



Principal Peddle's Pen

Upcoming Dates and Information for Devonshire Families

Week of December 16, 2024

Hello, Devonshire Families!

Happy Holidays! As the year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible Devonshire community. Your unwavering support and involvement make our school a truly special place.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Holiday Express event. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, enjoying the festive activities and creating cherished memories together. A special shoutout to the staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success—your efforts truly embody the spirit of the season.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to everyone who supported our annual climbing unit in physical education. From the setup crew to the parents who encouraged their children to step out of their comfort zones, your help and enthusiasm were invaluable. This program wouldn't be possible without your generosity and dedication. Don't forget, our fifth graders are completing the Ultimate Challenge this week!

As we enter the winter months, 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](#).

Finally, a quick reminder: this Friday, we will have an early dismissal at 2:45 PM. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child's pickup or after-school care.

As always, should you have any questions, or need any assistance, please reach out to my office.

Wishing you all a warm and joyful December. We're excited for all the wonderful learning ahead!

Thank you for being such an essential part of the Devonshire family. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!



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



Winter Vocal Music Concert - You're Invited!

We are excited to invite you to our **Winter Vocal Music Concert** on **Thursday, December 19** at **7:00 PM** at **Woodward Park Middle School**. This special evening will feature performances by our talented **Fourth Grade, Kindergarten, and Second Grade** students. It's sure to be an unforgettable night of music, holiday cheer, and school spirit!

Our young singers have been practicing diligently, and they are eager to share their songs with you. The concert will include a variety of festive tunes that celebrate the season and the joy of coming together through music.

Important Notes for Performers:

- Information for performers was sent home last week, so please check your child's backpack for specific details.
- Performers should arrive **at Woodward Park Middle School by 6:45 PM** in order to get settled

before the performance begins.

- Please ensure your child is dressed comfortably for the evening and ready to share their beautiful voices!

We hope you can join us for this heartwarming event, as our students showcase their hard work and holiday spirit. It's going to be a night full of music and memories!

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

The Power Of Reading 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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, DEVONSHIRE FAMILIES!

Can't believe we are just a couple weeks away from our winter break. Students are continuing to work hard at following the P.A.W.S. expectations. We are learning a great deal during our classroom guidance lessons and I see students applying what they are learning in real life situations. Students are also working hard to earn their Cheetah Bucks daily and they love shopping in the school store!

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School Counselor and Positive Behavior
Intervention Supports (PBIS)



Newsletter

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Show Respect

December Character Trait of the Month Show Respect

Showing respect to others means treating them with kindness, consideration, and equality, even if you don't agree with them. Respect is an important value that can help build feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing.

Classroom Guidance Lessons

The topics for my first set of guidance lessons include:

Friendship Skills: How to Make and Keep Friends

Tips for Helping Your Student Be A Better Friend

- Encourage Social Skills
 - Model Positive Social Interactions: Show your child how to greet others, share, take turns, and use polite words like "please" and "thank you."
 - Teach Empathy: Help your child understand how others feel by discussing emotions and encouraging them to consider how others might react in different situations.



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Mindfulness Meditation

Here is a mindfulness video that you can try at home with your students.



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

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PBIS MATRIX

Talent Show Tryouts:

December 17th, 18th and 19th
2nd-5th Graders are Welcome to
come try out!
Singing, Dancing, Gymnastics, Skits,
Magic Tricks, etc.





Upcoming Events at Devonshire

December

12/19 - Winter Concert @ Woodward Park MS

12/20 - PJ Day; 30-Minute Early Release – ***DISMISSAL BEGINS AT 2:45 PM***

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

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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



Dr. Peddle, Principal

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