

CHUBBUCK CHATTER

SEPTEMBER
2016

back to
School



PTA...WHAT'S YOUR STORY

Welcome back Panthers! We are really excited to start the 2016-2017 school year. Our back to school social was a success thanks to the support of our amazing Panther families.

We would love for you all to support the Chubbuck PTA. We have had the pleasure of meeting with many of you at the PTA table that we have had set up during all of our school events. We have sent membership information home with every student. We are hoping you all have heard about this exciting news... We are having a membership competition with Tyhee and Ellis Elementary. The winner out of the 3 schools who have the most memberships gets to duct tape their principal to the wall. The kids are **THRILLED** and would love to be able to duct tape Mr.



Watson to the wall. If you haven't joined yet please help us out! The cost is \$8.50 for an individual and \$15.00 for a family.

Fall Fundraiser—We had such a huge hit with the Braxx Spirit cups we will be bringing those back along with Costa Vida. Our Fall Fundraiser Kick off will be September 15th.

Our PTA officers this year are Pamela Hershey, Pres., Sarah Sullivan, Vice Pres., Amber Garvin, Secretary., at our next PTA meeting we would like to vote in Amy Johnson as Treasurer.

*Just a quick reminder that Panther Spirit Wear will be due on September 7th. We have an awesome new logo and it's going to look great.

*Our next PTA meeting will be September 21st at 4:00 pm in the media center.

A GREAT START TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



We are off and running with the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Chubbuck's current enrollment is 544 students in grades K-5. The students have started to feel comfortable in their new classrooms and staff members are working closely to develop positive relationships with students. Our focus for the 2016-2017 school year is **positively "IMPACT" learning and achievement for all students at Chub-**

buck Elementary. We are excited about the opportunity of working together with students and parents to create a safe, supportive and caring school community environment where all students achieve academic success. Please feel free to contact the school or your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress throughout the year. We look forward to working with you this year!!

SAFETY

Safety of students and staff is a top priority at Chubbuck. When you drop off or pick up your child in the front of the school, please drive slowly and pull forward along the curb dropping off as close to the playground entrance as traffic allows. If you prefer to park and walk your child to the school grounds, please use the crosswalk. A staff member will be on duty to escort parents and students across the crosswalk. Please **DO NOT**



park in the bus lane. We have several buses for special needs students that pick up and drop off in the front of the school. Those lanes must be kept clear for them to operate safely. **For safety reasons, do not allow children to enter the parking lot without an adult escort. Please do not use the staff parking lot for dropping off students.** Boyd Street and Joy Street also provide an easily accessible and safe drop off for your child to enter the school grounds. Thanks for your assistance in helping keep Chubbuck students safe.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! I am so happy to see all of the returning students and their families and am eager to get to know our new students and their families.



This month I am going to take the opportunity to reintroduce myself and some of my responsibilities to the students and families of Chubbuck Elementary. Here is what I do:

- Weekly classroom lessons that focus on social-emotional skills, personal safety and character building activities.
- Small group counseling as needed for small groups of students who would benefit from a little extra support in a certain area.
- Individual counseling to students who need a little extra support to overcome obstacles which are impacting their ability to be successful at school.
- Consultation with staff and parents to help support and provide resources and education about issues affecting children.

Here is what you should know about me:

- My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me anytime! One of the most rewarding parts of being a school counselor is the relationships that I build with students and their families.
- Any student can request to meet with me or they can be referred by a parent, teacher, or administrator. I am here to help in any way possible!
- I like to get to know ALL students so they may feel connected and safe while they are at school.
- I respect your right and your child's right to privacy. Confidentiality is a big part of my job and I want you and your child to feel safe.
- I love working with your children and am passionate about partnering with you to build respectful, responsible, and virtuous citizens.

Thank you for your support!

Tricia Harvala, LCSW
School Counselor

START THE ARTS



Start the Arts will be back again this year thanks to our amazing PTA. The PTA is still looking for volunteers to help with this program. If you are willing to help, please con-

tact Adri-
anne Vaughan at:
Adrienne.Vaughan@gmail.com
Start the Arts will begin the week of October 13th. All art supplies are provided by the PTA.

STUDENT MESSAGES

It is important to plan ahead and establish transportation and pick up schedules with your child before he/she arrives at school for the day. It is often times confusing and difficult to relay the correct information to students



once they are at school. If an emergency arises and plans change, please contact the school prior to 2:00 p.m., so the message can be relayed to the student before the end of the day. Your help in preplanning and minimizing disruptions and confusion is greatly

PAC AND TITLE I INFORMATION

Your participation is welcome on the Chubbuck Parent Advisory Council. Monthly PAC meetings are held to educate parents about our school and district. PAC meetings will be held following the PTA Board meetings in the library. If you are interested in joining our PAC, talk to your child's teacher or contact the office for additional information.

Chubbuck is a school wide Title I school. Title I provides funding that is used for additional in-

structional staff, professional development, extended-time programs, and other strategies for raising student achievement. The program focuses on promoting school wide reform in schools and ensuring students' access to research based instructional strategies and challenging academic content. Additional information about Title I requirements and Chubbuck's participation in the school wide assistance program will be held at the PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 21st.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 5	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
Sept 7	Fall Picture Day
Sept 8	Fall Picture Day (T/TH Kindergarten Only)
Sept 8	Kindergarten IRI Testing
Sept 9	Kindergarten IRI Testing
Sept 15	PTA Fall Fundraiser Kickoff Assembly
Sept 16	1st—3rd Grade IRI Testing
Sept 21	PTA/PAC Meeting (4 PM)
Sept 27	4th Grade Field Trip—Swore Farms
Sept 30	Fall Fundraiser Money Due

*Every Monday is 1 Hour Early Release for PLC and Professional Development. Students are dismissed at 1:30 PM each Monday.

