



# Principal Peddle's Pen

*Upcoming Dates and Information for Devonshire Families*

## Week of February 10, 2025

Dear Families,

We are in the heart of winter, and as always, we are seeing seasonal illnesses circulating among students and staff. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover. Attendance is important, but health comes first! To support student learning, teachers are able to provide assignments for those who need to stay home. We appreciate your help in reinforcing good hygiene habits like handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes. Together, we can keep our school community healthy and thriving!

As we continue to build on our school's rich history, we recognize that each of us carries a unique story that contributes to our future. This month, our Superintendent shared an important message about immigration, reaffirming that our district is committed to the safety and security of all students. We are working closely with our internal legal teams and safety & security staff to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Spring testing is just around the corner, and we encourage families to help students prepare by ensuring they get plenty of rest, attend school daily, and maintain consistent routines. A well-rested child is a ready learner!

Additionally, we are excited for our upcoming camp experience! Families of third, fourth, and fifth graders who are interested in learning more are invited to a virtual parent meeting on February 19 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. You can register for the meeting here: [Zoom Registration](#).

We look forward to another great month of learning and growing together! As always, should you have any questions, or need any assistance, please reach out to my office.

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

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**OELPA Testing Continues This Week**

## **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**



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**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.

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**It's Never Too Early To Plan For Summer!**



**Registration Opens Feb 8!**

**Need help registering? [Click here](#) to contact Mrs. Eyer or Mrs. Wolfe**

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**Register here for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade over-night camp parent meeting**

#### Event Information

### 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Over-Night Camp Parent Informational Meeting

Click here to register for the online Zoom meeting:

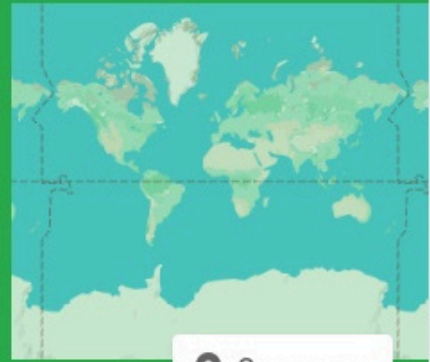
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When?

Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025, 06:00 PM

Where?

Online via Zoom



 Open maps

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

## The Power Of Reading 20 Minutes A Day!

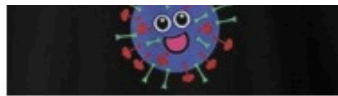


### Health Reminders

LOVE IS IN THE AIR.  
BUT SO IS THE FLU.








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  
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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!

**P**ersonal Best  
**A**ct Responsibly  
**W**ork and Play Safely  
**S**how Respect

**Classroom Guidance Lessons**

The topics for my first set of guidance lessons include:


**Conflict Resolution and Test Prep**

**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.

**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.



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## Upcoming Events at Devonshire

### February

- 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](http://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](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](#)



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