

# Principal Peddle's Pen

*Upcoming Dates and Information for Devonshire Families*

## Week of January 27, 2025

Devonshire families -

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of January - how did this month go so quickly?!

We've been doing a lot of learning in our classrooms this month. For example:

- Mrs. Lyle and Mrs. Brown's classes completed an experiment with batteries and charges to light a light bulb! Including trying to make conductors that operate in and with water.
- Mrs. George, Mrs. Bomer and Mrs. Dixon's classes are preparing for the OST by making and confirm predictions in text, making inferences and synthesizing what they're reading.
- First graders are working hard to build (add and subtracting within) 10.

Make sure you ask your student(s) about what they're learning!

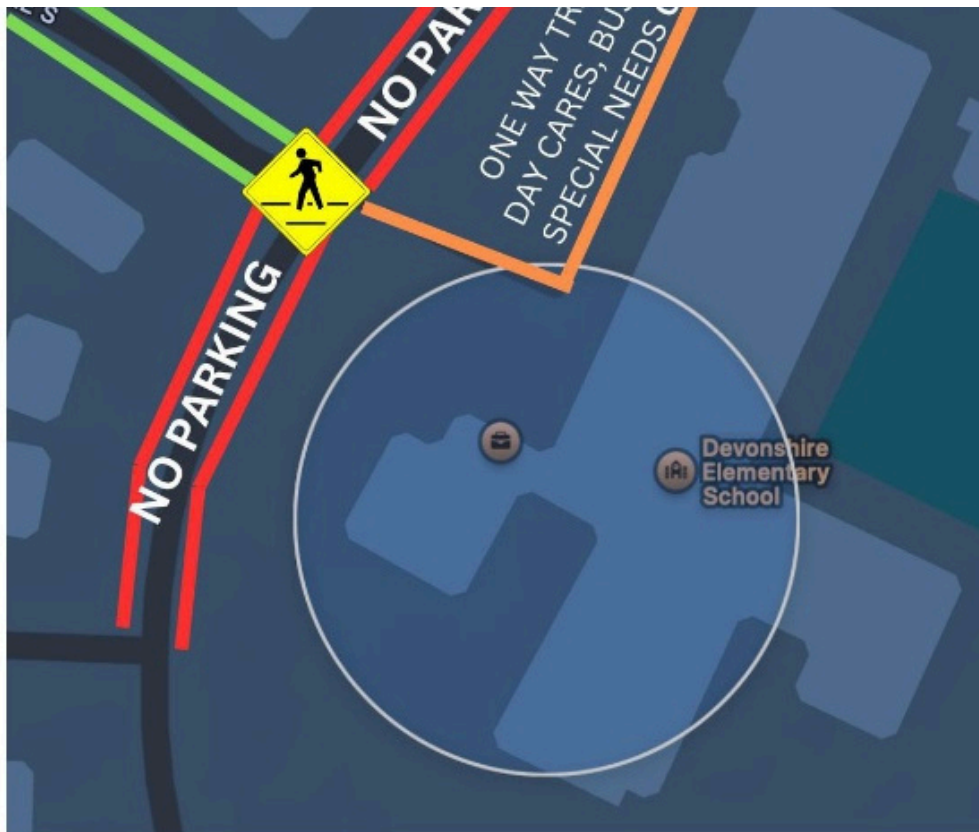
Our spring testing window opens on Monday, February 3, 2025. You will hear more about the specific testing windows for your student from your teacher(s).

## Our Students Need YOUR Help!

### Safety at Devonshire

- **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 assigned to Devonshire.
- During arrival and dismissal there is **NO parking on Ambleside Drive**.
- Only day-cares, buses, and students in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 may be dropped off in the parking lot.
- 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.





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.

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!

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**OELPA Testing Is Coming!**

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**This assessment is for to measure the English**

**The assessment is for to measure the English Language Proficiency of English Learners (ELs). OELPA consists of four domains: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.**

## **Kindergarten–5th Grade** **February 3rd– March 28th**



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### **Superintendent, Dr. Angela M Chapman's Message on Immigration Policy Change**

Dear Columbus City Schools Community,

Since the November election, I have heard from many of you who have expressed concern over the well-being of our New American and immigrant students. We know that New American and immigrant students are a vital part of our Columbus City Schools community, enriching the lives of their fellow students, their teachers and all school staff. All students have a right to public education, and the United States Supreme Court has confirmed that all students, regardless of their immigration status, may not be denied this constitutional right. Therefore, our CCS families should know that Columbus City Schools are and will continue to be a safe place for all students.

As Ohio's largest school district, Columbus City Schools is proud to be an inclusive, diverse, and equity-centered institution that strives to be a model of excellence in public education. We want to reassure our community that CCS remains fully committed to providing safe learning environments for students regardless of immigration status, race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, color, national origin, age, gender identity or expression, ancestry, familial status, military status, disability, or genetic information. The safety of our students and staff will always be a key priority and responsibility of the District.

We are committed to identifying and providing additional resources for our students, staff and community, and that our focus remains on providing a high-quality education in warm and welcoming environments to the students of Columbus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dr. Angela Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "A" and "C".

**Dr. Angela M. Chapman.**



## Parent Teacher Conferences - 1/28

Winter parent teacher conferences are here! To schedule with your child's teacher, email them [here](#).  
Conferences are held 3:45 - 7 pm on Tuesday, January 28.

## Third Grade 3GRG Family Meeting - 1/28 @ 6 pm

### Event Information

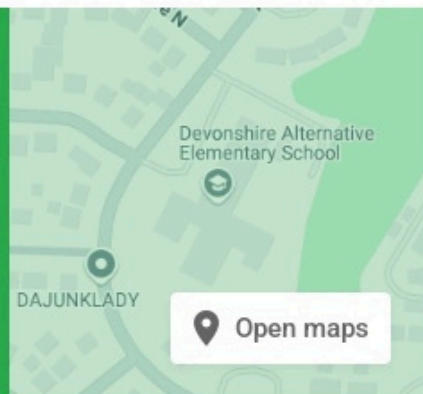
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#### When?

Tuesday, Jan 28, 2025, 06:00 PM

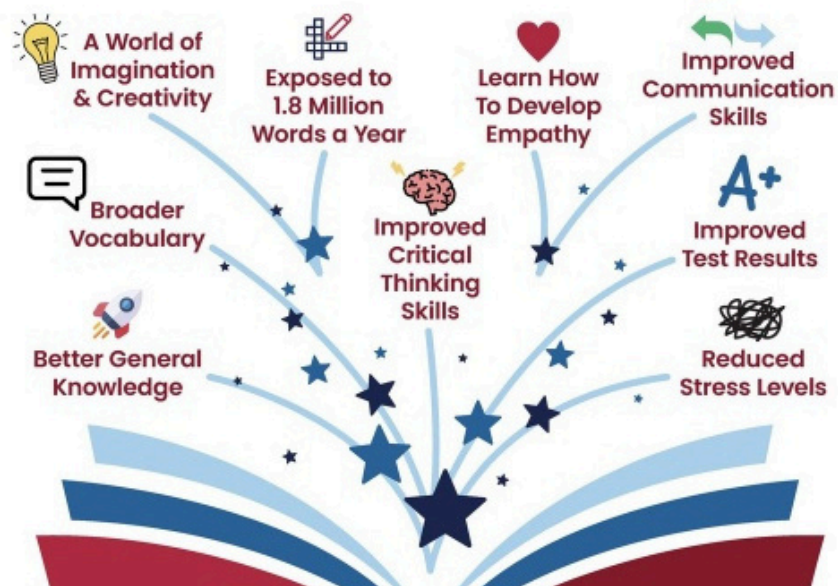
#### Where?

Devonshire Alternative Elementary School, Ambleside  
Drive, Columbus, OH, USA



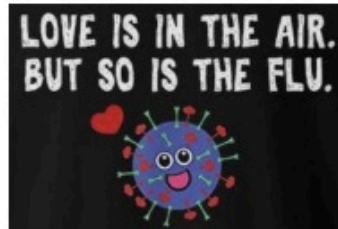
**Don't Forget To Read for At Least 20 Minutes Everyday!**

## The Power Of Reading 20 Minutes A Day!





## Health Reminders



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.

## Counselor's Corner

[Click Here To View & Read Mrs. Sferrella's January Newsletter](#)



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## Upcoming Events at Devonshire

### January

28 - Parent Teacher Conferences

*Information should be coming home. Need to schedule? Email your child's teacher [here](#).*

28 - 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee Meeting @ 6:00 pm

29 - 5th Grade to the Columbus Museum of Art

30 - Honor Roll Assembly; Invitations to follow

### February

5 - No School, Professional Development Day

6 - School Choice Fair ([Click here for more information](#))

14 - 4th Grade to All That Jazz Concert

17 - No School, President's Day

20 - K, 1 and 2 Talent Show at 2 pm

21 - 3, 4 and 5 Talent Show at 2 pm

21 - Flu Shot Clinic (AM)

## 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.ccschools.us/weather](http://www.ccschools.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](mailto:DevonshireES@columbus.k12.oh.us) | (614) 365-5335

**Absence Excuses & Notifications**

[Attendance.Devonshire@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:Attendance.Devonshire@columbus.k12.oh.us) | (380) 997-0247

**Click Here To Email Our Attendance Team**



**Dr. Peddle, Principal**

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