

A WINDOW INTO WINTERSET

WELCOME BACK - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME BACK. PLEASE ENJOY THIS MUSICAL SELECTION AS YOU READ OUR NEWSLETTER. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A GREAT YEAR

Linus and Lucy piano Peanuts theme song Vince Guaraldi



STAFF CHANGES

Please join us in giving a big **Wally Wildcat welcome** to our newest staff members.

Alison Armpriester – 5th Grade Teacher

Kristina Bossa – 5th Grade Teacher

Christine Bulgrin – Kindergarten/General Fund IA

Eleanor Gibson – Part-Time Intervention Specialist

Jared Jackson – Physical Education

Angela Kautenburger – Kindergarten IA

Cassie Oates – Building Substitute

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Angela Thorne is now our librarian.

The staff directory is located under the  
'Information' tab on the school's website homepage.

[www.ccssoh.us/WintersetES](http://www.ccssoh.us/WintersetES)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- September 4 - **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day
- September 11 - **P.T.A.** 6:00 = Zoom Link:

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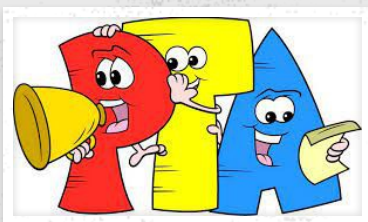
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- September 13 - **COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER BEGINS**
- September 20 - **NO SCHOOL** - P.D. Day
- September 26 - **OPEN HOUSE** - 5:00-6:30pm
- September 28 - **PICTURE DAY**
- October 2 - P.T.A. 6:00 = Zoom Link:

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## P.T.A.

Our P.T.A. will meet on the following dates at **6pm** in the library.

9/5-- 10/2-- 11/6-- 12/4-- 1/8/24-- 2/5/24-- 3/7/24--  
4/8/24 --5/6/24

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You can also 'attend' via zoom using the link below

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Please consider joining. One time membership is **\$5.00** and  
the form is available on the school's website.

We have some exciting activities scheduled and **WE NEED  
YOUR HELP.**

# IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

IF YOUR STUDENT IS GOING TO BE ABSENT  
PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER BELOW  
TO LET US KNOW.

DO NOT CONTACT OUR SECRETARY DIRECTLY

- Winterset Attendance Email:
- [attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- Winterset Attendance Phone Number: 1-380-997-7071



To avoid any confusion, please familiarize yourself with our procedures for reporting and excusing student absences and late arrivals.

The reasons for which a student may be excused absent and / or tardy are:

- Personal illness or quarantine
- Illness or death in the immediate household
- Emergencies or any other occurrences or situations which, in the judgment of the principal, may necessitate absence from school as a last resort.
- Religious holiday
- Superintendent's designation

Daily attendance is expected. In the event of excessive absences, parents will be requested to meet with our attendance team to support their children.



## DAILY SCHEDULE

Our instructional day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm. Students are expected to be in classrooms at 9:00 am or they will be considered tardy. **Students who are being dropped off by a parent/guardian and are NOT eating breakfast should not arrive before 8:45 am.** This will help to avoid overcrowding in the breakfast room. Students wishing to eat breakfast at school should arrive between **8:30 and 8:50 am**. If your child arrives **after 8:50 am and plans to eat breakfast**, they will remain in the cafeteria until 9:00 am and may be marked as tardy. **The expectation is that children planning to eat breakfast at school will arrive early enough to finish breakfast by 9:00 am so they are not late to class.** As students finish eating breakfast, they will begin to be dismissed to their classrooms at 8:57 am. (Students who arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 am must report to the cafeteria, even if they are not planning to eat a school breakfast) **No student may be dropped off before 8:30**

needing child care prior to 8:30 am may want to choose our latchkey program (for information, please call 614-365-5891) or pursue outside care.

**Our lunch schedule is as follows:**

Kindergarten, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes will have **lunch** from 11:45 to 12:15 pm

- followed by recess from 12:15 to 12:45 pm.

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**BREAKFAST/LUNCH SCHEDULE**

- All students will have a fifteen-minute afternoon recess. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade classes, 1:45 to 2:00 pm; 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes, 2:05 to 2:20 pm. On inclement weather days, students will have recess in their classrooms.
- Breakfast / Lunch Program Breakfast and lunch service will begin on the first day of school. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 8:55 am daily in the gym and is free for all students. Students who are eating their breakfast at school (whether from the cafeteria or packed) must eat in the breakfast room only.
- Please note that students are not permitted to consume food or beverages (other than water) in the classrooms.
- Students who walk to school or are transported by parents and who wish to eat breakfast should arrive no later than 8:45 am. If your child is going to be late to school AND he/she will need a school lunch, you must call the school office to order one before 9:30 am. Otherwise you should plan to send a packed lunch as there may not be a lunch available.
- **Lunch will be served free for ALL students.** Menus are available on the CCS website.

## SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

- Please check the Winterset website at <https://www.ccsch.us/WintersetES>. We will also utilize e-mail, text, and auto dialer to send updated information.
- You may also contact staff members via e-mail (addresses are on the Winterset website). For a prompter response from



the office, please use Ms. Pearson's or Mrs. Jennings' direct e-mail and NOT the generic 'Winterset.'

- The Winterset PTA maintains its own website at [www.wintersetpta.com](http://www.wintersetpta.com).
- **'Friday Folder'** will be our method of getting hard copies of important information to our families, such as fliers about upcoming dates and events. We will also utilize electronic communication through **Class Dojo, Blackboard and the Parent Portal**. It is imperative we have a valid phone number and email address on record for a parent or guardian of each student. You are able to update this information at any time through your parent portal on Infinite Campus. We will also continue to use auto dialers and update the school website regularly.



## INFORMATION AND FORMS

On the first day of school, your child will bring home several forms which need to be completed and returned to school. Our goal is to have all forms **returned by Friday, September 9th** (preferably before). Please help us in this effort by completing these forms when you receive them.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we have these important documents on time. Please remember to update the Parent Portal with any information changes that occur throughout the year.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Our school nurse is **Sarah Emery RN**. She is available 1/2 days on **Mondays**, and full days on **Thursday & Friday**. Please return any forms or information pertaining to the health of your child as soon as possible



- For the **2022-2023** school year, our school will follow state mandated health screenings for students (ORC 3313.69). This typically includes **vision and hearing**.

- As a reminder to parents, both over-the-counter medications and prescription medications (including asthma inhalers and epi-pens) need a **medication authorization form completed** by both parent and health care provider.

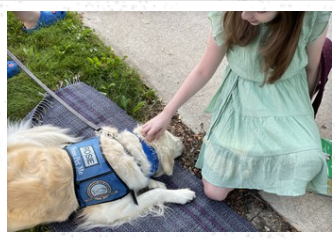
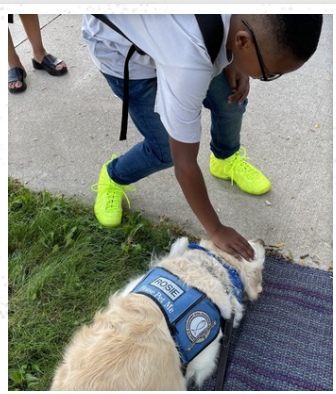
These forms are available online at <http://www.ccssoh.us> From there, select Departments, select Health Services, select Student Health Forms, select Medication Forms.

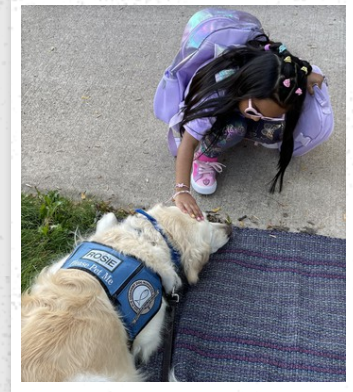
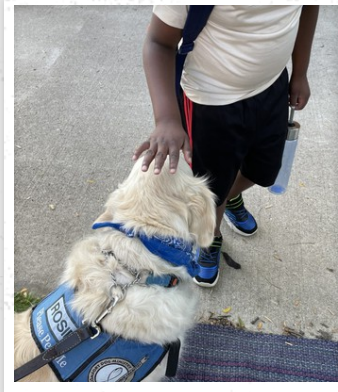
- It is extremely important that you complete and return all emergency forms prior to the first day of school. Please feel free to call Nurse Sarah at 614-365-5510 or email at

## PARTY IN THE GYM - MEET & GREET



## BACK TO SCHOOL - 1ST DAY





## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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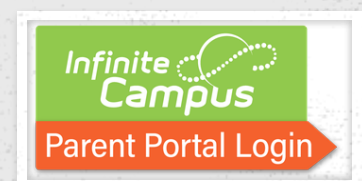
## SEL TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Times of transition can be both exciting and challenging for kids, and going back to school is a big one. Social and emotional (SEL) can help parents and caregivers set the tone for a strong school year. The link below gives 3 ways to start.

<https://share.peachjar.com/flyers/2507606/schools/104579>

## PARENT PORTAL

Please update your **contact information** via the parent portal. It is vital that we have the **MOST UP TO DATE phone, text or e-mail**



numbers should we need to contact you. If you need assistance, please contact your family ambassador, **Desma Bennett** at (614) 365-5510 or by email at [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us).

**WINTERSET EXPECTATIONS - 3Rs**  
**BE RESPONSIBLE - BE RESPECTFUL - BE READY TO LEARN**

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## **ABOUT WINTERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- **Family Ambassador** is Desma Bennett. *You can contact her at* [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us)
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- **Winterset Attendance Phone Number:** 1-380-997-7071
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- **FACTline Email:** [factline@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:factline@columbus.k12.oh.us)  
**FACTline Phone Number:** 614-221-FACT (614-221-3228)  
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