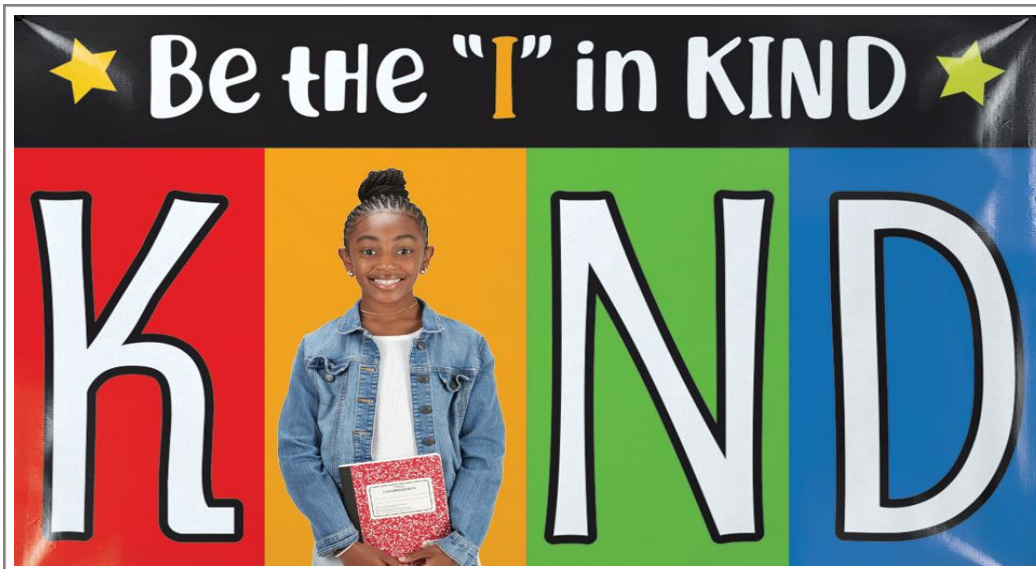


PTO Newsletter

Parents - Teachers - Students



Welcome Back!

We are happy you're here and part of our State Street Family.

Our small, community school is known for its safe, kind and connected environment. At State Street, your student is not "just another number" that gets lost in the shuffle. Instead, your student is known by name and encouraged daily to be their individual best, both at school and at home. We believe "home life" is an important component of your student's educational experience and we invite YOU to join State Street's kindness challenge! Let's work hard, together as a team, to promote and preserve a safe, connected and kind environment for all of our students. **Join State Street's Kindness Challenge: "Be the 'I' in KIND" everyday - at home and at school!**

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Join State Street's kindness challenge.

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Get to know our fabulous Principal & School Secretary!



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Stay connected!

To be added to our email list, please contact us at:
ptostatestreet@gmail.com



Join us!

We are always looking for help. All volunteers must have a TB test and background clearances.

There is a Place for You at State Street!

Parents - Guardians - Grandparents -
Aunts - Uncles - Siblings - Everyone!

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) connects parents, teachers and students together. Our goal is not only to provide fun-filled activities, but also to build a strong sense of community within our school. State Street may be small, but together we do great things for our students and community!

PTO has lots of fun planned for 2022-2023 and will be fundraising throughout the year to provide students with a mobile science lab, field trips, annual field day, assemblies, dances, movie nights and much more!

**“Students matter. Teachers matter.
YOU matter.
PTO could not thrive without YOU!”**

We are always looking for volunteers - parents, guardians, aunts/uncles, grandmas/grandpas, etc. If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, there is a place for you at State Street! Please email ptostatestreet@gmail.com for more information on volunteering and/or to join PTO's email list where you'll receive newsletters and monthly activities.



STAR Behavior Program

Safe - Trustworthy - Accountable - Respectful

State Street's STAR Program is a school-wide positive behavior program that improves student behavior and promotes a safe, kind and respectful school environment from the classroom -> to the cafeteria -> and to the school bus.

We want everyone to be a STAR Student! Teachers and staff continuously encourage students to “be a STAR student” and achieve their personal best. STAR and Kindness behavior is rewarded through Red Tickets and Kindness Tickets. Any school employee may give a student a ticket at any time during the school day. Then, students enter their tickets into monthly drawings for special prizes from Ms. Roppa, our FOCUS teacher.

“In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND.”

POSITIVE STEPS BEHAVIOR HEALTH PROGRAM

Positive Steps is a School-Based Behavioral Health Program that helps children become successful in life. This third-party program is located within State Street Elementary and offers individual, family and group therapy along with consultation with school staff.

Students may be referred to the program by school staff, psychologists, pediatricians, parents or legal guardians for a variety of reasons, such as: ADHD, Anxiety Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Oppositional-Defiant Disorder, Social Skills, Disruptive Behaviors, Impulse Control, Anger/Irritability, Difficulty Making Friends, Frequent Complaints of Bullying, etc.



Call 724-266-2833 ext. 7254 with any questions or for enrollment information.



Welcome Class of 2035!

Kindergarten Orientation and "State Street Signing Day"

State Street Elementary welcomed its newest members at Kindergarten Orientation Day on August 17, 2022! The teachers and staff provided kindergarten families with snacks, refreshments, backpacks, calendars and lots of information for a successful first year of school.

During orientation, RJ Rhodes Transit Inc. took the students on a bus ride and provided some bus safety tips. **Thank you to all of our amazing bus drivers for keeping our students safe!**



**"You're off to great places! Today is your (first) day! Your Mountain is waiting, so get on your way!"
- Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss**

The students were all-smiles at PTO's "State Street Signing Day" photo table, where they pledged to be STAR students and received a STAR bracelet from PTO! On the first day of school, Kindergarten students will also receive a pencil box from PTO filled with supplies.

Have a great year everyone! We can't wait to watch our new students learn, grow and achieve their personal best!



**Our fabulous Kindergarten Teachers!
(Mrs. Leseiko and Mrs. Medovitch)**



Meet Our Principal

Mrs. Jo Ann Hoover

Mrs. Hoover's cheerful voice is often heard echoing through the halls of State Street... "Welcome, I'm so glad you are here! Let's have a great day today." She loves watching our State Street students learn and achieve their personal best each day.

As the district Homeless Liaison, Mrs. Hoover works tirelessly behind-the-scenes to provide free clothing, food, school supplies and other necessities to students. Also, through securing grant funding, Mrs. Hoover has filled many classroom needs and provided many memorable educational opportunities to our State Street students. Before joining our State Street Family in 2018, Mrs. Hoover was Principal of Highland Elementary (Ambridge) and Vice Principal of Pittsburgh Public Schools.



Mrs. Jo Ann Hoover
Proud Principal
State Street Elementary School

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- **Favorite Color:** Green
- **Favorite Food:** Pasta Carbonara
- **Favorite Drink:** Tea
- **Favorite Sweet-Treat:** Hershey Kisses
- **Favorite Hobby:** Reading
- **Favorite Book:** Oh, The Places You'll Go! by Dr. Seuss
- **Favorite Quote:** "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero." - Mr. Rogers

Meet Our Secretary

Mrs. Beverly Cobern

Mrs. Cobern (a.k.a. Mrs. Bev) is the “motherboard” of State Street Elementary - she keeps our school running! Her work day begins long before school starts and ends long after dismissal. She is the queen of multi-tasking, organization and never misses an opportunity for a good “play on words”.

Mrs. Bev is a native of Natrona Heights, PA and joined our State Street Family in 2016. Since then, her friendly voice has been greeting everyone who calls or visits the school. She knows each student by name and loves working behind-the-scenes during the summer, planning & preparing everything needed to welcome the students & staff back for another great year!



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Secretary
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- **Favorite Color:** Mauve
- **Favorite Food:** Steak, Mexican, Italian
- **Favorite Drink:** Peach or Raspberry Iced Tea
- **Favorite Sweet-Treat:** Brownies & Vanilla Ice Cream
- **Favorite Hobby:** Gardening & Working in the yard
- **Favorite Book:** The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
- **Favorite Quote:** “We’ll cross that bridge when we come to it.” - my Mother