which has been problematic over the past few years.

This system associates a unique identification number with the patron's pointer finger. The algorithm turns it into a long number that is then tied to the student's Skyward ID account. This system **DOES NOT** store any biometric information, fingerprints, matrixes, or measurements. It cannot reproduce a fingerprint in any way. It can only connect the number with the ID while the finger is placed on the device. This is due to a patented software design. The only way a match can be made is when the finger is on the reader.

During the initial enrollment of our Biometric Identification System everything is put into an algorithm and encrypted. What is retained by the system is impossible to reproduce a fingerprint or even any of the measurements, keeping your child completely safe.

Even though there is no risk of stored biometric information, you have the ability to opt out of using the system and your child can still use their current identification method. To opt out please mail a signed letter with your name, your child's name and grade, and your desire to opt of the service to:

Moshannon Valley School District Food Service

4934 Green Acre Road

Houtzdale, PA 16651

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the building offices or central office.

### **After School Learning Programs**

Both the elementary and high school after school learning programs will return later this September. They will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays like last year and the limited bus transportation will be the same as well. Watch for more details to come.

Welcome back! We can't wait to see everyone.

Sincerely,

John W. Zesiger, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools