

Palmer Public School



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Superintendent's Newsletter, August/September 2024

Please join me in welcoming our newest staff member, Mrs. Angela Berger, to Palmer Public School. Mrs. Berger will be teaching 7th-12th grade science classes, and has several years of teaching experience in Nebraska schools as well as experience teaching in China. Other relatively new staff members that joined us during the second half of last school year include: Kristi Blauhorn, District Bookkeeper; Becky Knox and Dani Scheer, Paraprofessionals; Richard Cernick and Kevin Bremer, Route Drivers; and Kathleen Williams, Custodian. Welcome all to the PPS Family!

We cordially invite our PK-12 students and their families to our annual back to school registration event known as "Palmer Pride Night" on Thursday, August 8. Activities will run from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and elementary classrooms will be open to drop off your school supplies from 6:00-7:00. Our theme for this year is T.I.G.E.R. Nation, and we look forward to showing our Tiger pride on Aug. 8!

T - Trustworthy

I - Integrity

G - Grit

E - Empathy

R - Respectful

We want to thank everyone who took the time to learn about the bond issue proposal that was voted on last March. We have continued to meet and listen to input from community members. At the time of this writing, it has not yet been decided whether another vote will take place, but that is a possibility. If you have any comments or questions about facility needs, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to continuing to partner with our community to make both the Village and the School the best they can be. Here's to a great 2024-25 school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bohlken

A Community that prides itself on Commitment, Growth, & Achievement!



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Welcome Back to School! We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to Palmer Public Schools. We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with memorable moments. Our educators and staff have been working hard to prepare for an exciting and productive school year. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment for all students.

Key Information:

- First Day of School for K-12: August 13th
- First Day of School for PK: August 19th
- Palmer Pride Night: August 8th
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: September 25th
- School Hours: 8:00 AM 3:30 PM (Drop-off begins at 7:30 AM)
- Lunch Program: Breakfast and lunch prices to be announced. Parents/guardians are welcome to join their child for lunch with prior notice to the office.

The Importance of Communication: Strong communication between school and home is vital for student success. Here are ways to stay connected:

- **Stay Updated:** Regularly check our school website, emails, newsletters, and your child's backpack for important updates.
- Attend School Events: Participate in school events, parent-teacher conferences, and meetings.
- Reach Out: Contact your child's teacher first with any questions or concerns. If questions/concerns are not answered please reach out to me. They are directly working with your student.
- **Join Parent Organizations:** Get involved with our PTO! Follow the Palmer Tigers PTO Facebook page for updates.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership. Together, we can create a positive and enriching educational experience for all our students. Looking forward to a fantastic school year ahead!

Sincerely,

Sherise Loeffelbein PK-6 Principal/Special Education Director



Welcome Back!

It is hard to believe that the break is ending and we are embarking on a new school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer and could relax and rejuvenate! Palmer is a great place to be and will forever be in my heart. I am thrilled to embark on a new journey with all of you serving as the 7-12 Principal and Curriculum Coordinator! We have some exciting exploits to look forward to so here is to a year filled with learning, growth, and achievement!

Mrs. Kristin Reiners



August 8th - Palmer Pride Night & Registration August 13th - First Day of School

August 15th - K-l2 School Picture Day & Fall Sports Pictures

September 25th - Parent Teacher Conferences



School Supplies - The lists can be found on the school website.

Dress Code - Please follow the dress code when purchasing back to school clothing!

Attendance - Students need to be in school, so please try to adjust appointments so they do not interrupt your child's school day. Also, inform the office ahead of time for upcoming absences.



INVOLVED!

New Staff Member - We have a new 7-12 Science teacher, please welcome Mrs. Angie Berger!

Updated Facilities - We can not wait to show you the changes we have made in our hallways! You have to see it to believe it!

The Jungle - 7-12 parents will have a new way to access teacher lesson plans and view student homework starting in September!

Palmer Booster Club - All 7-12 parents, with students in activities, are invited to join the Booster Club. Watch for more information to be posted!

PTO - Consider joining the PTO to enrich parent-teacher relations and to support our staff & students in unique ways!

Can't Hide That Palmer Pride- Consider attending the variety of school events to support and cheer on our students!



Visit the school's website: www.palmertigers.org for a plethora of school information.

Sign up for the eBulletin - ask how to be added to the list during Palmer Pride Night! Sign up for PowerSchool to view your student's grades - ask how during Palmer Pride Night!



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

*When informing the school that your child will be absent, it is important that you call the <u>office</u> and let us know the reason for your child being gone -> <u>even if you have already informed their teacher.</u>

*If there is a bus change for your child in the morning/afternoon, it is important that you call/email the office 30 min before their pickup time and before 2:30PM and let us know.

*High School students are not allowed to call themselves out as tardy/absent!

*High School students are responsible for filling out a sign out sheet if they know they are going to be gone at any point in the school day for an appointment/school activity/vacation/etc. They are to turn in their sign out sheets to the office <u>1 day prior</u> to being gone.

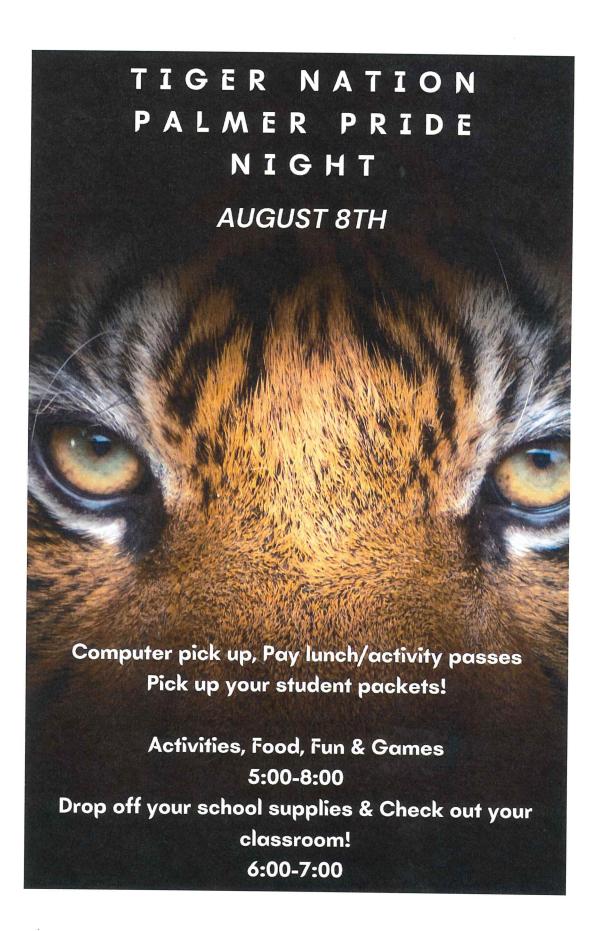
*If you move, please call the office and give us your updated address. Or update your information on PowerSchool.

*You can add funds to your child's lunch account online through efunds, or by sending money to the front office. If you need help setting up efunds, you can call us!

*If your child has a temp of <u>100.0</u> or higher, they will need to leave school and be 24 hour fever free without medication before returning.

*If you are visiting the school, <u>check in with the office</u> and let them know what you need. They can notify whomever you would like to see/speak with. You can drop off birthday treats/forgotten items/etc with them to deliver to your student.

Thank you thank you!!! ♥ Mrs. Forbes / Mrs. Lane
office@palmer.esu7.org - 308-894-3065



Tiny Tigers Preschool-Mrs. Whitney Mamot

Hello Tiny Tigers! I am so excited to welcome 36 total preschool friends to our program this year! Here are a few helpful pieces of information about the Tiny Tigers Preschool program.

Location-All preschool classes will be located at our Tiny Tigers Early
Learning Center, across the street from the K-12 building. This facility is
equipped with classrooms for 3 preschool groups. It has its own cafeteria, indoor
recess space, library, lunchroom, and a fenced outdoor play space.

Teachers-Ms. Dawn Tedmon is the PreK 3 teacher. This year Mrs. Tayma Rasmussen & I will be teaching the PreK 4 class. We are all so excited to spend this year helping our community's littlest learners grow!

Classes-PreK 3 is for students who are age 3 prior to August 1st. There is a morning session that will run from 8:00-11:30 and an afternoon session that runs from 12-3:30pm. PreK 4 is for students who are age 4 prior to August 1st. PreK 4 has one session running preschool focus hours from 8:00-1:00 and supplemental activities until the end of the school day.

Transportation-All preschool students are welcome to ride the AM and PM public school bus routes. A midday route will run to and from eligible daycare centers for PreK 3 students.

Schedule-The preschool program will operate Monday through Thursday. There are no preschool classes on Fridays. We follow the same schedule as the K-12 students in terms of late starts, early outs, and days off. The first day of preschool is set for Monday August 19th. This is NOT the same date as the start for K-12 students.

Curriculum-We follow a play based curriculum...yes our students play most of the day! Learning through play is what is developmentally appropriate for preschoolers. As preschool teachers we provide hands-on play experiences that foster development in academic, emotional, social, physical, and language skills. These activities are themed based off of our students' interests - like dinosaurs, farming, and more!



At Tiny Tigers Preschool we are committed to teaching through play and student discovery. We believe that a caring mutually respectful atmosphere promotes the learning process. We feel families are a vital partner in the education of their child and strive to make those home connections strong. We cannot be more excited to get this school year underway, see you soon!

Counselor's Corner

Hello all!

Welcome back for the 2024-2025 school year! This will be my 3rd year at Palmer as our K-6 school counselor and I am looking forward to everyone being be back in the building and getting another year underway. Although the beginning of the school year is an exciting time of year, it can be a hectic time for parents, teachers, staff, and students! Below are some tips from teachers to help with your transition back into the swing of school and a new routine.



Start a sleep schedule - About a week before the first day of school, children should begin a bedtime and wake-up schedule that mirrors their impending weekday routine.

Don't skip breakfast - While mornings can be extremely hectic, it's crucial - particularly for young kids - that breakfast should not be sacrificed due to the morning rush.

Set after school rules - Before school starts, sit down as a family and map out the after school rules, including: when and where homework will be done (your house should include a distraction-free area equipped with a desk or table and well-stocked with school supplies); the amount of time that's allowed for watching TV and playing games; and how many extracurricular activities - such as sports and scouts - can be juggled.

Create a family calendar -Stay on track as a family by posting a calendar in a central area, such as the kitchen, that lists each family member's appointments, activities, events, due dates and test dates.

Foster organizational skills - In addition to creating a family calendar, help your child develop a personal organizational system to stay on top of assignments, tests and important dates. Possibilities include a white board, a day planner or a smart phone's notes function.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at cvalasek@palmer.esu7.org or call 894-3065.

Mrs. Valasek

AUGUST

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE



WELCOME BACK!

Mrs. Trout 7-12 School Counselor

Welcome back Tigers! I hope you and your family had a fun filled summer! August and September are busy months for the seniors as they will begin planning for their future after high school, placing orders for their caps and gowns, and applying for scholarships. As of right now the FAFSA is supposed to open up October 1st. We will be hosting a FAFSA night for parents and will send out more details when it gets closer. I will also let you know more information about cap and gown orders at a later date. will also post updated information on Facebook at the Palmer High School Counseling Office

If you have any questions feel free to email me at atrout@palmer.esu7.org



UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

- August 8th Palmer Pride Night
- September 10th Senior Class Picture during 1st and 2nd period
- September 25th Parent Teacher Conferences
- Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship -Scholarship due November 15



Transportation is a very important function in a district such as Palmer, and it takes the cooperation of everyone in it to perform safely and efficiently. In order for safety to prevail in the program, it is important that student behavior on the bus follows very closely to student behavior in the classroom. It is our opinion that riding the bus is a privilege rather than a right; therefore, students who cannot follow rules will be removed from the bus and will have to use other means of transportation to and from school.

Listed below are the basic rules of conduct expected of students riding the bus, and it will be appreciated if all students and parents will help to see that they are followed.

- Under the direction of the driver, students may be assigned seats, if the driver feels this is necessary.
- Students must be on time; the bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
- Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed by students. Any
 pupil guilty of unbecoming conduct or using inappropriate language will forfeit the
 privilege to ride on the bus. No gum, candy, or other food or drink is allowed without the
 driver's permission.
- Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
- Students must not throw waste paper or rubbish on the floor of the bus, or put anything in the aisles.
- No students will, at any time, extend arms, head, or other parts of the body out the bus windows.
- Students must not get on or off or move about within the bus while it is in motion.
- When leaving the bus, students should cross the road ten feet in front of the bus, look both ways and make sure it is safe. **DO NOT CROSS BEHIND THE BUS.**
- The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students are to comply promptly, cheerfully, and fully with his/her requests.
- If monitors or patrols are on duty, students must obey and respect their orders.
- Any damage to the bus is to be reported at once to the driver.
- Students will be especially quiet when the bus is stopped at a railroad crossing so the driver can hear oncoming trains.
- No student will leave the bus other than at the assigned stop or at his/her school without the permission of the driver.

PENALTY: Violation of the above rules will render the student immediately liable for temporary or permanent debarment from riding the bus.

ExtraCurricular/School Activity Trips

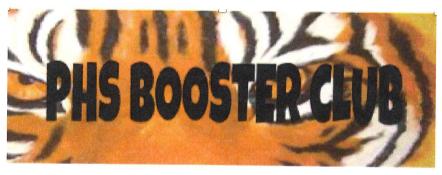
School buses with adult sponsors will be permitted to leave for extracurricular/school activity trips. School bus drivers are instructed not to leave unless an adult supervisor is present in the bus. The sponsor needs to leave a complete list of passengers in the office before departure. While transporting students on the Interstate, the maximum speed limit will be 65 mph.











ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12!

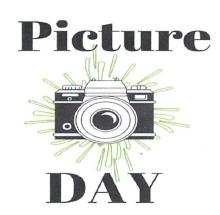
If your child(ren) is in grade 7-12 and participates in any extracurricular activity, you are automatically a member of the Palmer Booster Club! There are numerous positions that will be open this year in the organization so please consider being an active member! President, Vice-President, Treasurer are positions that need to be filled!

Meetings are held four times a year in the Chochon Room.

Please sheck your email, ebulletin, or the Palmer Tiger Facebook page for any upcoming meeting dates ! times.

Our mission is to be an action-oriented group of parents that work together to enhance and expand the academic, social and athletic programs that are available to each individual student at Palmer Public School.

COURTNEY LETH PHOTOGRAPHY



K-12 SCHOOL PICTURES & SPORT PICTURES

August 15th - 8:30 AM / 2:40 PM

PRE-K PICS
August 20th - 8:30 AM

COME LOOKING YOUR BEST!!!

Picture retakes will be scheduled at a later time



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EVERY ZND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM

ACTIVITY PASSES 2024-2025

Enjoy watching the Palmer Tigers compete? Want to save a little money? Why not buy an activity pass?!?! Activity passes for the 2024-2025 school year are now available. Passes may be purchased at the Palmer Pride Night, as well as throughout the school year at the main office. Passes will be required to be shown at each event. Please call the main office with any questions, 308-894-3065.

VARSITY ADULT \$5

VARSITY STUDENT \$5

JV ONLY ADULT 54

JV ONLY STUDENT \$3

JH ONLY ADULT \$2

JH ONLY STUDENT \$2

ADULT ALL SEASON PASS 58

SENIOR CITIZEN ALL SEASON PASS \$40

STUDENT ALL SEASON PASS 540

FAMILY ALL SEASON PASS \$200



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Students, their parents and employees of School District #49 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap or race and is required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI not to discriminate on the basis of sex or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning School District #49's compliance with title IX and Section 504 and Title VI is directed to contact Superintendent Dr. Joel Bohlken, 201 Commercial St., Palmer Public School, 202 Commercial St. Palmer, NE 68864, phone 308-894-9053. Superintendent Dr. Joel Bohlken has been designated by School District #49 to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Palmer Public Schools has agreed to participate in the National School Lunch Program and accepts responsibility for providing free and reduced price meals to eligible children in the schools under its jurisdiction. The school food authority assures the State Department of Education that the school system will uniformly implement state and federal guidelines to determine children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals in all National School Lunch Programs.

Palmer offers a Breakfast Program, Hot Lunch Program and milk break each day. All meals and extra milk must be paid in advance in the office. No student will be allowed to charge at any time. Applications for Free and Reduced Priced Meals are available in the office. Applications will be accepted throughout the school year.

The applications will also be available at Palmer Pride Night, August 8th. We ask all families to fill out the form, even if they believe they won't qualify. The information is strictly confidential and will not be shared. The larger percentage of families that fill out the application, the larger the savings for the school. The school greatly appreciates your time and effort to save money!

2024-2025 MEAL PRICES

Breakfast Pk-6 \$1.85 7-12 \$2.05 Adult \$2.55

Extra Milk \$0.85

Lunch

Pk-6 \$2.80

K-6 Seconds \$1.15

7-12 \$3.00

7-12 Seconds \$1.35

Adult \$3.85

Adult Salad Bar \$2.85 Salad Bar Item \$1.35 (Bowl of Fruit/Lettuce)

To deposit money in your child's account, please stop by the office or use your E/FUNDS account. You will need your child's student number to use E/FUNDS. Please contact the office if you are interested in using E/FUNDS.





All students in grades 7-12 planning to participate in any NSAA sanctioned activity are required to have a physical on file with the school before they will be allowed to participate in that activity. Physical forms are available on the school website, or in the school office. <u>AUGUST 9TH</u> is the first day for the following activities: Football, Cross Country and Volleyball.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FOR: <u>Kindergarteners, Seventh Graders and Athletics</u>

A physical examination by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner within six months prior to the entrance of a child into the beginner grade or the seventh grade, or in the case of a transfer from out of state to any other grade of the local school. An objection in writing to a physical examination of such a child signed and dated by a parent or guardian of such a child may be submitted to the local school.



The Board of Education, in compliance with Nebraska law, requires each student be protected against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis

B and varicella by immunization prior to enrollment. Any student not in compliance shall not be permitted to continue in school until this requirement is met (79-444.01). Students shall be provisionally enrolled if the immunization procedure has commenced and continues as rapidly as possible (79-444.07). Families shall be notified of this requirement prior to the date of registration (70-444.01).

Immunization shall not be required for enrollment if:

(1) The school is provided with a written statement signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner that the immunization would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or any member of that student's family; or

(2) The school is provided with a written affidavit signed by the student, or, if a minor, by the legal representative of the student, that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination and that the student is a practicing member of that religion (79-444.08).

The cost of such immunization shall be borne by the student's parent or guardian or by the Department of Health in situations where such cost would prohibit immunization (7999-444.01). Students who meet the statutory requirements for provisional enrollment shall be allowed to attend school for sixty days without the necessary immunizations.

Students who are excepted from the immunization requirement may be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak of any contagious disease in the school population. Homeless students who are in need of immunizations will be referred to the homeless coordinator, who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations or medical records.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

State law requires that a certified copy of a student's birth certificate be used when enrolling a new student in school. If your child is registering with Palmer School for the first time, you may obtain this document from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state in which your child was born. Assistance in obtaining birth certificates may be obtained from Health Records Management, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065. There is a fee per certificate.

Please note: The document parents receive from the hospital looks like a birth certificate, but it is not a certified copy. A certified copy has the raised seal of the state of Nebraska on it and is signed by the director of vital statistics.

If a birth certificate is unavailable, other reliable proof of a student's identity may be used. These documents could include naturalization or immigration documents showing date of birth or official hospital birth records, a passport, or a translation of a birth certificate from another country. The documents must be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.



SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Students 2-5 years of age enrolled in a school-based program not licensed as a child care provider are considered to be immunized if they have received:

- > 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine;
- > 4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine;
- > 3 doses of polio vaccine;
- > 1 dose of MMR vaccine given no earlier than 4 days before the first birthday;
- > 3 doses of HIB vaccine or 1 dose of HIB vaccine given at or after 15 months of age;
- > 1 dose of varicella vaccine; and
- > 4 doses of pneumococcal vaccine or 1 dose of pneumococcal vaccine given at or after 15 months.

Students enrolling for the first time (kindergarten or 1st grade, depending on the school district's entering grade), enrolling in 7th grade, and all transfer students from outside the state regardless of the grade they are entering are considered immunized if they have received:

- > 3 doses DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine with at least 1 dose given no earlier than 4 days before 4 years of age;
- > 3 doses of polio vaccine;
- > 2 doses of MMR vaccine with the first dose given no earlier than 4 days before the first birthday and the 2 doses separated by at least 28 days;
- > 3 doses of pediatric hepatitis B vaccine, or, if the alternate hepatitis B vaccination schedule is used, 2 doses of a licensed adult hepatitis B vaccine specified for adolescents 11-15 years of age; and
- > 2 doses of varicella vaccine with the first dose given no earlier than 4 days before the first birthday and the 2 doses separated by at least 28 days.

Students enrolling in 7th grade must provide evidence of having 1 booster dose of a tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, given on or after 7 years of age.

All other students are considered immunized if they have received:

- 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, with at least 1 dose given no earlier than 4 days before 4 years of age;
 - 3 doses of polio vaccine;
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine with the first dose given no earlier than 4 days before the first birthday and the 2 doses separated by at least 28 days;
 - 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine; and
- 2 doses of varicella vaccine with the first dose given no earlier than 4 days before the first birthday and the 2 doses separated by at least 28 days.

SOURCE: NEBRASKA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL 402-471-6423.

MEDICATIONS

Whenever possible, parents should arrange medication schedules to eliminate the need for giving medication during school hours. When necessary, it shall be the policy of the Palmer Public Schools to adhere to the following guidelines regarding the administration of prescription and non-prescription medication to students:

- 1. Any prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication sent to school by a parent/guardian should be sent in the original container, along with a note signed by the parent/guardian with complete instructions as to dosage, time, etc.
- 2. An authorization form must be completed and placed on file in the Administration office for those students who require a routine (daily), long-term (more than fourteen days) medication (i.e. insulin, Ritalin, inhalers, etc.) during school hours. This form is to be renewed annually. (See Attachment A)
- 3. The school will maintain a record of the administration of medication to students during school hours that includes the student's name, name of medication with dosage and date and time of administration. The medication record is initiated via the school secretary or the designated school personnel administering the medication. All medication logs will be filed and retained for a minimum of five years.
- 4. In the absence of the school secretary, the school administrator in collaboration with the school secretary will designate other school personnel who may assist the student with medication. Designated school personnel will receive in-service from the county nurse prior to providing such assistance. The in-service will include:
 - a. Method of administration.
 - b. Possible signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omissions, or overdose. c. Proper handling and storage.
 - d. Record keeping.
 - e. Emergency procedure.

The district reserves the right to review and decline requests to administer or provide medications that are not consistent with standard pharmacological references, are prescribed in doses that exceed those recommended in standard pharmacological references, or that could be taken in a manner that would eliminate the need for giving them during school hours. The district may request parental authorization to consult with the student's physician regarding any medication prescribed by such physician.



NEBRASKA CHILD FIND

The Palmer School district is looking for unidentified children with special needs as it participates in "Nebraska Childfine". This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved handicapped children, age's birth through 21. Children who would benefit from special education services may not be receiving them because parents may not know of available programs or because they do not recognize the handicapping condition(s) of their children. Special programs are available through public school for handicapped children whose impairments pose restrictions on learning.

These impairments include:

Speech/Language disorders; Hearing/Visual impairments; Specific Learning disabilities; Behavioral disorders; Physical handicaps and severe or multiple handicaps. Nebraska law guarantees a free appropriate public education to all children.

Parents who feel their children should be receiving special education services are asked to contact the Palmer School District. Nebraska Child Find provides information also through their toll free number, 888-806-6287.



SCHOOLS ARE DRUG FREE ZONES

It shall be the policy of Merrick County School District No. 49, to absolutely prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities. This shall include such unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by any student of the District on District property, during regular school hours, during after school hours, and at school-sponsored activities. Palmer Public School declares all of our school buildings to be smoke-free, including electronic cigarettes or vapor devices. We would appreciate your help in meeting the goal of a smoke and tobacco free environment for our children.



ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

Federal Law requires annual notification be given to all new students that there is some material containing asbestos in the buildings of the Palmer Public Schools. For the past several years, efforts have been made to relieve this problem. We will continue to utilize asbestos abatement procedures to help eliminate any health hazards.

Information concerning these hazards may be found in the office of the superintendent. If you have any questions concerning asbestos, please do not hesitate to contact any of the school administrators.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Under Nebraska law the district may not use school funds to provide general student accident or athletic insurance. The district requires that all student participants in secondary athletic programs have injury and accident insurance and encourages all students who are in classes with risk of personal injury or accident to have insurance coverage. Student accident insurance is available to the students through an outside insurance provider. Forms will be sent home the first week of school. You are not required to purchase this insurance.

PHONE CALLS

Students at Palmer Public School are expected to be respectful, responsible and resourceful. However, on occasion, students will forget things such as band instruments, laptops, permission slips, ect. Use of the office phone will be allowed for such calls but repeated occurrences will result in administrative intervention to discourage further occurrence. A telephone/intercom system is in each classroom. Students are prohibited from using this system unless permission is given by the teacher or in case of an emergency (dial 911). Students will not be called to the telephone during class periods except in case of emergency. When students are sick they will go to the office and school personnel will call their parents. Calls concerning doctor's appointments, work, etc. will be done before school, after school or during lunch. Administrative discretion will be used to allow students the use of the phone during the school day. Teachers will not allow students to use a school phone unless directed by the teacher to do so.



VISITING SCHOOL

Parents and Grandparents are invited to visit school at any time. A door-lock and security system has been installed for the safety of our students. For entrance during school hours, please push the button to the immediate left of the front (center) entrance. This button will activate one-way audio communication with front office personnel. All visitors will be required to wear a visitor's badge. If you do not have a badge on, staff will stop you and ask you to report to the main office. This is for the protection of students and staff. You are welcome to eat lunch with your child/children. Adult meal prices are as follows:

Adult Lunch: \$3.85° Adult Seconds: \$1.35 Extra Milk: \$85

VISITOR

Name:

Destination:

Date: Time In:

TITLE I

Title I is a federally funded program that targets student achievement. During the 2024-2025 school year Palmer Public School will participate in a school wide Title I program. This means that any student who is showing academic need throughout the year qualifies for extra help. In previous years certain students were targeted based on their skills from the preceding grade. Students will no longer be targeted at the beginning of the year. Instead, when they reach a topic that proves tough for them they will receive support through Title I. Support through Title I include:

- > Co-teaching: having two teachers in the classroom.
- > Class size reduction through breaking a lesson into two groups
- Pull out skill pre-teaching or re-teaching
- > Extra assistance on worksheets

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We believe with this extra help and your support at home your child will perform to the best of her/his ability.

PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL **ELEMENTARY STUDENT SUPPLY LIST** 2024-2025

Physical Education Shoes Required for K-6!! All students are required to have a separate pair of gym shoes for indoor Physical Education. These should be clean, non-marking shoes.

NO TRAPPER KEEPERS or PENCIL BOXES for all grades, unless otherwise noted

		HEADPHONES ALLO NAME ON ALL SUPP					
Pre-School (Rasmussen/Mame 1 Book Bag (large enough for 8 1 Small blanket/Stuffed animal(1 Container Clorox/Lysol Wipe	½ x 11 papers) 1 Large (Preschool 4 only)						
Kindergarten (Hake) 2 Box of Treats (to share at snac	ck time) 1 Book	Bag (large enough for	8 1/2 X 11 papers)				
2 Large Boxes Kleenex		of headphones(NOT ea					
2 Container Clorox/Lysol Wipe		air of clothes to keep in					
First Grade (Meyer)							
1 Lrg Box Kleenex	1 Pencil Box	Back	pack				
1 Pocket Folder	1 Container Clorox Wip		count box of crayons				
Headphones	1 Box of Treats (to shar						
Second Grade (Hinrichs)							
2 Lg. Box Kleenex	1 Lrg Container	Clorox Wipes	l backpack				
1 pair headphones (fit in pencil	box) 1 pkg markers		1 pencil box (approx. 8.5" x 5")				
1 dz #2 pencils sharpened	1 Box of Treats		r penen con (approx. 6.5 'A 5')				
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Third Grade (Santin/Norman))						
2 Lg. Box Kleenex	2 Container Clorox Wip	oes 1 doz. #2 Pen	l doz. #2 Pencils (no mechanical)				
	4 Pocket Folders	1 Lg. Pink Er					
24 box of colored pencils	1 Plastic Pencil Box	1 Set Earphon	nes				
Fourth Grade (B. Thompson)	1 Set Earphone	es					
1 Red Ink Pen	2 dz #2 Pencils	(NO Mechanical Penc	ils please)				
5 Pocket Folders	1 Lg. Pink Eras	er	2 Lg. Boxes Kleenex				
2 Container Clorox Wipes	1 package 3x3 s	sticky notes					
Fifth Grade (Rolf)	3 Pocket Folders	Chunk Erasers	2 dozen #2 pencils				
2-3 Red Pens	Highlighters	l pkg loose-leaf paper					
1 Packs of Lined Notecards	3 Notebooks	Earphones					
Mechanical pencils allowed (m		use 3 Boxes Kleer	nex				
***5 th Grade Band Students: You	u will need to have an inst	rument purchased by th	ne first day of school along with the correct				

method book (may be purchased at Ron's Music (Essential Elements 2000 - yellow))***

Sixth Grade (Samuelson) 1 Container Clorox Wipes 2 packages of mechanical/regular pencils Earphones/Headphones 1 Pocket Folder 3 One Subject Notebooks 2 pkg wide ruled loose leaf paper 1" binder 2 Lg Box of Kleenex 3 pkg of 3x5 notecards

PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPLY LIST 2024-2025

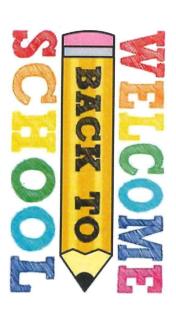
All 7-12 Grade students will need to have one pair of headphones or earbuds

1 1"-2" binder or 1 fold 1 package of pens 1	der designated for English package of pencils	ds (3x5 or 4x6) 1 set of highlighters min. of 3 green and 3 pink highlighters
7-12 Math Paper (loose leaf or note Calculator (TI30X-IIS for 1 2" binder and package	ebook) Pencils 7-9, Graphing TI83 or TI84 for e of dividers (Math 7, Alg 1,	r 10-12)
1 set of highlighters	1 pkg of pens rds (3x5 or 4x6) 1 box of kleenex	
7-8 Science Pens P	Pencils 2 two-pocket for	older (Designated for Science only)
9-12 Science (excludes Pens 1		Pencils
Speech 1 box of kleenex 3	pkg of notecards 1" bind	
7-11 Social Sciences 1 Box of Kleenex		Agriculture 2" binder with divider tabs
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Leather Boots/Work Shoes(No tennis shoes) Jeans with no holes 2" binder with divider tabs

August 2024

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	L: Crispitos, Spanish Rice, Pineapple, Corn	B: Scrambled Eggs	26	L: Hamburger, Pears, Potato Triangles	B: Donut	19		No School	12	Monday
ANTICOMENTAL ANTICOMENT	L: Chicken Tenders, Pink Applesauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Dinner Roll	B: Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant	27	L: Walking Taco, Pink Applesauce, Corn, Brownie	B: French Toast	20	L; Sack Lunch	B: Cereal	13	Tuesday
	L: Spaghetti, Pears, Green Beans, Garlic Bread	B: Cereal	28	L: Chicken Fried Steak, Mandarin Oranges, Potatoes, Dinner Roll	B: Fruit Turnover	21	L: Cream Chicken on a Biscuit, Peaches, Peas	B; Soft Pretzel	14	Wednesday
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	L: Pork Patty on a Bun, Mandarin Oranges, Baked Beans, Chips	B: Cinni Mini's	30	L: Sandwich Bar, Grapes, Carrots, Carrots, Chips	B: Breakfast Pizza	23	L: Pizza, Strawberry Cup, Green Beans, Ice Cream Cup	B: Cheese Omelet	16	Friday



September 2024

B: Pancakes L: Hamburger, Pears, Smiley Smiley Fries	30	B: Donut L: BBQ Rib Sandwich, Strawberry Cup, Potato Triangles	23	B: Biscuits & Gravy L: Cream Chicken on a Biscuit, Peaches, Peas	16	B: Pancakes L: Chicken Quesadilla, Pear, Corn, Fruit Snacks	9	NO SCHOOL	22	Monday
		B: French Toast L: Chicken Tenders, Peaches, Scalloped Potatoes, Dinner Roll	24	B: Soft Pretzel L: Meal in a Bowl, Pears, Dinner Roll	17	B: Cereal L: Stromboli, Strawberry ks Cup, Green Beans, Sherbet	10	B: Cereal L: Mini Corn dogs, Pink Applesauce, Baked Beans, Cookie	ω	Tuesday
		NO BREAKFAST L: Fiestada, Pink Applesauce, Green Beans	25	B: Cinni Minis L: Super Nachos, Pineapple, Corn	18	B: French Toast L: Salisbury Steak, Mandarin Oranges, Whipped Potatoes, Dinner	11	B: Donut L: Hot Ham & Cheese, Croissant, Strawberry Cup, Scalloped Potatoes	4	Wednesday
		B: Breakfast Burrito L: Crispitos, Spanish Rice, Pineapple, Corn	26	B: Cheese Omelet L: Chicken Sandwich, Oranges, Baked Beans, Refrigerator Dessert	19	B: Scrambled Eggs L: Sloppy Joes, Pineapple, Potato Triangle	12	B: Cheese Omelet L: Chicken Alfredo, Peaches, Green Beans, Breadstick	σı	Thursday
		B: Breakfast Sandwich L: Macaroni & Cheese w/ Ham, Mandarin Oranges	27	B: Breakfast Pizza L: Sandwich Bar, Grapes, Carrots, Cookie/Chips	20	B: Fruit Turnover L: Pork Patty on a Bun, Pink Applesauce, Baked Beans, Cheese Its	13	B: Breakfast Pizza L: Sandwich Bar, Grapes, Carrots, Chips/Cookie	6	Friday

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