



Clinton Elementary School

August-September
2018

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 school year! The entire Clinton staff has been busily preparing for an exciting school year! I am honored to be part of the academic community at Clinton Elementary School and look forward to working with you to create an amazing learning experience for all our children.

It is important for the smooth operation of the school that we are all working together to ensure a safe learning environment for our child. Remember that two of our three main office staff are new to Clinton and are still getting to know our families. There may be times if Mrs. Corbin is away from her desk that a new staff member may ask to see your identification before allowing you into the building or signing out your child. Also, if your student is not in latchkey or does not take a bus they should not arrive at school before 8:30 a.m. Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 8:30 a.m. and are encouraged to arrive at this time so that they have sufficient time to eat. All other students are being asked to wait outside until the bell rings at 8:50 a.m. Clinton staff will be on duty out front and on the playground to supervise and assist students and families who may need direction. Please remember to keep the flow of traffic moving by not parking in the kiss and go lane. Kindergarten students will be released through the High Street doors at 3:25 p.m. by their classroom teachers. Students will only be released to parents or designated caregivers listed on the emergency contact form unless the office or teacher is notified in advance of a change. First through fifth graders will be released onto the playground at 3:30 p.m. Please help us keep the lobby and hallways clear and safe during dismissal by waiting outside. We strongly discourage families from signing children out between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Students being signed out will be asked to provide a medical excuse. Thank you in advance for support while we work to maintain a smooth and safe learning environment. For Clinton updates please refer to our webpage, www.ccssoh.us/clintones. Our webpage is updated weekly. The parent/student handbook is also on the webpage.

Patricia Price
Principal

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August 2018

24....**First Day of School** **Grades 1 -5**

- Kindergarten Assessments begin
- 28....First day for Kindergarten
Parent meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 29....Yellowbird pick-up 3-6 p.m.
- 30....Principal Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 31....Whit's PTA Fundraiser

September 2018

3.....**NO SCHOOL**

- 6....2nd Grade Curriculum Night-6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 7....Whetstone Spirit Night—6:30 p.m.
- 10...Girls on the Run
- 11....1st Grade Curriculum Night-6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 11....Girl Scout Meeting-6-7:30 p.m.
- 11....PTA Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- 12....Early Release at 2:00 p.m.
- 12....Principal Fundraiser ends
- 13....3rd Grade Curriculum Night-6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 17....Chess Club begins (3-5 grade)
- 19....Bus Safety Assembly(K-3 grade)
- 21....3rd Grade Field Trip to Slate Run
- 21....Whetstone Homecoming Parade
- 26....5th grade field trip SEEDS
- 28....Open House—5:30 -6:30 p.m.
- 28....Ice Cream Social—6:30-7:30 pm
- 30....Clintonville Quest-2:00—5:00 p.m.



Daily Attendance

Regular attendance is a key to your child's success in school. If it is necessary for your child to be absent, please notify the office by 9:30 a.m. **All students are required to have a written excuse upon return, unless parent has called the school on the day of the students absence. Students are allowed 9 parent authorized absences a year, including tardies and early leaves. Please make sure if your child is absent, tardy or leaves early due to a doctor's appt you get a note from the doctor.**



Drop Off and Pick Up

Student drop off continues to be on Clinton Heights. Students must use crosswalks. Clinton Heights Lutheran Church shares their parking lot with us.

Traffic should flow into the parking lot from Clinton Heights, moving south through the alley. Please assist Ms. Rowell, Mr. Patrick and our safety patrol by adhering to all signals and cues.

Student Safety is always First!



Our Curriculum

Instruction at Clinton follows the Columbus City Schools Curriculum Guides which are aligned to the Ohio State Department of Education State Standards. All students participate in weekly art, music, physical education, and library.



Our School Day

School begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to arrive in classrooms at 9:00a.m. Students should report directly to classrooms and are not permitted on the playground without parents before or after school.

Tardiness

Every minute of the school day is important to your child's success. When students are tardy, valuable instruction time is lost. **Students who arrive later than 9:00a.m. are considered tardy. Attendance is now taken in minutes, not days. Every minute your child is not in class is considered an absence.**



Food Service Information

Universal Breakfast

Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. There is no charge for breakfast.

Milk..... .50

Lunch must be ordered by 10:00 a.m. each morning.

In order to re-serve a lunch when

your child is late, you must call the office by 9:30 a.m.



Principal's Fall FundRaiser

No one loves a fundraiser, but we need your support so that we can provide high quality programming.

August 30 marks the kick-off for this year's fall fundraiser.

We will be selling Cookie Dough tubs again and the sale will end on Sept. 12. The program works in the following ways:

- Purchase additional literature and resource books and materials for our classrooms.
- Help defray the cost of field trips, Fifth Grade Camp, and Ballet Met.
- Pay for miscellaneous supplies used in classroom instruction and special activities, and for tutoring materials and snacks.

CLINTON CHESSMATES



Clinton Chessmates begins Monday, Sept. 17. This group of 3rd-5th graders meets every Monday for 10 weeks. Snack and playground is from 3:30-4:30, chess lesson and play from 4:30-5:30. Your child needs to know how to move all the pieces, open and close. Coach Kyle Jones provides a lesson to help them improve to being tournament ready. Parents need to volunteer at least one Monday a semester and be willing to volunteer to help with the spring chess tournament. Fee will be \$60/semester (subsidized from our spring chess tournament).

Email Jenny Lundine at jplundine@gmail.com with your interest (child's name/grade, parent name/email/phone #) General tournament participation is not mandatory but encouraged



Girls on the Run will begin the week of Sept. 30. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Two sessions will be held on each of those days. One session will be from 3:30-5 p.m. and the other is 5-6:30 p.m. Each session is by grade level. Melissa Chandler will be your head coach for the 3:30 p.m. Session. Girls on the Run is a lottery process. Lottery Registration opens on Aug. 24 and goes through Aug. 29. Random lottery selection will occur on August 31.

Parents charge cards will be charged on Aug. 31 if their daughter has been selected to participate. An email will be sent to parents whether their daughter has been selected or not. Coaches are asking that parents volunteer as assistant coaches or running buddies. A running buddy only has to participate in 4 practices and the 5K run. The 5K run will be held on Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.



LET ME RUN

Let me Run is more than a running program for boys.

Combining exercise with fun activities and lessons, our trained coached inspire boys to be themselves, be active and belong.

Let Me Run Boys:

- Run with an elementary or middle school team
- Train for 7 weeks after school, 2 days per week
- Grow in personal strength, endurance & goal setting
- Recognize & respect personal gifts & those of others
- Celebrate the courage to be themselves
- Learn to be a better friend, identify true friends & feel the power of positive relationships
- Compete in the final Let Me Run 5K

Become a coach or bring Let Me Run to your school!!!

Visit LetMeRun.org or contact:
ClaireH@LetMeRun.org

Dress Code...

CCS Dress Code must be followed and appropriate dress is expected at all times. Students are not permitted to wear flip-flops, backless sandals, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants, hats in classroom, hair paint, muscle shirts, clothes w/inappropriate sayings/symbols. Skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh.



NURSE'S NOTES

In order to keep all students with food allergies safe at school, homemade foods cannot be brought in to school for classroom parties, birthdays, etc. Only store bought foods with ingredients listed will be accepted. Also, NO foods will be accepted that contain peanuts, tree nuts, or peanut products. Thank you in advance for ensuring the safety of all of our students

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY



If you have not had a chance to visit Clinton Elementary's Library, please feel free to drop by. We have about 11,000 volumes for students to choose from. The library has four main sections: Everybody books, Fiction, Nonfiction, and Biography.

Students will begin checking out books on Aug. 27. Our first few weeks will be all about enjoying books and finding a "just right book."

Here are some book care tips we will talk about: turn the pages carefully using the corners; use a bookmark; keep borrowed books in a safe place; books, water bottles, food and bad weather don't mix; and remember to return books on time and in good condition.

If a book gets returned to the public library, never fear, it will come back to Clinton. It may take some time. Just let Mrs. Rowell know via phone message or email. Lost or damaged books can be replaced. Ask for information on how to do this.

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Rowell at erowell923@columbus.k12.oh.us

