



STEEL VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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The Steel Valley School District board of school directors, school administrators, and representatives from DRAW Collective publicly presented plans for a new elementary school and listened to feedback from citizens as part of an Act 34 hearing on Thursday, June 22.

No decision was made Thursday night on whether to build a new elementary school. The Act 34 hearing is an important part of the process for any capital project like building a new school. It is mandated by the state and must be held before any official decision on the construction of a new building.

Following an introduction from Superintendent Edward Wehrer and an outline of the Act 34 process by solicitor Donald Fetzko, representatives from DRAW Collective walked the audience through the proposed plan for a new elementary school. During the presentation, the DRAW Collective representatives highlighted the construction materials and design of the building, showcased a layout that separates classrooms from more public areas like the cafeteria and gymnasium/performance space, discussed key security and safety elements, and detailed proposed traffic flow and busing procedures.

For more details about the proposed plan, as well as information about the next steps involved in the project process, [check out the story on the district website.](#)

As the district moves forward through the planning process and continues to

collect feedback, [here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) it has received during the process. This list is not meant to be exhaustive.



STEEL VALLEY SPOTLIGHT

STEEL VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETING



Wednesday, July 12

7 p.m. – High School Library

Summer may have just begun, but fall is just around the corner!

Funder Under the Bridge is coming back this fall, and we need your help to make this the biggest and best Funder ever.

The July community meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the need for donations, volunteers and more for this year's Funder Under the Bridge.

There will also be updates from district administrators and staff regarding various programs and initiatives. Please join us!



The Steel Valley School District has been recognized as a 2022-23 Healthy School Awardee by Women for a Healthy Environment. The

organization's Healthy Schools Recognition Program celebrates schools throughout the region that take steps to "create a green and healthy learning environment for their school community."

The program provides a [Healthy Schools Recognition Checklist](#) that participating schools can work towards, with more completed activities resulting in a higher honor.

In announcing the awards, Women for a Healthy Environment cited Steel Valley's efforts to go green across multiple areas as worthy of recognition.

"As a returning 2018-2019 awardee, Steel Valley School District received recognition for maintaining their Honor Roll status by offering at least one teaching unit on alternative energy or an environmental issue, creating a school green team, testing for radon, offering a salad bar daily, and maintaining a beautiful garden at their elementary school," the organization said. "Steel Valley also has a robust recycling program which includes office paper, newspapers/magazines, cardboard, art supplies (crayons and markers), plastic bags, plastic, and metal cans."

Steel Valley was recognized along with The Ellis School, Eden Hall Upper Elementary and Hance Elementary School in the Pine-Richland School District, Allison Park Elementary School in the Chartiers-Houston School District, and Arsenal Middle School of Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Elementary News



If you haven't registered your child for kindergarten this fall, now is the time! One of Steel Valley's kindergarten teachers, Ms. Kamauf, has some advice and insight on what kindergarten is like.

"The first weeks of kindergarten are an exciting and developmentally enriching portion of their educational experience. During this time, the students are introduced to the procedures, routines, and prerequisite skills that will help to enable and enhance their future academic successes.

At the beginning of the school year, one of our first activities the students will experience is The ABC Bootcamp Curriculum designed and developed by The

Kindergarten Smorgasboard. The students are provided, hands on activities that explicitly and systematically teach letters and letter sounds. During this time, the curriculum is engaging to students while building routines, letter identification, sound association and phonemic awareness skills. This curriculum has proven results to enhance students' awareness and knowledge providing them with a solid foundation. We celebrate their developing academic achievements with an ABC Bootcamp Fashion Show in the fall!

This upcoming school year will be my 17th year teaching kindergarten, I am looking forward to a great year!" - Mrs. Kamauf.

Any enrollment packets received after August 1 are not guaranteed to be processed and ready for the first day of school. Please register early to avoid any delays. Call Ms. Fite at 412-464-3600 ext. 2700 to register now, or begin the process online at <https://www.steelvalleysd.org/parents-students/school-registration>

STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Parents should bring proof of residency, immunization records and birth certificates for their children.

Enrollment packets will be available on site for parents to fill out.

Kindergarten staff will be present to meet with parents and new students.

Registration at Barrett Elementary and Park Elementary is ongoing!

Stop by the elementary school offices or the district residency office to pick up your registration packet today.

Barrett Elementary
221 East 12th Avenue
Homestead, PA 15120

Park Elementary
4102 Main Street
Munhall, PA 15120

District Residency Office
220 East Oliver Road
Munhall, PA 15120



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The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be making a stop at Barrett Elementary on July 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and at the high school on August 14.

The Care Mobile offers medical care to children throughout the Pittsburgh area and will be available for families in the Steel Valley community with this visit to the high school. The Care Mobile can provide immunizations, routine physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses in children, adolescent and youth adult health care, referrals for specialty care, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) form assistance.

All of the services are provided at no out-of-pocket cost to families.

Anyone interested in stopping by the Care Mobile should make sure they arrive by 1:30 p.m. on July 6 or August 14 in order to register in time. The Care Mobile is a collaboration between UPMC Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown. Anyone in need of more information before the visit can call 412-352-1059 or visit www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic.

High School News



On May 31, the Steel Valley School District celebrated the Class of 2023 with the high school's 52nd annual commencement ceremony.

If the evening was an emotional roller coaster or just an overall blur, or if you weren't able to make it in person, you can now [watch a replay of the ceremony on the district's YouTube channel](#).

Stay up to date with what's happening on our social media accounts! The district has a Twitter account and Instagram account, as well as individual Facebook pages for each of our four schools. Click the respective icons at the bottom of the newsletter to make sure you're following us!



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