

## SCHOOL DAYS NEAR

The start of the 2009-2010 school year for students in the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District is fast approaching. The first day of classes for all students except kindergartners will be **Monday, August 24th**. I am happy to report that all buildings will be ready to receive students and staff members before this date. However, occupancy of the Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center will be pushed to make the August 24th date. Nonetheless, at this time, it appears that even the CTC will be ready for occupancy by this date.

I would remind parents that it might be a good idea to either consult your child's principal or reference the school district website ([www.ovsd.us](http://www.ovsd.us)) to check the student handbook on a variety of information including the student dress code, electronic devices at school, and so forth. Students who are new to the AC/OVSD should be pre-registered prior to the start of school on August 24th. This would also be true for kindergartners who may not have pre-registered back in May and June. All kindergarten students must be screened prior to starting kindergarten classes to help ensure the most accurate and helpful placement for your child. Please contact your building principal or counselor before pre-registering your child(ren) just to make sure that you have the necessary information on hand before you go to the school.

The AC/OVSD does offer student transportation services to students who live at least two (2) miles from the child's school. Parents with any questions regarding school bus stops, pick-up and drop-off times, etc., should contact Mr. Larry Bennington,

Warehouse/Transportation Manager, at 587-2761. I am very pleased to share with you that all of our school buses will be equipped with four (4) video cameras in an effort to better monitor student activity and to better promote student safety. This purchase was made with some of our permanent improvement funds.

All of our schools have scheduled their Annual Back-to-School events prior to our first day of classes. I hope that parents and their child(ren) will be able to attend the Back-to-School event at their particular building. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about needs and expectations for the coming school year. These events are scheduled as follows:

- North Adams High School – August 20th, 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Principal Steve Schad, 386-2528
- North Adams Elementary – August 20th, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Principal Robin Lucas, 386-2516
- Peebles High School – August 20th, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Principal Steve Kempf, 587-2681
- Peebles Elementary – August 20th, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Principal Ann Charles, 587-2611
- West Union High School – August 19th, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Principal Tim Davis, 544-5553
- West Union Elementary – August 20th, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Principal Linda Naylor, 544-2951

- Ohio Valley CTC – August 20th, 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Principal Tad Mitchell, 544-2336

### H1N1 (SWINE FLU) UPDATE

As we get ready for the start of the 2009-2010 school year, we do so realizing that we will be dealing with many big issues this year. Two of these will be the opening of our new elementary schools in December, and staying on top of our growing budget concerns for 2010-2011. Another equally big conversation topic this year will be coping with whatever problems may arise as a result of the spread of the H1N1 virus, otherwise known as swine flu. Student safety and good health are always areas of focus for our school district. Rest assured that we will be working closely with the Adams County Health Department to monitor this situation throughout the school year. We will also continue to do what we can to keep our buildings sanitized as much as possible. Students may be required frequently during the school day to not only wash their hands thoroughly, but to also apply hand sanitizer—all in an effort to maintain control over this health threat. If a building or the district is stricken with any sort of influenza or sickness outbreak that severely restricts our student/staff attendance rate, then a school or schools may be forced to close for a period of time.

If you have any questions about this article, please feel free to contact me at 544-5586.

Thank you, and let's all work together to make 2009-2010 a GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

Charles P. Kimble, Superintendent