

Welcome back to school!

It is getting closer and we are all excited to start the 2022-23 school year. August 31st will be here before you know it! I am excited to begin my third year at Downsville. Please join the staff and me in a warm welcome to our new staff members.

*Ms. McKenna Wildner* will be teaching the students in Grade 3.

*Ms. Amy Groskruetz* will be teaching Music.

*Ms. Bretta Snyder* is our new School Counselor.

*Ms. Sylviamae Boughton* is our new Paraeducator.

*Ms. Suzie Schrader* will be joining us in the Kitchen.



The staff and I chose TIGER STRONG as a theme for the year. We want to be STRONG in all areas to help us have a successful year.

**STRONG** mind

**STRONG** body

**STRONG** habits

**STRONG** skills

**STRONG** character

**STRONG** attendance

#### **ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL**

AM Student drop off can be between 8:10-8:30 am. Please do not arrive before 8:10 am. **If you are arriving between 8:10-8:20 please drop your child(ren) at the far end of the building by the bike racks, not at the front doors or fence opening. This is very important and ensures that no cars are blocking the bus lanes.** Children can place their backpack in the line designated for their grade and proceed to the playground or walking trail. The bell to line up is at 8:30 and teachers will walk their students inside at that time. A second bell rings at 8:35, this is the official start to the day. Students who arrive after 8:35 are considered tardy. **Pickup at the end of the day for car riders is between 3:25-3:30. This is to ensure that all vehicles are gone by the time the buses arrive at 3:35.**

#### **BREAKFAST/LUNCH/SNACKS**

All students will be provided a free breakfast. There will be two scheduled lunch periods, K-2 at 11:25 and 3-5 at 11:55. Please note that lunch is no longer free for all students as it has been for the last two years. You must pre-qualify or complete an application for consideration for free and reduced lunch. These were mailed to your home in July. Please call Kay in the office if you need another copy, or pick it up at orientation day. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school if they wish.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Buses will operate as normal. We will give you your bus information at orientation day on August 31.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Good attendance at school is linked to higher growth and academic achievement. I want to work with families to help you improve your attendance at school. We know we can help your child(ren) learn when they are here.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful TIGER STRONG year!

Mrs. Drout