

# Adventure Awaits!



# Phillips K-5 School Scoop



## Upcoming Events

- September 4th-No School
- September 25th-No School
- September 27th-PSCC  
5:30pm
- September 29th- Half Day



## Slime a Staff Member!

Our slime a staff member voting at our Back to School Event was a huge success!! After tallying the votes, we are excited to announce that.....drum roll please...

**MRS. ELSABBAGH**

will be the lucky staff member to be slimed at an assembly during our school day on September 29th!

## Back to School Event



A HUGE THANK YOU! to our parents, community members and our amazing Falcon Familia for a wonderful Back to School Event! It was a great way to kick off our 2023-2024 school year!

## Transportation



A new school year, brings about new bus routes and schedules. Although we at Phillips do our best to communicate any transportation needs and issues, we have no control over the busses. Please contact Allyson Williams, transportation supervisor, at 412-529-8125 or the individual bus companies with questions or concerns.

# Welcome New Staff Members

Mrs. Vivian Varlotta- Spanish

Ms. Colleen Schultz – School Nurse

Ms. Julie Mull - First Grade Permanent Substitute

Ms. Maggie Fertal - Library Substitute

Mr. Richard Budway - Building Substitute

Ms. McKenzie Taylor- Building Substitute



## Info From Our Social Worker

Please reach out to Ms. Cohen with any questions or concerns at  
412-529-5197/scohen1@pghschools.org

### What do Social Workers do?

Helps create a safe school environment where children can learn.

Promote positive attitudes among students toward self, family, peers and community.

Support students by teaching skills for achieving success.

Counseling with students individually and in groups.

Supports families struggling with attendance issues.

Coordinates referrals to outside agencies

Helps design interventions to enhance student success.

Help parents, teachers and administrators in learning how to meet the needs of all students.

Provides students and families in crisis or potential crisis with resources and support.

Assist students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities

*\*Regular school attendance is mandatory and student achievement is directly affected by it.*

*Please write a  
note each time  
your child is  
absent!!!!*



### What is a legal excuse?

Parents are permitted to write 10 excuses per year for any of the below reasons:

- Illness (absences beyond 10 total days requires an excuse from a doctor).
- Weather emergency, impassable roads.
- Religious holidays recognized by the Board of Education
- Bereavement - temporarily excused for family members death.
- Principal approved reasons for absence from school

When your child is absent from school write a note that includes the following information:

- The date the note is written
- The date (s) that your child was absent
- The reason for the absence (please be specific)
- Your signature and a phone number where you can be reached

*\*If a note is not received within 3 days of your child's return to school the absence will be considered illegal and not changed to excused.*

*\*Legal action may begin following the 3rd illegal absence.*

# Falcon Familia News



**Falcon Familia is excited to welcome new and returning students and their families to Phillips!**

**Our first general meeting, open to all caregivers, will be Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 6pm - 7:30pm. Please come and join our nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the families, students and staff of Pittsburgh Phillips K-5 through volunteering, fundraising and community building.**

**A Zoom link will be emailed to our mailing list. Sign up here:  
<https://www.falconfamilia.org/>**

**Send us your back to school photos for the yearbook! Email them to [info@falconfamilia.org](mailto:info@falconfamilia.org) or visit <https://www.falconfamilia.org/2024yearbook> to upload.**

**You can also connect with us on social @  
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