

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

Indianola Informal K-8

Principal, Brandy Koeth Assistant Principal, Amara Toure'



School Hours

- School hours are 9:00-3:30pm
- For 90 minute early release days we will dismiss at 2:00pm
- Students may begin breakfast at 8:30 am.
- Before 8:45 am students are either in breakfast or seated in the auditorium.
- At 8:45 am students are dismissed to begin going to class.
- Students must be picked up by 3:45 pm

Attendance

- All time at school is critical
- Report absences and direct excuses to Denise in the main office.
- House Bill 410 does not discriminate between excused and unexcused absences.
 - Interventions go from warning letters to mandated attendance plan meetings to possible truancy charges.
 - Please know the letters are computer generated and are very strongly worded. Do not read it and think it means truancy is being filed. We would go through many intervention steps, in person, before it ever comes to that!
 - Detailed information is in the August newsletter that was mailed home.

Morning Routines

- Drop Off
- Pick Up
- Bus Transportation

Breakfast and Lunch

- School breakfast and lunch is free to all Columbus City Schools students.
 - We do have a peanut free table in the cafeteria.
 - Individual teachers may have snack in their class and will let you know.
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Bus Tips

- Be at the stop 10 minutes early.
- Sign up for Bus Bulletin to get text messages when your child's bus route is running late or may be running late due to a sub driver.
- You can do a Form 1 in the office with Bonnie if you are requesting a different stop. This has to be done every year.
- Teach your child Mrs. Koeth's 'Three Most Important Things for the Bus':
 - Sit on your bottom.
 - Face forward.
 - Talk quietly your seatmate. (or read)
- If they do only these three things they will be successful every day!

Safety Drills

- We will do a lockdown drill and fire drill every month.
- Lockdown drill levels
 - One- We are always on a level one with our exterior doors locked.
 - Two- Lock your doors, stay in the room, carry on with teaching and learning.
 - Three- Lock doors, turn off lights, hide/barricade/fight/run if necessary.
- We will practice other drills periodically.
- This year some of our practice drills will be planned at different times such as lunch, recess, etc.
- Ohio's anonymous report line for school safety- text or call- 844-SAFEROH (844-723-3764)

PBIS- The Indy Five!

Respectful

Responsible

Helpful

Kind

Peaceful

Second Step

-Social Emotional Learning curriculum for grades K-8

- Includes Bullying Prevention Units that our guidance counselors will teach grades K-5

-Look for information that will be coming home about what we are learning!

Communication Tools

- Individual teachers will have a method to communicate with you.
- Our website: ccsoh.us/indianolainformalk8
- PTO website: indianolakids.org
- Columbus City Schools app- helpful information, including a button to sign up for bus bulletin
- Robo Calls- I will do a robo call weekly on Friday so you know highlights from the week and how to plan for the upcoming week. If you do not receive these, please call Bonnie in the main office and she can troubleshoot with you.

We are a Title One school

-We use our Federal Title One funds for two part time tutors, professional development, and student materials.

- More information about Parents' Rights to Know as it pertains to a Title One school was listed in the August newsletter that was mailed home.

- Please let me know any questions you have.

Tonight's Structure

- Two teacher (repeat) sessions at 4:45-5:15 and 5:30-6:00
 - PTO in the cafeteria
 - Parent Consultant in the cafeteria
 - Data Specialist in the computer lab for Infinite Campus Parent Portal Support
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