



# SOARING EAGLES NEWSLETTER

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February 2021

## Principal's News:

Hello Sherwood MS Community!

Welcome to the second half of the school year everyone! This is the time where students are asked to really bare down and focus in order to give themselves the best opportunities to end the year on a great note. The second semester is also a time for testing, and a lot of it.

Some of our students will have to participate in the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA). This test is required for all students who speaks English as a second language. The window for this test is Feb 1 through March 29. This is the only test that will be administered in person at Sherwood during the school day. Due to COVID, we did not participate in the spring Ohio State Test (OST), formally known as the AIR test, last school year. This spring, we are anticipating the OST will take place for all students in Ohio. The window for this test opens in March for reading and April for math and 8th grade science. Lastly, the iReady End of the Year (EOY) assessment will begin in May for reading and math at all grade levels.

It's so important all students complete the assessments they are required to take, take their time, and do their very best not only for the purposes of Sherwood Middle School, but also their potential placement into high school classes (for 8th graders), as well as identifying true skill levels for 6th and 7th graders for the next academic year. We will keep families informed regularly about testing. Please reach out to a grade level administrator if you have questions

Sheila A. Evans

Principal

## Sherwood Eagles RISE UP

Sherwood Middle School Typing Club



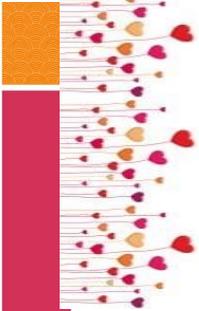
Every Wednesday from 3:00-3:30

- Learn to type using proper form
- Increase your speed and accuracy
- Complete against friends
- Have fun!
- Must sign up by 2/5/2021

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Questions???

Contact Ms. Mastracci at [jmastracci@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:jmastracci@columbus.k12.oh.us)



[CLICK HERE](#)

To sign up for our typing class with Ms. Mastracci and your fellow Eagles!!

## Important DATES at THE WOOD:

**Feb 1st:**

Return to School for students with Complex needs (MD)



**Feb 3rd :**

No School (Teacher In-service Day)

**Feb 4th:**

Virtual Q & A with Author Kwame Alexander

**Feb 11th:**

Panorama Surveys submissions due

**Feb 12th:**

PBIS school-wide "Scavenger Hunt"

**Feb 15th:**

No School: President's Day

**Feb 26th:**

School Choice submissions due

## Columbus City School Teachers RISE UP



Columbus Art museum reached out to local artist to depict an illustration that encompasses how this virtual learning experience has impacted our community. One of the finalist was one of our very own CCS teachers,

Jeffrey Knick  
Visual Art Teacher  
Columbus Alternative High School

If you would like to see your art work in the next newsletter, please email:

[charman@cdumbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:charman@cdumbus.k12.oh.us)

## News from our NURSE:

<https://www.columbus.gov>

Please continue to send in your child's immunization records as you get them, especially those in 7th grade.

You can fax to Sherwood (614-365-8351) or you can take a photo of the record and email it to the nurse [mcolombo@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:mcolombo@columbus.k12.oh.us).

Thank you for your help in this!

Stay safe everyone- wash your hands and stay at home as much as you can. We miss you all and can't wait to be in person again!

Nurse Colombo

## Counseling Corner:

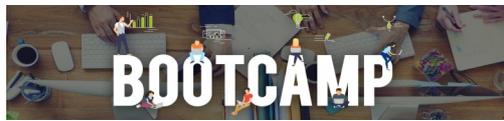
Ms. Locke

Parents and Guardians, please share your voice!

CCS is asking for your feedback to help improve the student and family experience this year. Take a short anonymous survey by February 11 at [surveys.panoramaed.com/ccsoh/family2021](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/ccsoh/family2021)

Contact:

<https://sites.google.com/columbus.k12.oh.us/schoolsocialworkemsllocke/home>



Every Tuesday & Thursday

3pm - 4:30pm via Zoom & Google Classroom

Contact Ms. Evans & Ms. Tedona for details

## Café News:

### Fuel Up! Meal Distribution Program Changes Beginning February 1st:

As select student groups transition to a blended learning model on February 1, 2021, there will be a change in the meal distribution process at the District's Fuel Up meal sites.

During the two days that students are in the classroom, they will be served breakfast and lunch.

Families are still encouraged to pick-up a five-day meal pack each WEDNESDAY.

Beginning February 3, the Fuel Up locations will shift to 18 CCS high school locations across the District ([see map here](#))

Pick-up times will continue every **Wednesday** from **11:00am - 1:00pm**, in the afternoon, and evening distribution pick-up hours will shift to **4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Our EAGLES of Sherwood picks will be:

Walnut Ridge

4841 E. Livingston Ave. 43227

Independence High School:

5175 E. Refugee Road 43232

## 6th Grade Spotlight:

House A:

House B:

### Reading:

Yeismarie Velez Osorio, Zanna White, Evidence Ndenge, Kendal Pizzurro

### Social Studies:

Kendal Pizzurro, Victorice Johnson

### Math:

Dardisi Alexander, Victorice Johnson, Khari Jones, Evidence Ndenge, Kendal Pizzurro, Ethan Thanakeo, Skylynn Borrer, Alierra Dunlap, Perla Sanchez, Camilla Stallworth, Carren Thornton, Yeismarie Velez Osorio, Zenna White

### Science:

Dardisi Alexander, Victorice Johnson, Khari Jones, Evidence Ndenge, Kendal Pizzurro, Camilla Stallworth, Carren Thornton, Yeismarie Velez Osorio

### Most Improved:

Taleah Ruffin, Kayla Johnson, Osman Fofanah, Kayla Rogers, Brielle Mack

### Hardest Workers:

Oliad Geda, Yarieli Antonio Urena, Jeremiah Burley, Elien Dimas, Josh Burley, Makai Coles, Brielle Maroney, Logan Dalton, Tyler Manning, Oumar Sy, Lijah Leigh, Nayyirah Love, Chrishawn Harper, Mister January

### Best Start to 3rd Quarter:

Alex Cunningham, Layel Tinsley, Desmear Sanders



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## 8th Grade Spotlight:

### House A:

Hello Everybody,

We are doing some cool things in House A for 8th grade this quarter!

In Social Studies, we have finished the French and Indian War and now we are starting a unit on some of the causes of the American Revolution, which is a really interesting time period in history. America was one of the first countries to stage a revolution and gain independence; other countries around the world soon followed!

In Language Arts, we have just finished some activities that required students to compare multiple texts on the same topic, and we will soon be starting a multi-media project that highlights individual student talents. Of course that project will also involve doing some reading and writing, since this is still school and students need to show improvement!

As always, students should be continuously working on their ELA/Math platforms (just like they did last year in regular school). Each quarter, students should complete 20 Achieve texts, 100 ALEKS topics, and also whatever iReady lessons are assigned (in ELA and Math). Anything over this goal for Achieve and ALEKS is extra credit—so students should get busy reading and learning math!

And finally, to make learning remotely just a bit more interesting this year, we are also playing a game in class where students are on teams, they have their own avatars and pets for class, and they can earn XP (experience points), HP (health points) and GP (gold pieces) by competing, working as a team, and completing work.

This year is going by so quickly! House A is looking forward to an even better second half of the year!

Sincerely,

Connie Workman



### Editor's Column -message to Families-

As we reflect back on the first half of this year, and plan for the rest of our year together, my hope is that we are continuing to stay safe, well and be blessed. If you find yourself in a moment of need, be sure to reach out to those with a helping hand. This is often your family, friends, teachers, a mentor, and as always, our family here at Sherwood Middle School. As the environment around us is changing, it will be important that we continue to grow into the individuals that we are aspiring to be! Keep steady on your path, and reach for those supports when needed! Continue to be there for one another, building all those relationships around us!!

Happy Black History Month

Happy Valentine's Day

Email art/photos to:

[charman@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:charman@columbus.k12.oh.us)

### Library Lowdown:

Kwame Alexander -  
Feb 4 1-1:30pm.

Kwame is an educator, poet, and bestselling writer and will be available for a Q&A session for students sponsored by CML. [Register here.](#)

### PBS American Portrait:

My American Story. Calling all writers and poets! Whether your family is indigenous or recent arrivals to America, everyone's got an American origin story. What's yours? Write a narrative about how your American story started. More info [here.](#)

[sroelling@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:sroelling@columbus.k12.oh.us)

### P.B.I.S.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Our next event will be held on Friday 2/12. This will be a scavenger hunt activity that will be hosted by our PBIS team members during our asynchronous learning day.

Students must have 600 points to attend and all points must be received by end of school on February 5th

MORE INFORMATION TO COME via Google classroom

## S.O.A.R. Students of the Month

### November

Shyanna Ferguson  
Shiloh Jones  
Yesimarie Velez Osorio  
Tyler Manning  
Gavin Dorsey  
Amadou Sy  
Malachi S Langhorne  
Gary Bell  
Marquan Felts-Lipse  
Aniya McReynolds  
Devin Jallow  
Evidence Ndenge  
Saniyua Said  
Dai-Shaw n Ram pe

### December

Phillip Wright  
Celeste Carruth  
Perla Sanchez  
Yarieli Antonio Urena  
Cody Kiser  
Ayanna Sutton  
Symphony Williams  
Kenyon Lunsford  
Gabe Wilson  
Shea Groves  
Darrian Jallow  
Skylynn Borrer  
Jasmine Floyd  
Nevaeh Tuttle

### January

Jordan Taylor  
Khari Jones  
Oliad Geda  
Cameon Hart  
Willie Poindexter  
Dontaevious W all  
Jeri' Maya Jackson  
James Campbell  
Sarha Green  
Rhyann Mattox  
Simon Tekle  
Kayla Rogers  
Blessing Messan  
Taylor Vivens

**"History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."**

-Michelle Obama

**"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations"**

-Dr. Mae Jemison

### Sharing our Love for Music:

Black Violin "Impossible is Possible"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcS\\_Kjcyplj&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcS_Kjcyplj&feature=youtu.be)

You can also find more information at [BlackViolin.net](http://BlackViolin.net)

Enjoy!

-Ms. Alkula & Mrs. Scarbrough



### Athletics:

Suspension of Athletics and In-Person Extracurricular Activities until further notice

More Information to come...