



# Calvin U. Smith Elementary School

## September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Jeffrey L. Marchionda, Principal

## Welcome Back !

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Calvin U. Smith Elementary School, I would like to welcome you to the start of the 2017-2018 school year!

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are excited for the return to school.

I can assure you that the staff and faculty of Calvin U. Smith Elementary School will be well prepared and is looking forward to the return of students on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### CUS Vision, Mission, Core Beliefs

The Building Leadership Team has worked very hard over the last year to develop Vision, Mission, and Core Belief statements that reflect our commitment to our students and community. These statements were developed thru surveys, questionnaires, and interviews with students, teachers, parents, and district leadership teams.

#### CUS Vision Statement

*Calvin U. Smith Elementary School is a unified community that exhibits the trust,*

*compassion and collaboration essential to foster the joy of learning.*

#### CUS Mission Statement

*The Calvin U. Smith Elementary School Community consistently acts in a manner that demonstrates the belief that our students are the heart and center of all we do.*

#### Core Beliefs:

*Students will believe in themselves that they are able to acquire the skills, knowledge and values necessary for personal success as lifelong learners. Student success requires strong relationships fostered through effective collaboration and communication between and among family, school, and community.*

*Calvin U. Smith Elementary School will continually refine and enhance curricula, instructional delivery and assessment of student learning through the application of data driven decision-making.*

*Calvin U. Smith Elementary School will provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that encompasses the physical, social and emotional well-being of each student.*

The Building Leadership Team accomplished an outstanding job

developing these statements and I appreciate their hard work.

### Daily Schedule

Our daily schedule remains unchanged for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### Normal Daily Schedule

8:05am Breakfast  
8:20am First Bell - Doors Open  
8:30am Second Bell – Classes Begin  
2:20pm Warning Bell  
2:30pm Dismissal Bell – Students leave classroom

#### Two-hour Delays

10:05am Breakfast  
10:20am First Bell - Doors Open  
10:30am Second Bell – Classes Begin  
2:20pm Warning Bell  
2:30pm Dismissal Bell – Students leave classroom

#### Early Release

8:05am Breakfast  
8:20am First Bell - Doors Open  
8:30am Second Bell – Classes Begin  
11:00am Warning Bell  
11:05pm Dismissal Bell – Students leave classroom

**CUS Office Hours:** 7:45am – 3:45pm

## Student Drop-off and Pick-up

I ask for your continued support of the safety of our children by adhering to the following procedures.

1. Employ safe driving habits while in our parking lot. For example, do not use cell phones or any other device which would distract your attention, maintain a safe slow speed, and be visually aware of pedestrians in the parking lot.



2. Students are to embark and disembark directly to and from the sidewalk. Do not double park and expect children to walk between vehicles to get into your car.
3. If you are getting out of your car to meet your child or to visit the office, you are required to park in a parking space. Do not park in the loading zone. Please use the crosswalk and be vigilant of moving cars.
4. Do not use the two exit lanes as an entrance.
5. Parents requesting an early dismissal must meet their child in the main office. We will not release a child unaccompanied to meet their parent outside of the building.

Thank you for your support in this very important matter.

## Bussing

If your child will be transported by bus you can obtain transportation information such as; pick-up/drop-off times, locations, and bus route numbers by accessing the parent portal. If you do not have a parent portal account, I encourage you to go to the district website ([www.corningareaschools.com](http://www.corningareaschools.com)) to establish an account.

## Orientations/Open House

On Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, we are offering an orientation program for students in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. The orientation will provide students and their parents the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher and ask any questions that they might have concerning classroom procedures or the upcoming school year.

The orientation will last approximately one hour and attendance is optional. Any information that is given at the orientation will also be provided to students during the first day of the school.

The school-wide Open House will be held on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The hours of the Open House will be from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

## Communication

We have several means by which we share important school information with our families. In order to ensure that you receive important information throughout the year, we encourage you to become familiar and make use of the following communication protocols.

### CUS School Website:

Current school events, important notices, and staff contact information can be found on the Calvin Smith website. The website is updated regularly.

<http://www.corningareaschools.com/schools/smith/>

### Parent Portal:

Parents will be able to access student assessment data, attendance, cafeteria balances and other information by completing the form found at: <http://www.corningareaschools.com/parentsandstudents.cfm>.

### School Messenger:

School Messenger is used by school and district personnel to send voice mail messages to parents. These messages will communicate upcoming school events, activities, absences, money due to the cafeteria, and emergency situations.

### Calvin U. Smith Newsletter:

A Smith School Newsletter containing school events, special activities, school closings, early dismissals, etc. will be distributed at the beginning of each

month. Additional copies are available in the Office and on our school website.

## Dignity for All Students Act

The New York State Dignity For All Students Act (DASA) seeks to provide the state's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment. The act states that no student shall be subjected to harassment or discrimination by employees or students on school property or at a school function based on their actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex. Any issues related to DASA may be reported to Andrea Cohen who is the DASA Act Coordinator for Calvin U. Smith. Reports may also be made to any staff member.

## School Contact Information

Calvin U. Smith Elementary School  
3414 Stanton St.  
Painted Post, New York 14870

**School Phone Number** (607) 936-4156  
**School Fax Number** (607) 654-2859  
**Administration Building** (607)936-3704  
**District Bus Garage** (607) 962-2493  
**Birnie Transportation** (607) 962-0560  
**Kid's Adventure Club (Main Office)**  
(607)937-3201  
**Kid's Adventure Club (Smith Site)**  
(607)936-1363

## Upcoming Events

31 August – K-2 Orientation 2-3pm  
7 September – First Day for Students  
14 September – PTA Meeting at 6pm  
18 September – Constitution Day Assembly  
– School Pictures  
21 September – Scholastic Book Fair 5:30pm  
– CUS Open House at 6:00pm  
25 September – Instrument Night at 6:30pm @ Carder

## School Mission Statement

I am committed to ensuring the C.U.S. vision and mission statements are a reality for your child. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or e-mail me at [jmarchionda@cppmail.com](mailto:jmarchionda@cppmail.com).

Sincerely,

Jeff Marchionda, Principal

