

**Fall  
Newsletter**

# North Linden Leopards

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>September 23</b>	<b>Open House 4:30-6:00pm</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>PTSO Meeting 4:00</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Grandparent's Day Celebration</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Early Release 2:00 pm</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>No School Records Day</b>

## **From the Principal's Desk...**



Dear North Linden Families,

Greetings! We are launching our Love a Leopard mentoring program. The goal of this new program is to connect students with a caring adult within our school that is not their classroom teacher. Students will check in periodically and may receive small gifts and words of encouragement often. If you would like your child to participate in this program, please contact me so that I may arrange a mentor for your student. Welcome Back!

### **Things To Remember:**

- ◆ No Parking in the front of the building, this area is reserved for buses. Please use the parking lot in the back of the building.
- ◆ Please drive slow (20mph) throughout the school zones and do not park in crosswalks to keep pedestrians safe at all times.
- ◆ The school offices will close at 3:00, please make prior arrangements for early pickups.
- ◆ Please have your I.D. each time you come to pick up your child. This is for the safety of all our children.

### **We are a Title I School**

North Linden Elementary School is a designated Title I school. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of Title I funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments." We receive funds from the federal government to provide additional academic services, instruction, and opportunities to our students. We also use these funds to provide professional development to staff on high impact teaching strategies, improving academic achievement among diverse learning needs, and offer additional programming and engagement to parents to help meet the academic needs of our students. As a parent, you have the right to be involved in the education of your child.

# Attendance

## News from the School Social Worker – Scholar Takem, LISW-S

Thank you parents for a great start of the school year! We thank you for all your efforts to make sure that this school year every student is in school daily.

I have included some frequently asked questions with answers that relate to school attendance.

Columbus City Schools Parent/Guardian Student Attendance Frequently Asked Questions

Why did I receive a letter regarding my child's absences?

Your child's school has reported that there are numerous unexcused absences on your child's record that may classify him or her as habitually or chronically truant, according to the State of Ohio. That means that your child's school has marked him or her absent multiple times without documentation of a legally acceptable reason.

What is considered a legally acceptable reason to be absent from school?

Generally, absence from school is considered lawful, or an excused absence, for the following legally acceptable reasons (a signed parent or guardian note is required):

Personal illness or quarantine.

Illness or death in the immediate household.

Emergencies or any other occurrences or situations which, in the judgment of individual principals, may necessitate absence from school as a last resort.

Religious holiday.

Superintendent's designation.

What is an unexcused absence?

Unexcused absences are those absences that do not meet the above listed criteria.

What should I do if my child is absent from school?

## Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee directs schools to identify students in kindergarten through grade three that are struggling in reading and giving them intervention. The goal is to get students to grade level as soon as possible. Students that are behind in reading at the end of grade three will have a hard time in all subjects in the fourth grade and beyond as the amount of reading increases with each year. The gap continues to be more difficult to close.

In conjunction with the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, we will assess students at the start of each year to determine their reading levels. Students in grades kindergarten through grade three that are below reading level will have a reading improvement and monitoring plan created for them.

If your child is still below grade level at the end of their third grade year, as determined by the approved assessments, we are required by state law to retain your child in the third grade.

There are some exceptions to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee that relate to students who are still learning English and students with disabilities. For more information about the Third Grade Reading

Guarantee visit [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov), or talk with your child's teacher.



## Counselor's Corner!

### Mrs. Plourde

Welcome Back Leopards! I'm so happy to be here this year with all of you and I can't wait to start getting to know you better as I begin to come around to classrooms and start our monthly lessons. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about why I'm here at North Linden! This is my 13<sup>th</sup> year in education where I was a teacher for 8 years in Chicago Public Schools and I'm now going into my 5<sup>th</sup> year as a School Counselor. I have two little boys that keep us very busy at the home front and we love spending our time as a family exploring Columbus. My Teachers and Counselors were a huge part of my success in life and it's my life mission to help as many kids as I possibly can. I truly LOVE what I do! Please never hesitate to reach out, I'm here for you! Let's have an amazing year!



## News From The Nurse!

### Mrs. McKeel



### Health Screening Information

As part of the School Health Services of Columbus City Schools, and in fulfillment of Ohio Law 3313.69, school nurses conduct periodic student health screenings. The screenings include: height, weight, vision, hearing, dental and the calculation of body mass index (BMI). The school nurses perform the various screenings in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades and students new to the school district.

Health screenings will be conducted at your child's school in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the screening, please contact the school nurse at phone number 614-365-6055. I am available at school on Thursday, Friday, and every other Wednesday. Parents/Guardians will receive the results of all screenings.

In addition to state mandated screenings, children in kindergarten, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th grades and students new to the school district will have their Body Mass Index (BMI) calculated using their height and weight. Body Mass Index is a screening tool designed to help parents understand their child's growth and development.

Parents/Guardians will receive the results of all screenings. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am at North Linden Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays this year.

Sincerely,

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**Vision Statement: Academic Achievement:** Each North Linden student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community

**Mission Statement:** At North Linden we are the BEST! We are prepared for teaching and learning every day. We are the BEST students and teachers because learning and education are important to us!

**We WILL:**

**B– BE** prepared for teaching/learning everyday

**E– EXPECT** success through EFFORT

**S– STAY** focused

**T– TREAT** others and our school with respect

## Parent Information Station..

Our Parent Teacher Student Organization is back!

If you are interested in being on our PTSO or being a Parent volunteer, please call us at 614-365-6055 or see our Parent Consultants at the school.

We would love to have your support!



### Parent visitations:

Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom to observe the instructional program and to participate in school related activities. All parents/guardians are required to stop at the office to sign in before going to any other part of the building. Please notify any teacher and schedule an appointment prior to going to the classroom.

We encourage parents to plan conferences with the teacher. Please keep in mind that these conferences cannot occur during classroom time. Please call your child's teacher to schedule a conference