



Principal Peddle's Pen

Upcoming Dates and Information for Devonshire Families

Week of February 3, 2025

Devonshire families -

I want to take a moment to address the concerns many of you have expressed regarding the well-being of our New American and immigrant students. ALL students and families are an essential part of our Columbus City Schools and Devonshire community, enhancing the experiences of their peers and teachers. It is important to reaffirm that **all students** have the right to a free, appropriate public education (FAPE), as confirmed by the United States Supreme Court in the decision of [Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202](#) (1982), regardless of their immigration status. Columbus City Schools is dedicated to being a safe and inclusive environment for all, regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, or any other characteristic. We remain committed to providing the resources necessary to ensure a high-quality education in a welcoming atmosphere for every student.

As a school and district, we have policies and procedures in place to support the safe learning environment for all students, including policies regarding ALL visitors to schools (see Board Policy 9150; you can read more about those policies, and read the policies themselves [here](#)). CCS is committed to protecting the rights of our students, families, and staff.

What can you do at home?

- Designate a trusted family member or other adult who can pick up students and care for them in case the parent/guardian becomes unavailable due to hospitalization, detention, or some other reason.
- Check in Infinite Campus – or with school staff – to ensure the most up-to-date and accurate contact information is on file for this trusted adult and other emergency contacts. (Click [here](#) to update your information!)
- Talk with their children, in an age-appropriate manner, about emergency plans.

REMINDERS

There is NO SCHOOL Wednesday, February 5th for Teacher Professional Development.

School Choice is coming soon (Thursday, Feb. 6) - 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. Know someone who would LOVE Devonshire as much as we do?? Tell them to visit us during the virtual School Choice fair on Thursday!

As always, should you have any questions, or need any assistance, please reach out to my office. Wishing you all a joyful February. 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!



OELPA Testing Starts TOMORROW!

OELPA TESTING

This 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



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.

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 and will continue to be safe places for all students.

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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,



Dr. Angela M. Chapman,
Superintendent/CEO

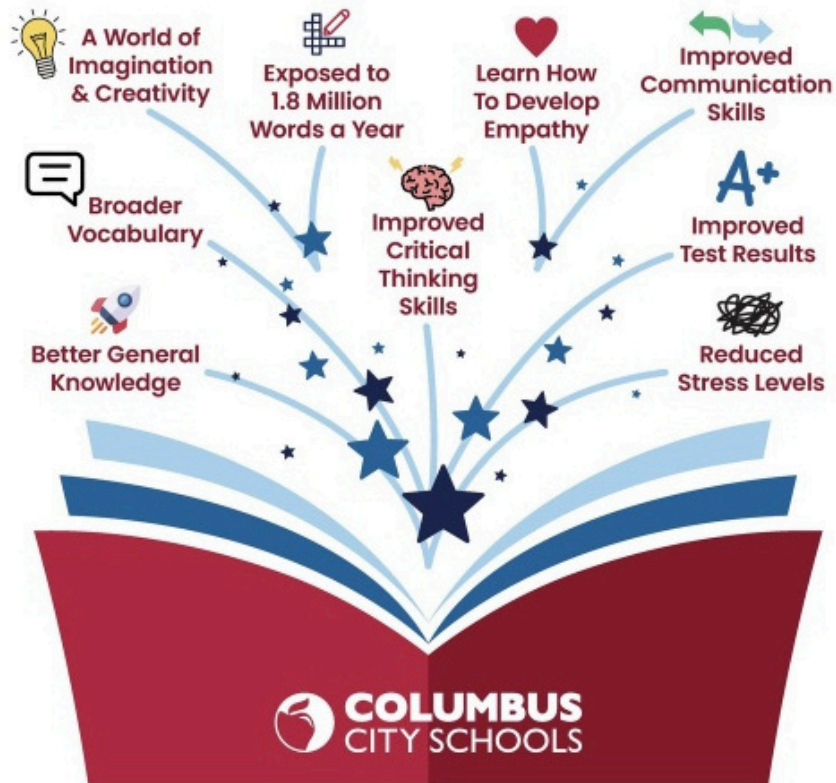
It's Never Too Early To Plan For Summer!



Registration Opens Feb 8!

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



**School Counselor and Positive Behavior
Intervention Supports (PBIS)
Newsletter**

Lauren Sferrella
School Counselor/PBIS Coordinator
Devonshire Project Adventure

February 2025

HELLO, DEVONSHIRE FAMILIES!

As we enter the month of February, we are filled with excitement for the opportunities to continue growing, learning, and supporting one another. This month is all about spreading kindness by celebrating Relationship Week, February 10-14. As always, I am here to help your child with any concerns they might have, whether it's about school, friendships, or just needing someone to talk to. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever need assistance or have questions.

Students are also working hard to earn their Cheetah Bucks daily and they love shopping in the school store!

Personal Best

Act Responsibly

Work and Play Safely

Show Respect

Classroom Guidance Lessons

The topics for my first set of guidance lessons include:


Conflict Resolution and Test Prep

Tips for Resolving Conflicts With Friends

- **Stay Calm:** Take a deep breath and try to stay calm.
- **Listen to Each Other:** Take turns talking and really listen to what the other person is saying.
- **Talk About the Problem:** Focus on the problem, not the person.
- **Find a Solution Together:** Work together to come up with a fair way to solve the problem.
- **Use Kind Words:** Be kind with your words, even if you're upset. Being kind can help make things better faster.

February Character Trait of the Month Trust

Trust is when you believe that someone will do what they say they will do, or that they will treat you in a fair and kind way. It means you can rely on them to keep their promises, be honest, and always act in a way that makes you feel safe and respected. Trust is important in friendships because it helps people feel comfortable and confident with each other.



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Family Meditation

Here's video with a guided meditation that the whole family can enjoy!



P.A.W.S. EXPeCtations

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On-Going Tier 1 Interventions

- Cheetah Bucks/School Store
- Gumball Classroom Incentive
- School Wide PBIS Celebrations
- Student of the Month



- Social Emotional Learning Day

On-Going Tier 2 Interventions

- Check-In/Check-Out
- Second Step Small Groups
- ROX Girls Group
- Peer Tutors/Mentors

PBIS MATRIX




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Upcoming Events at Devonshire

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.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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