



September 2022



Satilla Elementary

We are so excited to have parents back in the building! Thank you, to all who joined us for our Title 1 Annual meeting, our grade level parent workshops, and our ESOL meeting. Also, we want to say thank you for returning beginning of year paper. Please remember instruction begins at 7:30 AM. So we encourage you to have your Bulldog to school on time, and ready to learn!

September 13, 2022 from 1pm-5pm



Early Release



No School September 5, 2022



HAPPY LABOR DAY

September is Childhood Cancer awareness month



Dates to Remember!

**9/5
Labor Day
Holiday**

**9/13
Progress Re-
ports/PTC/ Ear-
ly Release**

PBIS Rules

**Bulldogs on the playground :
Share, play fair and please don't swear!**



*Parent
Resource Center Open House
9/13/22*

Make an appointment with Mr. Bush to see what resources are available in the Parent Resource Center and how we can help you set up Parent Portal and Gmail.



**September 30, 2022
FUN Friday!
October 14, 2022
Report Cards**

Research shows that parent support is more important to school success than a child's IQ, economic status or school setting, according to the U.S. Department of Education. But how can you most effectively nurture your budding young student? Here are Delaware Valley educators' tips for elementary school success.

1. Think Long Term We know students need to learn reading, writing and math skills in elementary school, but to succeed throughout their school years, the two things they really need to know are study skills and how to learn. "As a parent, help your child develop effective study skills and strategies for time management," says Kelly Goula, Lower School director at Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown, NJ. This will help her learn any subject.

2. Have the Right Attitude Parents should show excitement and enthusiasm for their child's school, says Jarretstown (PA) Elementary School Principal Cheryl Arena-Malfi, EdD. "This will put the child in a positive frame of mind to come to school and be successful," she says. Conversely, unkind words about the child's school or teacher can have a negative effect on a young student's mindset. "If you want your children to be interested in their school, you have to be interested in their school and in the subjects they are studying," says MaryKat Parks Workinger, editorial director at Edu-Guide, a national non-profit organization that provides resources to support student achievement. Volunteer in their classroom if you can. But more importantly, ask your children what they're doing in school, discuss the topics they're studying and talk about how they're handling assigned projects. "When children see that their parents are interested, it shows them there is value in what they're doing," says Elly Alexander, a librarian and classroom teacher at Albert Einstein Academy in Wilmington, DE.

3. Communicate "It is critically important to build a relationship with your children's teachers," says Workinger. Try to meet with teachers briefly in the first few weeks of the school year. "Communicate with the teacher often," says Debbie Panchisin, EdD, director of elementary curriculum for Appoquinimink School District in Odessa, DE. You can get in touch by e-mail, notes, phone calls or face-to-face. A parent might recognize a problem sooner than the teacher. "Teachers truly appreciate things being brought to their attention," says Beth Kessler, a 4th grade teacher in Bucks County, PA. "There are sides of the educational experience that come out at home that teachers might not see. The most important thing is that the parents approach the education of their child with the teacher as a team effort and a common goal." Also, "if your child has a physical, social, or academic challenge, explain it briefly in a note. This kind of personal contact tells teachers that you are involved, that you value them, and that you are open to discussions about your child's weaknesses, as well as his or her strengths," says Workinger.

4. Stick to Routines In the morning, make sure your children wake up at a consistent time every day and eat breakfast. Strive for consistency in their nighttime routine too. Advise your children that "if you make sure your backpack is ready the night before, you're not scrambling the next morning and you start the day off right," says Vicki Dugan, a 1st grade teacher at Ashbrook Elementary School in Lumberton, NJ. Kids benefit from a consistent homework routine, including a regular time of day and comfortable workplace. Keep school supplies in a small box near the child's homework spot, Dugan suggests.

5. Support Strengths "Recognize and encourage strengths," says Genes Marquez, a teacher at the Montessori Academy of New Jersey in Delran, NJ. There is a tendency sometimes to focus only on areas where children need extra help. Emphasizing children's strengths and helping them develop their areas of interest builds self-esteem and keeps kids motivated.