



Principal Peddle's Pen

Upcoming Dates and Information for Devonshire Families

Week of January 13, 2025

Devonshire families -

As winter weather arrives, please remember to dress warmly and encourage your child to bundle up for school. This includes jackets, hats and gloves. Additionally, with flu season upon us, it's crucial to wash hands frequently and keep children home if they are feeling unwell.

We want to encourage you to make plans and have back-up plans in place for potential inclement weather, sick children, or unexpected situations. Please ensure that your child's emergency contact information is current so we can reach you promptly if needed. If your child is sick or unable to attend school, please notify the office as soon as possible. The attendance lines are available 24/7/365. Email: attendance.devonshire@columbus.k12.oh.us and Phone: (380) 997-0247. Your preparedness helps us ensure the safety and well-being of all students. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and informed.

You can update your students' information [here](#).

I am excited to share that the i-Ready MOY results are now available. If you need assistance understanding the i-Ready assessments, please click [here](#).

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up! We will host PTCs on Thursday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 28 from 3:45-7:00pm. Additionally, we will hold an informational Third Grade Reading Guarantee family meeting on January 28, 2025, at 6 PM. Your participation is important, and we hope to see you there.

School Choice is coming soon - don't know about school choice or the lottery system? Check out [this information](#) from Mrs. Sferrella. Additionally, all students who's home school is **not** Devonshire received a letter recently - **if you wish to stay at Devonshire** (and we hope you do!) **you do not need to do anything**. If you wish to "return to your home school" you must request that in the Parent Portal.

Don't forget - there is NO SCHOOL Monday, January 20, Tuesday, January 21, or Wednesday,

January 22, 2025!

As always, should you have any questions, or need any assistance, please reach out to my office. Wishing you all a warm and joyful January. We're excited for all the wonderful learning ahead!

Thank you for being such an **essential** part of the Devonshire family. Thank you for your continued support!

Best regards,



Is Your Information Up-To-Date?

As we navigate through the year, *I want to remind you of the importance of ensuring your child's information such as, emergency contact information, immunizations, etc. are up-to-date. This information is what we use in the event of inclement weather, emergencies, etc.* [Please log into Parent Portal, select "Annual Update" to:](#)

- Update your student's information
- Confirm emergency phone numbers
- Complete the emergency medical authorization

Middle-Of-Year i-Ready Assessment Results Are Here

Be sure to ask your child's teacher about their results!

What is i-Ready? i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's opportunities for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Explore i-Ready for Families [here](#).

Don't Forget To Read for At Least 20 Minutes Everyday!

The Power Of Reading
20 Minutes A Day!

20 Minutes A Day!



Our Students Need YOUR Help!

Safety at Devonshire

November and December are often busy times around school and at home, so I wanted to remind you of a few safety items:

- **ALL visitors** must sign-in with the main office before entering the building. This includes families at drop off and District staff who are not normally at Devonshire.
- The speed limit on Ambleside Drive is 25 mph, and our parking lot's speed limit is 10 mph.
- No students should be dropped off prior to 8:30 am. There are not staff on duty to supervise.
- Dismissal is from 3:15 - 3:35 daily. Routine late pick-ups may result in intervention from our Attendance Team.
- We kindly ask that if you need to change your student's dismissal, you call us prior to 3 pm.

Health Reminders

Dear Families,

As winter approaches, we want to remind you of important health tips to keep our students safe and healthy during the colder months:

1. **Dress for the Weather:** Ensure your child wears layers of clothing, including a warm coat, hat, gloves, and scarf. This helps regulate body temperature and protects against frostbite.
2. **Handwashing:** Remind your child to wash their hands frequently, especially before eating, after using the restroom, or after coughing or sneezing. This is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs and illnesses.

3. **Stay Hydrated:** Even in winter, it's important for children to drink plenty of water. Cold air can be dehydrating, so encourage your child to carry a water bottle to school.
4. **Rest and Nutrition:** Ensure your child gets enough sleep and eats balanced meals. Proper rest and nutrition boost the immune system, helping to fight off seasonal illnesses.
5. **Stay Home When Sick:** If your child shows signs of illness such as fever, cough, or fatigue, please keep them home to rest and recover. This helps prevent the spread of germs and ensures they heal faster.

By working together, we can ensure our students stay healthy and ready to learn all winter long!

Warm regards,

Dr. Carney
School Nurse

Counselor's Corner

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Upcoming Events at Devonshire

January

- 17 - End of Q2
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
- 21 - Professional Development Day - No School
- 22 - Records Day - No School
- 23 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Information should be coming home. Need to schedule? Email your child's teacher [here](#).*
- 28 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 28 - 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- 30 - Honor Roll Assembly; Invitations to follow

When Weather Takes A Turn, You Need To Know!



STAY WARM AND INFORMED

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

When Winter Weather Forces Classes to be Canceled, You Need to Know Right Away!

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS is ready for the return of winter and those days when inclement weather can have a major impact on your child's school day...and on your busy day. Make sure to plan ahead.


STAY CONNECTED: News about school cancellations, extra-curricular activities, field trips, and/or student-athletic events are shared in several ways.




- **Make sure:** the contact information on file at your child's school is accurate. If you need to update this information, contact the main office in your child's school or log on to the **Parent Portal**. (This includes emergency contacts, phone numbers, and email addresses).
- **Follow:** **Columbus City Schools** on **Facebook**, **Twitter** or **Instagram** or check our **website**, we'll share news about snow days and other cancellations with an instant message to your phone or tablet.
- **Answer:** All families and staff will be alerted through an automated call from the District's phone system.
- **Monitor:** the news on local television and radio stations.

HAVE A BACKUP PLAN: When inclement weather impacts the morning commute, our leadership plans to determine whether to cancel classes no later than 5:30 a.m. If rough weather is forecast for the afternoon, classes may dismiss as early as noon. Have an alternative plan for your child's day set.

- **Supervision:** is your child responsible enough to be home alone or do they need someone to stay with?
- **Healthy Food:** is there nutritious food available for your child to eat for breakfast and lunch?
- **Safe Location:** if classes are dismissed early, does your child go home or to another location? If your child is under the age of 8, will there be someone to meet them at the bus stop?
- **Engaging Activities:** what safe activities do you have for your child to do if they are at home for an unexpected amount of time?

For answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**, visit www.ccsch.us/weather

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Devonshire Student & Family Handbook

CCS Guide To Student Success

Parent Portal How To Guide

How To Contact Devonshire

DevonshireES@columbus.k12.oh.us | (614) 365-5335

Absence Excuses & Notifications

Attendance.Devonshire@columbus.k12.oh.us | (380) 997-0247

[Click Here To Email Our Attendance Team](#)



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