

Duxberry Arts I.M.P.A.C.T. Elementary School



WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear Duxberry Arts IMPACT Elementary Community,

It is my pleasure and an honor to introduce myself to you as the newly appointed principal of Duxberry Arts IMPACT Elementary School. I am extremely proud and excited to be a part of this wonderful school community and to support our students and families. I can assure that I share in this school community's dedication and interest in caring for our students every day while providing them with a meaningful learning environment.

The 2021-22 school year will mark my 23rd year in education. My career began in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in Ohio. I served as a fourth grade bilingual and ESL teacher. After Cleveland, I worked in various diverse school districts from Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland to Portland Public Schools in Oregon. While in Portland I was a vice-principal for two years at an International Baccalaureate high school that focused on the arts.

I am passionate about children, education, and learning. I consider myself a lifelong learner who enjoys learning every day, particularly from our students. I am looking forward to spending time in every classroom, meeting and greeting children and their families, the staff, and community stakeholders.

During the course of the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students the best opportunities in preparing for the world, ready to master challenges placed in their path.

As principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss your concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this year the best it can be!

Respectfully,

Margie Berrios-Brown

Note Your Calendars

8/26/21 First Day of School, Grades 1-5

8/26/21 Kindergarten Assessments (by appointment only)

8/27/21 Kindergarten Assessments (by appointment only)

8/30/21 Kindergarten Assessments (by appointment only)

8/31/21 First full day of Kindergarten

9/6/21 Labor Day, No School

9/7/21 PreSchool Orientation

9/8/21 Preschool Orientation

9/9/21 First full day of PreSchool

Week of 9/27/21 Virtual School Open House (day/time TBA)

10/15/21 School Picture Day

ATTENDANCE

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Teachers take attendance every day promptly at 9am.

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please send an email to our Attendance Inbox, or call the school, to explain the absence within 2 school days. Doctors may also use any of the following ways to report an absence or appointment:

Email: attendance.dux@columbus.k12.oh.us

Phone: 614-365-6023

FAX: 614-365-6022

Please see the Page 4 of the newsletter which outlines the provisions of House Bill 410 and its definitions of excessive absences and habitual truant. The state law does not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences, but rather how much time the student has missed in general. Review this information so you are not caught off guard. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Welcome Terri Griffin, School Counselor

We are thrilled to have Ms. Griffin working in our building five days a week. Terri's passion for her work is infectious as she shares her excitement about working with our students. Her specialties include conflict resolution, yoga and mindfulness.



Duxberry Welcomes Parent Ambassador, Tareya Jefferies

Tareya Jefferies is a parent of a Duxberry Kindergartener who be our new Parent Ambassador for the 2021-2022 School Year. Expect Ms. Jefferies to be reaching out to you soon to improve communication and connectedness throughout the Duxberry family. If you would like to reach out, her email address is

tjefferies@columbus.k12.oh.us.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Arrival

The school building opens for students at 8:30am.

All students from PreSchool to Grade 5 may be dropped off at the front doors near the office after 8:30am. There is no parking in the bus lane. If parents need to come into the building, they must park in an open visitor space and walk in the front office.

After 9am, ALL students must be walked into the Office to be signed-in by a parent.

Dismissal

****IMPORTANT****

WE WILL ALWAYS PLACE STUDENTS ON THEIR ASSIGNED BUS UNLESS WE HAVE A WRITTEN NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN.

To notify staff about a change in transportation, you must send a written message to the office, or call the office, **before 2:45pm** on the day of the change.

EARLY PICK-UP

If you want to pick up your child from school early, **you must come to the office before 3:00pm.**

Parents arriving after 3:00pm will have to wait in the car pick-up line for their child to be released by the staff between 3:20 and 3:30pm.

CAR-RIDER PICK-UP

⇒ **Pre-School students** are released from the **Gym Doors.**

Pre-School Parents, please follow the directions provided to you from the Pre-School Team during your Orientation.

⇒ **Special Education car pick-up students** are released from the Library Doors in the East Parking Lot.

⇒ **Kindergarten-Grade 5 Students** are released from the Cafeteria Doors.

Cars for K-5 students must line up in the alley between Duxberry and the Church, driving north (pointing toward Maynard) from 26th Ave. Parents must stay in their cars. A Duxberry Staff member will come out to your car and call for your child by walkie-talkie, one at a time, in the order of the car line-up.

Students will be released for car pick-up starting at approximately 3:20pm.

All students must be picked up by 3:40pm.

Transportation

Your child's most up-to-date transportation information can be found on the Parent Portal.

Check the Parent Portal to make sure that your address, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts are up to date.

COVID UPDATE


All staff, students, and visitors will be required to wear a mask on the school bus and in the school building. Go to:


[https://
www.ccsok.us/
Page/10789](https://www.ccsok.us/Page/10789)

to find the district's current COVID mitigation protocols.

IMPORTANT DISTRICT CONTACTS

Customer Relations 614-365-8888	Translation Services 614-365-8802, main number
Transportation 614-365-5074	Espanol 614-365-5118
Technology Help Desk 614-365-8425	Francais 614-365-5327
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KEEP THEM 

COMING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY? OHIO LAW NOW SAYS THAT'S THE SAME AS SKIPPING SCHOOL.

Ohio Law (HB 410) recently changed how **Columbus City Schools** must track missed class time. No longer are absences tracked only by number of days your child has missed. Lost time is now counted by how many hours your child is out of class, both excused and unexcused.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Students are expected to be in class the entire school day. Miss too much time - even if it's for doctor's appointments or family vacations - and the new law will now require the District to send families an official written notice that your child has "excessive absences."

You'll receive an excessive absences warning letter in the mail when your child is:

- Absent 38 hours or more in one school month with or without legitimate excuse.
- Absent 65 hours or more in one school year with or without legitimate excuse.

We need your help to make sure that your student arrives on time and is regularly attending school through the end of the school day. Try to avoid appointments, trips, or delays that might keep your child out of class, even if it's only for a brief period of time. Lost time adds up.

HABITUAL TRUANT

If your child is excessively absent without a legitimate excuse, the new law labels him/her as "habitually truant." This happens after your child is:

- Absent 30 hours or more consecutive hours without legitimate excuse.
- Absent 42 or more hours in one school month without legitimate excuse.
- Absent 72 hours or more in one school year without legitimate excuse.

IN TEAM ▶ Intervention Teams

When a student reaches this high level of unexcused missed class time, Ohio Law requires the District to set up an Intervention Team to determine why the child is habitually truant and what supports are needed to keep them in school.


You as the parent or guardian - or someone representing your family - must be part of this Intervention Team and contribute to developing and following the plan established.


Other supportive options may include counseling, parent education, mediation, and/or juvenile justice intervention programs. A complaint for truancy may be filed, if applicable.

Columbus City Schools looks forward to partnering together with students, families, and our community partners to identify and work through any attendance barriers.

If you have questions, please talk with your child's principal or call our Office of **Customer Relations** at 614.365.8888.

Regular attendance
in school is
critical to
student
learning
and success.





Parent Portal Annual Update

Every household in CCS must complete a Parent Portal Annual Update.

You can find the Annual Update under the "MORE" section of the Parent Portal.

If you need an Activation Key for your Parent Portal Account, call Tani Kushner at 614-365-6023.

If you have a Parent Portal Account but can not access it, email

parentportalaccess

@columbus.k12.oh.us.

In your email, include your first and last name, state your problem, leave your phone number, and attach a photo of your driver's license.

Central Enrollment will then reset your account for you.