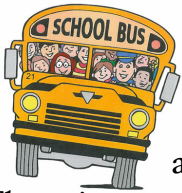


NEWSLETTER

"Expectations, Excellence, Extraordinary Students, Every Day!"

Welcome Back to Shawnee Elementary!



It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. Welcome back! My name is Mr. Poole and I am the principal at Shawnee Elementary School. There is so much excitement throughout the building as your child gets to know their new teacher and classmates. I hope they quickly get settled into their new routines.

Please contact me at anytime if you have questions, comments or concerns by e-mailing me at spoole@xenia.k12.oh.us or by calling me at 372-6461. I encourage you to take some time to visit the Shawnee webpage (www.xenia.k12.oh.us and then click on the schools tab) throughout the year to stay updated. There will be important information, useful websites, and inside information to what is going on at Shawnee this school year.

Positive Behavior System

The positive behavior system at Shawnee is designed to set expectations, to clarify and teach what behaviors look like and sound like in different locations throughout the building, and to hold students accountable at all times. In order to build expected behavior habits, students will be involved in rewards based on their efforts of following these expectations at school. Students will receive "Bucs" when following the guidelines set. There are four principles that will be emphasized in each area throughout the school. They are: I will be respectful, I will be responsible, I will cooperate, and I will be a problem solver.

Each day your child will have numerous opportunities to earn these "Bucs" for demonstrating expected behaviors. They will be counted or tallied at the end of the day or week and will be cashed in on the "Black Pearl" every month. In addition to these rewards we will have 1 school-wide reward each quarter for students who have received a certain amount of "Green Days or Higher" for the nine-week period.

AT A GLANCE

First Day of School

August 20

First Day for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

Labor Day

September 3

No school

PTO Meeting

September 10 at 3:30 in Art Room

Picture Day

September 11

Tour the Classroom Night

September 13

4:00-6:00

Walk-a-thon Fundraiser

September 13-27

Interim Reports Sent

September 20

Teacher Meeting Day

September 21

No School

Walk-a-thon

September 27

Box Top Contest

October 1-31

Start collecting now!

Woodwind Quintet

October 1 for Grade 5

Children's Opera

October 4 for Grade 3

PTO Meeting

October 8 at 3:30

Ballet

October 11 for Grade K



Building Security

Shawnee, as well as all of Xenia's elementary buildings, were designed with the safety and security of students, staff, and visitors in mind. All visitors to the building will need to be 'buzzed' in through the main office to gain access to the building. The building is equipped with cameras both inside and around the perimeter of the building. All doors remain locked during school hours. In addition, we will be practicing our lock-down, as well as fire and tornado drill procedures during our first few weeks of school. **ALL guests in our building are expected to stop into the office and sign their name to get a visitor's badge! Also, we will need to see a photo ID to sign a student out of the building.**

Arrival and Dismissal

Students participating in the no cost breakfast program will enter the building at 8:40 a.m. through the main entry doors and proceed to the cafeteria. All Shawnee students are able to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost! All other students should arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 9:10 a.m.

For the safety of our students, we will only use the lane closest to the curb for student drop offs. Parents will pull all the way up past the the main front doors and students will exit cars curbside. The further parents pull up their cars, the more room it creates for other cars to get in to drop off students. Students will enter through the main entry doors at 9:00 a.m. Staff members will be present to ensure students enter the building safely.

This year we are having a staggered release time for students. This helps students exit the building safely. Kindergarten students will go out the front main doors at 3:05 p.m., and first graders will go out the same doors at 3:10 p.m. Second grade students will also exit at 3:10 p.m., but they will go out the middle doors next to the windows of the library. The curbside lane will be used as a loading zone, and the outside lane will be used to exit the lot once your car is loaded and ready to go. Please be cautious and, above all, patient as safety for our students is our number one concern!

given if the student does not return the slip the next day. Absent students will make up the detention the day they return to school. If the student skips the detention, an additional day will be added. If a student receives 3 after-school detentions in a nine week period, a Saturday School will be issued. Saturday School is held at Central Preschool in the cafeteria. Any missed Saturday schools could result in a suspension from school.



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Scholastic Book Fair
October 15-18

Picture Retakes
October 16

Donuts with Grandparents
October 18

PBS Quarterly Reward
October 18

End of 1st Quarter
October 18

No School
October 19

Orchestra and You
October 23 for Grade 2

DPO Trio
November 16 for Grade 1

Brass Quintet
November 5 for Grade 4

Reminder

Stay up to date with our school by going to www.xenia.k12.oh.us then click on the schools tab. From our website you can access Progress Book and PayForIt.Net

Discipline

After-school detention is held from 3:15-3:50 Monday-Friday. Students will bring home the white detention slip which is to be signed by the parent and returned the next day. A phone call home and another night of detention will be

Attendance Changes

Please call the office before 9 a.m. if possible to report an absence. Upon the student's return to school, the parent shall provide written documentation, either a parent note or medical excuse, stating the specific day(s) absent, reason, appropriate signature and contact number. **Upon returning to school, if written documentation is not received within 5 school days, the absence will be "unexcused".** If requesting homework, please allow the teacher 24 hours to process the request. Students with excused absences are expected to make up work in a time frame set by the teacher. Students with chronic unexcused tardies may be assigned detention. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct for further details on the districts attendance policy.

Students must be present to receive instruction valuable to the learning process! We value attendance because we value student's education!

MAP® Testing

During the first month of school, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading and Math. Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth.

Each school year, students in grades K-12 take the tests in fall, winter, and spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth.

We are truly excited to continue on with an era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, download the Parent Toolkit at www.nwea.org >> Partner Support.

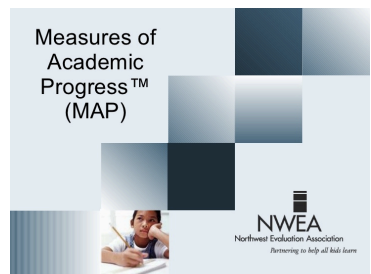
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Did you Know?

Shawnee will be implementing an option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2017-2018.

What does it mean?

Great News for you and your child! All enrolled students of Shawnee Elementary School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge to your household each day for the 2017-2018 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.





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SHAWNEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Interested in Volunteering at Shawnee?

During the school year we need volunteers for kindergarten lunch time, classroom helpers, field trips, book fairs, field day, and many other activities. The district will pay for the cost of the fingerprinting if you are willing to become a volunteer. If you would like to become a volunteer below are the steps you will need to take:

1. Pick Up The School Volunteer Form From The Shawnee Office

*If you would like to help with kindergarten lunch you will need to get fingerprinted before the school year starts.

2. Fill Out The School Volunteer Form

3. Contact Central Office At 376-2961 To Schedule A Time To Get Fingerprinted

(Make Sure You Take The School Volunteer Form With You)

* It can take a few days or up to four weeks to get the fingerprint results back before you can start volunteering.

4. Contact The Shawnee Office, Your Child's Teacher, Or The Shawnee PTO To Let Us Know That You Are Ready To Volunteer

