



# Principal Peddle's Pen

*Upcoming Dates and Information for Devonshire Families*

## Week of February 24, 2025

Dear Families,

✓ **Upcoming Testing:** Please check with your child's teacher for specific testing dates and ensure students get plenty of rest and arrive on time. Students across many grade levels will have the chance to share what they know and have learned. Our multi-language speaking students are currently taking the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA). This will transition into the Ohio State Tests for third, fourth and fifth grades.

✳ **Weather Reminder:** I know spring is peeking through some of the cold, but please be sure to send students with warm coats, hats, and gloves, as we will go outside for recess as long as conditions allow. It is also recommended that you send your student(s) to school with a change of clothes, just in case!

🚗 **Traffic & Safety:** The speed limit on **Ambleside Drive is 25 MPH**, and our **parking lot is ONE WAY at 10 MPH**. Please drive with caution to keep our students and staff safe.

🦠 **Health Alert:** A stomach bug and upper respiratory illness are going around. Please remind students to wash their hands frequently. If your child is sick, they must be **symptom and fever-free for 24 hours without medication** before returning to school.

📷 **Spring Picture Day:** Picture Day for Devonshire Project Adventure is scheduled for Friday, Mar 7 and this **event's Order Code is 93570EF**. Please note, **only those who have preordered will be photographed**. Online ordering closes at 11:59 p.m. the night before Picture Day. [inter-state.com/order](https://state.com/order)

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe and healthy!

We look forward to another great week 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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## 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades Are Going To Camp Kern!

### Complete Your Camper's Forms Now!

Third, fourth and fifth graders will be heading to camp from **Wednesday, April 2nd to Friday, April 4th for three days and two overnights**. The cost for this trip is **\$130 per student**. Please remember, that ALL third, fourth and fifth grade teachers will be at camp during this time. If your child does not attend camp, he/she may be given a packet of work to complete while our group is gone. Our goal is to have 100% of students attend camp. Scholarships and fundraising will be available for students.

[Click Here To Complete Camp Forms](#)

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



**Need help registering? Click here to contact Mrs. Eyer or Mrs. Wolfe**

The wait is over! Our annual Summer Experience is back, and it's bigger than ever – with even more exciting pathways to choose! Registration is FREE for all CCS students in grades PreK-12. Visit [www.CCSSummer.org](http://www.CCSSummer.org) to learn more!





**SUMMER**  
*Experience*

# 2025

Summer Experience

## LOCATIONS

June 23 – July 18



**Locations:**

- Elementary Schools (10 sites)
- Middle Schools (4 sites)

[ccsoh.us/summer](http://ccsoh.us/summer)

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR

PRESENTED BY YOUR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

In collaboration with Columbus City Schools



**We hope to see you there!**

Everything you need to know about affordable, accessible, and high quality housing and social services.

Leading community experts will be available to discuss all things affordable housing such as policy, resources, development, and more.

**March 8, 2025**  
10:00am – 2:00pm

Huy Elementary School  
1545 Huy Road,  
Columbus, OH 43224



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# The Power Of Reading 20 Minutes A Day!



## Health Reminders

### Prescribed Health Curriculum

ORC 3316.60 requires that all students in grades kindergarten through six receive annual developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention, including information on available counseling and resources for children who are sexually abused. In grades seven through twelve, students will receive developmentally appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education and sexual violence prevention education.

In grades six through twelve, at least one hour or one standard class period per school year of evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention and at least one hour or one standard class period per school year of safety training and violence prevention will be taught.

In grades six through twelve, at least one hour or one standard class period per school year of evidence-based social inclusion instruction will be taught.

Upon request, parents and legal guardians may examine such instructional materials, and upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault prevention, suicide awareness, social inclusion, child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention. If you would like additional information about instructional materials and/or have a request regarding instruction, please access the



Department of Whole Child Support website at <https://www.ccssoh.us/Page/12244> If you would like your student to be excused from taking instruction in personal safety and assault prevention, suicide awareness, social inclusion, child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention, please contact your student's school office so that an opt out form may be added to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal for completion.

For more information, click [here](#) for the Guide to Student Success. You may also click [here](#) for information from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.



### Health Related 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.

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## 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.

**Classroom Guidance Lessons**

The topics for my first set of guidance lessons include:

**Conflict Resolution  
and  
Test Prep**

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

#### 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.



## School Counselor and Positive Behavior Intervention supports (PBIS)

### Newsletter

Lauren Sferrella

School Counselor/PBIS Coordinator

Devonshire Project Adventure

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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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### PBIS MATRIX



#### 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



FebruaryCounselorPBIS Newsletter.pdf

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1.1 MB





## Upcoming Events at Devonshire

### February

27 - Room 9's Living Museum

28 - Room 10's Living Museum

### March

2 - Panorama Survey for Families Opens

5 - **No School**, Professional Development Day

6 - End of Winter Concert at Devonshire at 7 pm

7 - Spring Picture Day - *Event Code: 93570EF* - Order [here](#)

15 - Panorama Closes

18 - 3/4/5 Camp Chaperone Meeting via [Zoom](#) @ 6pm

20 - Math and Science Night at Devonshire - 4:30 - 6:30 pm **\*\*NEW DATE!\*\***

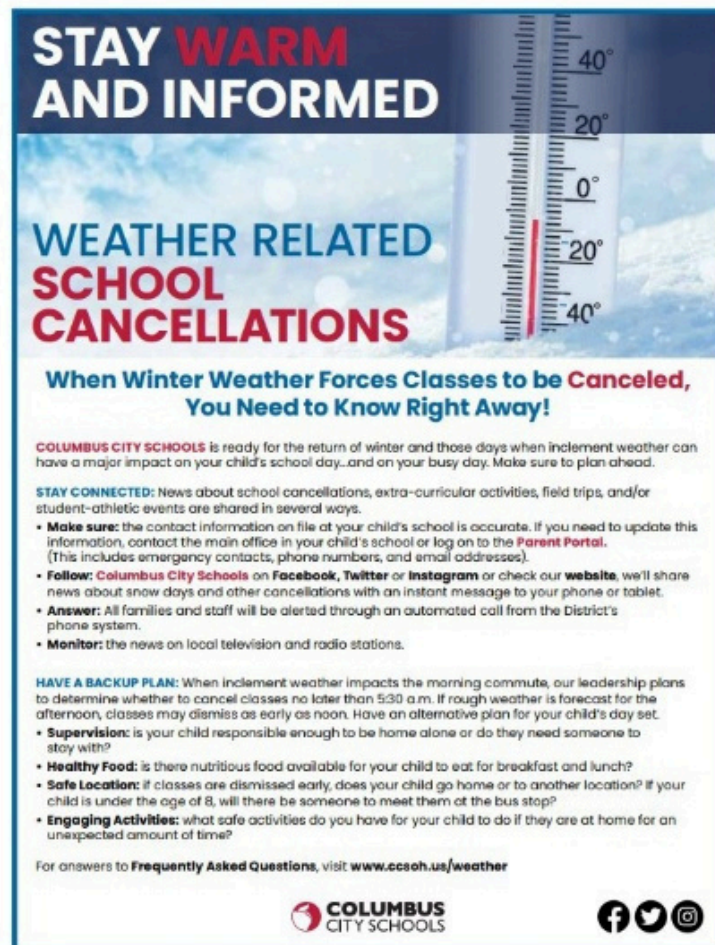
21 - End of Q3

25 - Spring ELA OST (3rd, 4th and 5th grades)

26 - **No School**, Records Day

27 - Spring ELA OST (3rd, 4th and 5th grades)

## 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)

**COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**



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**Devonshire Student & Family Handbook**

**CCS Guide To Student Success**

**Parent Portal How To Guide**

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**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**

[www.ccsok.us/DevonshireES](http://www.ccsok.us/DevonshireES)

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