



SOARING EAGLES NEWSLETTER

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Summer Edition

June 2021

Principal's News:

Hello Sherwood MS community and welcome to the last issue of the 2020-2021 school year. It's been no secret that this year has been one we will never forget, not just as a school community but as a country. Here are some highlights:

School started this year 100% virtual. We weren't sure how long we would be working from home, but we found out quickly for many of our kiddos, it was extremely hard to be away from school for another extended period of time.

Sherwood staff got creative with how they supported and celebrated students during this time, from mailing items to making home visits and everything in between.

Due to COVID, we did not allow visitors in the building this year. This was a hard decision to make, but to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we felt we had no choice. We are hopeful we can welcome our families and community back in the building next school year.

Blended learning finally took place: cohort A students on Monday / Tuesday and cohort B students on Thursday / Friday with everyone working from home on Wednesdays. Students did a wonderful job of following the COVID protocols while in the building, even though it was a hard adjustment. We had never done this before. Staff weren't sure what to expect but did everything necessary to ensure everyone's safety. Families were nervous to send their children back to school which we fully understood. We quickly found out that we would be fine.

The district gave families another option to enroll their children at the Digital Academy if they were unsure of sending their children back to in person learning. Though we missed our students, we fully supported any families decision to go that route for this school year.

Sherwood unfortunately lost two students to gun violence again this year. As hard as it is to lose a part of your family, we turned that pain and sadness into beautification for the building. We were blessed to partner with The Harmony Project who came and painted a wonderful mural in our main lobby. It has now become a focal point in the building. We also had our 8th grade team and students create a Peace Garden in the front of the building as a way to honor all students lost over the years. We want Sherwood to always be a safe place for our community. We are hopeful these two beautiful additions to our building will give everyone a sense of peace, safety, and comfort.

Sherwood was awarded the Bronze Award for it's PBIS implementation. This is an award we've won before, and during this school year, we were extra proud to be recognized for the award again. Thank you to our awesome PBIS team of staff who worked hard on this all year.

For the first time since I've been at Sherwood, we had students put on a vocal music performance under the direction of our new vocal music teacher, Mr. Youmans. It was so nice to see students in this capacity and we're excited about the future of this program.

So much has gone into this school year but what we're most proud of is we made it through! There were days we weren't sure we were doing things correctly, but we kept working. Our students proved to us that anything is possible with hard work. We thank them, as well as our families for your patience and support. We're excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to working and learning with all of you. We wish everyone a safe and restful summer break, and we'll see everyone in August.

Birds Fly - Eagles S.O.A.R.!

Our Family Ambassador: **Tiffany Brannon** has created a space for us to share announcements, events, activities, community resources and more! Here is the link to join our family engagement Facebook group **CLICK BELOW** to Join

Find us on: **facebook**

Café News:

Fuel Up!

We know that summers are often hectic for parents & families. That's why we partnered with Learn4Life, the Children's Hunger Alliance, the City of Columbus, Franklin County Jobs and Family Services, and the U.S Dept. of Agriculture, along with local faith-based organizations and non-profit partners, to provide meals and educational opportunities to all children who visit Columbus Recreation and Parks Centers and select other locations.

Look below for more details.

You can also visit (by clicking below)

[Summer Meal Program](#)

or call 1-866-3-Hungry (1-866-348-6479)

Important DATES at THE WOOD:

June 1st:
Last Day of School for Cohort A

June 3rd:
Last Day of School for Cohort B

June 14th - July 22nd:
Summer Experience classes
8am - 1pm



[CLICK on image for more information](#)

August 26th:
First Day of Classes for Students

September 6th:
No School (closed for Labor Day)

News from our NURSE:

<https://www.columbus.gov>

Please continue to send in your child's immunization records as you get them, especially those in 7th grade.

You can fax to Sherwood (614-365-8351) or you can take a photo of the record and email it to the nurse- mco-lombo@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Thank you for your help in this!

Nurse Colombo

Counseling Corner:

Ms. Locke

Have a safe & fantastic summer, and remember to put SELF-CARE at the top of your agenda this summer!

<https://sites.google.com/columbus.k12.oh.us/>



At Sherwood Middle School, the pain of young students, past and present, losing their lives too soon due to violence is real and something teachers and staff deal with every day. But now, through art and collaboration, all eighth-grade classrooms have worked together to create the Sherwood Middle School peace garden as a way to process the pain positively.

"During the pandemic, it was definitely more challenging to deal with the death of a student because we weren't together," said eighth-grade teacher Allison Irvin. "Now that we are back in school, we thought getting outside, working in the garden was a safe and healthy way to help our students process young lives lost too soon."

At the front entrance of Sherwood Middle School, you can't miss the large, three, twelve by twelve concrete planters filled with fresh mulch and now dozens of freshly painted and decorated circularly concrete slabs.

"Aren't they beautiful?" beams eighth-grade teacher Danielle Enoch. "Oh, look at those glittery stones a student just added to his peace marker this morning. I just love what this peace garden represents. We have shown our students through art how we can process our pain together and honor these students."

Eighth-grader Tanija Falls is proud of her artwork in the garden. She made a peace symbol out of blue stones then painted the concrete white, purple and blue.

"I knew one of the students who passed away," said Falls. "His favorite color was blue, so that's why I made sure to use blue on mine. I look at this peace garden as a sign of hope, a way to do better in life."

Anthony Villanueva didn't know any of the students who are honored in this garden.

"While I didn't know them personally, this garden is about respect and a reminder of the crazy stuff in our world," said eighth-grader Villanueva.

Along with hand-made concrete stones the students created, the teachers have also made a wooden sign for the garden. It reads, "We carry your love and spirit every day. Although we are apart, we are here to honor our forever eagles always in our hearts."

[CLICK HERE to see our Sherwood Eagles hard at work creating the Peace Garden](#)



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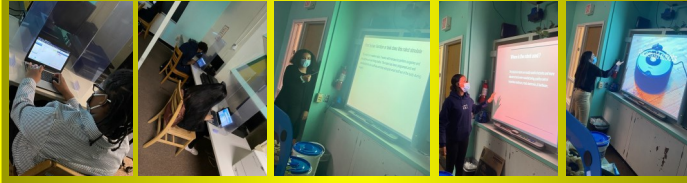
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Mr. Youman's Choir Class performance Spring 2021
w/ Special Guest: Ms. Jackson**



Students in Ms. Matracci's Computer Awareness class were coding in 6th & 7th grade, while the 8th grade students presented their final projects on Automation & Robotics!
Pictured below: (Khari, Jalil, Rebekah, Perry, & Eviani)



Students in Mrs. Kile's 6th grade Science class are testing Newton's 3rd Law of Motion



Students in Mrs. Harman's 6th grade Mathematics class are practicing their use of Integers while learning the Game of Frisbee Golf with partners on the last day of school!
Pictured below: (Teammates: Danashia & Monique and Kayla & Layonna)



S.O.A.R. Students of the Month April & May

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| Ky'Jair Hill | Jaxson Parker | Cortez Chandler |
| Puspa Pouddyel | Khai'Ann Powell | Kidus Hunachew |
| Alexandra Picacho Salas | Amadou Koundourou | Lijah Leigh |

WAY to GO EAGLES!



P.B.I.S.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Thank to all our S.O.A.R.ing Eagles for all the positive behavior in and outside the classroom!

With all the difficulties this year has shown us, it was truly a delight to celebrate with our students that really gave it their all!

Congratulations Eagles

**Goodie bags were passed out to all eligible participants on the last day of school! **

A special congratulations to our P.B.I.S. team for receiving the Bronze Award in Excellence!!

Pictured Left to Right:

Ms. Tedona, Chaka Diop (our PBIS district coordinator), Mrs. Rhoads, Miss Norris, Miss Jackson, Miss Irvin, Ms. Locke, & Ms. Enoch

Not pictured:

Kathryn Righter, Mrs. Glenn, and Mrs. Evans



Athletics

Congratulations to our Track & Field All-stars!!

We finished the year strong with our track star athletes as they competed throughout the Spring season!

A special thanks to Coach R.Smith for leading our Eagles to S.O.A.R.ing heights!!

City Championships

Neko 3rd in the 400 meter & 4th in the 200 meter

Rhyann 4th in the 100 meter & 5th in the 200 meter

Jalysa 6th in the 100 meter

Yoas 8th place in the 800 meter





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Summer Resources for Families:

Join us as we celebrate and honor fathers in our community. Do you know a father who could use some encouragement? Please let us know. Income eligibility applies.

Conversation, Lunch, Self Care Packages, Give A Ways....and more!

Saturday June 12th
3:00-4:30 PM
OUR BAR & Lounge
890 Oak St

Join us for conversation and lunch, celebrating and honoring fatherhood in our community! Limited Space Available. Must meet income guidelines.

For more information or to register, call Tiffany Brannon @859-813-5419.

From Conversation Packages Literature \$ MORE

Sherwood's Summer Experience

READING **MATH**

Do you want to become smarter and earn prizes over the summer? Well you can! You can complete ALEKS topics and 5-Step Achieve3000 articles for prizes. The following chart can be used to turn points into prizes. You can earn prizes in both math and reading! Sherwood's Summer Experience runs from June 3-August 25.

Aleks Class Codes:

Grade	Current	5th graders	304H-MCEAP
6th grade	Current	5th graders	304H-MCEAP
7th grade	Current	6th graders	304H-MCEAP
8th grade	Current	7th graders	304H-MCEAP
Achieve3000	Current	id and password	304H-MCEAP

Questions? Achieve 3000: sbrowntr@402@ccsbus.k12.oh.us
ALEKS: tbrannon@402@ccsbus.k12.oh.us

Looking for a way to enrich your students summer Mathematics & Reading skills.....

Jump on board and join our **Achieve 3000** and **ALEKS** competitions.

JOIN NOW by clicking on our Flyer for more details!
Prizes for ALL WINNERS!
Contest runs from June 3 - August 25th

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FCA SPORTS CAMP 2021

June 21-June 24, 2021 — Walnut Ridge High School

BOYS AND GIRLS 5TH-9TH GRADE - CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SPORTS

Football

Basketball

FEATURING:
Guest Speakers Daily
OSU players and Former Professional Athletes

COST:
Camp Hours 9:00-12:30pm Football
1:00pm - 4:30pm Basketball
Student-Athletes: \$30.00 per sport
Football & Basketball \$75.00

REGISTER NOW:
<https://centralohiofca.org/camps#Camp->

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tim and Karmen Brown, Camp Directors
tbrown@fca.org

CAMP FEATURES
Excellent Instruction, Camp Tee-Shirt, Lunch and Snacks provided, PURSUE Bible Study, Guest Speakers

If your student(s) is interested in learning the fundamentals of Football or Basketball, then the FCA SPORTS CAMP is the place to be this summer for both Boys & Girls!!

June 21st - June 24th

Register Now:

<https://centralohiofca.org/camps#Camp-FOR>

Contact Tim and Karmen Brown via email:
tbrown@fca.org

Free Federal Money for CCS Families to Pay for Internet

Every family in Columbus City Schools could receive up to \$50 each month to help pay for internet service at home. Families of students enrolled in Columbus City Schools can apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, provided by the Federal Communications Commission to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the Emergency Broadband program, households can receive up to \$50 per month for internet service and a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. Because Columbus City Schools is part of the federal Community Eligibility Program - which provides free breakfast and lunch to all students - **all of our district's families are eligible for this program no matter their household income.**

To apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit, go to www.getemergencybroadband.org. In the application process, families should indicate that their child attends Columbus City Schools under the Community Eligibility Program



Free Admission to Columbus Museum of Art

Columbus City Schools students, families, and staff can explore the Columbus Museum of Art for **FREE** this summer. Thanks to a special partnership with Battelle, CMA is offering all CCS students, their families, and our staff the opportunity to visit the museum and its special exhibits at no charge, starting this week.

Families and staff can **reserve WonderPass tickets online** through the Columbus Museum of Art website using the **code CCS2021 at checkout**. The WonderPass provides free, unlimited visits all summer long, now through Sunday, September 5. All tickets must be reserved online in advance due to ongoing capacity guidelines.

"Great community partners like the Columbus Museum of Art and Battelle continue to step up, come together, and support the students and families in Columbus City Schools. I appreciate this new partnership to provide experiential learning at the museum over the summer to all of our young people, said Columbus City Schools Superintendent/CEO, Dr. Talisa Dixon. "When great learning institutions in our community find creative ways to open their doors to all of our families, they also open the doors of opportunity for our children in a way that can forever impact their lives and love for learning."

