

SCHOOL DAYS AHEAD!

I had to think a little bit about what title I wanted to give to this article. One other possibility that came to mind was “Summer Days Waning.” I decided against using this title because I felt that it carried a negative tone. Besides, there are plenty of summer days left before winter’s chill begins to creep in among us. I decided to use the title, “School Days Ahead!” because it is a phrase that is full of anticipation. The start of the new school year is almost upon us, and that is a great thing. Learning all that you can learn to become all that you can be is what it’s all about. Learning doesn’t follow a particular calendar or timeframe. Indeed, the journey we call learning is a lifelong experience. This statement can be supported simply by considering the many, many teachers from our district who have been involved with ongoing learning opportunities during the summer break. They are to be commended for their interest and diligence in becoming all that they can be as educators.

As we look ahead to the 2007-2008 school year, the first day of classes will be Tuesday, August 21, 2007. If you are new to our school district, or if you know of a new family that has moved into our school district over the summer months, I would urge you to be a good neighbor and suggest that they call the school office to schedule an appointment to enroll their child(ren) in school by no later than Friday, August 17th. This will enable your child(ren) to begin the new school year in a new school building on a much smoother note. It is also very important for parents of any unregistered kindergarten or preschool student to take care of this before August 17th. ALL kindergarten students must be screened prior to starting kindergarten classes to ensure proper classroom

placement. Board policy for the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District states that a child must be five years of age on or before September 30th to be eligible to attend kindergarten. Please be sure to contact your school building office for more information on what you need to bring with you to the school when you enroll your child(ren).

Our school district does have an excellent website. You can access or reach our website at www.ovsd.us. If you have internet access, I would suggest that you check out our website for some valuable information about our schools and district. Included on the website is information about our building locations, telephone numbers, names of administrators, breakfast and lunch programs, the school district calendar, board policies, our new building program, and so much more. Checking out our website can actually save you time because the answers to so many of your possible questions can be found there. If you don't have internet access, simply call the school building for more information, or call the Central Administration Office at 544-5586.

Have a great school year, everybody!

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED

The Adams County/Ohio Valley School District has teamed with Steed Hammond Paul, Inc. (architects), Bovis Lend Lease (construction manager), and the Ohio School Facilities Commission to announce groundbreaking ceremonies for each of our three new elementary schools. These ceremonies will occur at all three locations on Friday, August 17, 2007. Please check this newspaper for an announcement of this event, along with

additional details between now and August 15th. The groundbreaking ceremonies are open to all who would like to attend. Seating will not be provided. So, if you wish to sit during the ceremony, you may want to bring your own lawn chair.

If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of this week's article, be sure to give me a call at 544-5586. Thank you.

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