



Panther Post

Thoreau Park Elementary School



Mr. Bickley, Principal

Mr. Keating, Dean of Students

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At Thoreau Park, we believe it is our mission to increase student achievement and social-emotional health through student-centered instruction, positive family-school partnerships, and providing a safe learning climate.

Principal Update

The holiday season is always a good time for reflection and celebrations. There are many great things occurring at Thoreau Park related to our beliefs that should be celebrated and reflected upon.

Our mission to increase student achievement is demonstrated with our recent success on 3rd grade students meeting Reading Guarantee cut scores at a very high rate. In addition, our attendance programs have been very successful in encouraging students to attend every day, ready to learn.

For increasing the social-emotional health of our students, we are proud to be an Ohio PBIS Silver recognized school. This recognition is a testament to hard work and dedication of our staff to provide a safe learning environment for our students. Our PBIS program provides school-wide and small group interventions and structures for helping students make positive choices.

Student-centered instruction is highlighted by our new reading series, our Title I program, and dedication of staff to provide a high quality education for all students.

Our PTA continues to support the school in meaningful ways. This parent-school partnership is an excellent way to get involved at Thoreau Park!

In addition to PBIS, we also strive to develop student leaders. The Leader in Me program is designed around Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Successful People. We discuss these habits every month and recognize students who do an exemplary job of demonstrating that month's habit. What better way to create a safe learning climate than empowering our students to be leaders!

While we have many things to celebrate at Thoreau Park, and I am proud to be Principal, there is always room for improvement. As a school, we pledge to continue to work hard to bring the best education possible for your children. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Ted Bickley, Principal

PTA News

Thank you Thoreau Park families for your participation in the fudge sale. Delivery of items will be before Winter Break. Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6, 2020, at the library on Powers Blvd. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Don't forget to join us on Facebook, Thoreau Park PTA. We hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year!

Home Liaison - Mrs. Catalano

Parents, please send your child to school dressed for the winter weather with a coat, boots, mittens, and a hat. We do go outside for recess as much as possible. Also if you are able to, we are asking parents to send in an extra set of pants, underwear, and socks for your student to keep in his/her locker for those just in case moments. Our clinic is running low on "extra" clothes for our students. If you are in need of some support getting clothing or other supplies, please call me at 440-843-3526 or directly to the Parma Area Collaborative at 440-887-4873. As a reminder, the Parma Area Family Collaborative moved to Parkview Elementary at 5210 Loya Parkway. The clothing center is open at the Collaborative every Thursday from 2-4pm.

Parma Parent University

This series of workshops for parents continues on December 5 at 6:00 pm at Parma Senior High School. Presented in partnership with Cuyahoga Community College, this informational workshop is designed for parents and caregivers who may be involved in the life of a student who is served by the Parma City Schools where Non-Violent Crisis Intervention© is used for staff development. The workshop will provide parents with an opportunity to learn about the core values of Care, Welfare, Safety and Security© in our schools while dealing with students who may be in crisis. We will discuss: The integrated experience of behavior; Signs of anxiety that can lead to crisis behavior; De-escalation strategies that are used in the school setting that you can apply in the home. This workshop is provided in collaboration with Parent Mentor, Beth Carter and Dawn Jovic, Compliance Coach & Certified Instructor-Non-Violent Crisis Intervention. Future dates for Parma Parent University are listed below:

- January 22, 2020 at Parma Senior High School
- February 19, 2020 at Normandy High School
- March 18, 2020 at Valley Forge High School
- April 15, 2020 at Parma Senior High School
- May 13, 2020 at Normandy High School

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Thoreau Park is excited to announce that our school has been awarded the **Ohio PBIS Silver Recognition for the 2019-20 school year**. Members of the PBIS team will accept our Silver Recognition at an awards ceremony in Dayton in December. We will have a banner recognizing the accomplishments of our staff, parents, and students in the Main hallway in the near future. Look for it coming soon. The PBIS committee would like to recognize the following students that have received Super Student status at least 5 times since September. These students were recognized during the morning announcements and have received a new Green clip for their classroom clip chart:

Martin Turk (103)	Kaylee Price (103)
Jamie Camp (105)	Reyce Kerns (105)
Ellie Janas (105)	Samuel Udell (105)
Erin Maynard (105)	Tristan Muscatello (105)
Bailey Leatherwood (105)	Alyssa Sigley (106)
Angel Huffman (106)	Arianna Whitt (106)
Hailey Devera (106)	Izzy Hach (108)
Madelyn Renko (108)	Jaycee Toppings (108)
Dakota Bailey-Baxter (201)	Jonathan Lash (201)
Parker Collins (201)	Thea Sanchez (201)
Amanda Bellanca (202)	Hunter Brown (202)
Evan Robinson (202)	Olivia McDade (202)
Olivia Sprock (203)	Evelyn Jusek (203)
Sonya Chernetska (209)	Ana Ramos (210)
Jada McKee (210)	Nadine Czerwinski (210)
Christian Rodriguez (210)	Dominic Sbroglia (210)
Emanuel-Ryan Mweke (214)	Grace Lawrence (214)
Landon Sneed (214)	Sophia Jenkins (215)
Emilia Furakawa (215)	Bailey Crown (113)
Ashlyn Geiger (113)	Laila Salti (113)
Aaliyah Studzinski (113)	Noah Hart (218)
Emery Hendricks (218)	Anthony Kafcsak (218)
Camryn Weber (218)	Aubrey Wheeler (218)

The following students have received Super Student status more than 5 times since September. They have traded in their Green clip for the following clip:

Nevaeh Grant - Rm. 103 - Blue Clip
Skyler Peters - Rm. 103 - Purple Clip
Tamirus Cooper - Rm. 103 - Purple Clip
Erin Maynard - Rm. 105 - Purple Clip
Thiana Sanchez - Rm. 105 - Purple Clip
Ameena Salti - Rm. 106 - Pink Clip
Izzy Hach - Rm. 108 - Pink Clip
Addison Abrams - Rm. 201 - Purple Clip
Rylee Beaver - Rm. 201 - Blue Clip
Olivia Janas - Rm. 210 - Purple Clip
Emanuel-Ryan Mweke - Rm. 214 - Purple Clip

PBIS: Bullying and Harassment pamphlet

Parents, please make sure to read over the pamphlet sent home with your child(ren) in late August. If you have not done so already, sign and return the sign-off sheet to the Main Office. At Thoreau Park, our staff teaches students that bullying is a pattern of behavior that is repeated over time. Bullying is not permitted at any time. If you have any questions, please call the Main Office.

7 Habits of a Happy Kid: The Leader in Me

As a school this year, we will be focusing on building leadership skills in our students using the 7 Habits. Each month we will focus on one of the 7 Habits. Two students who exemplify the monthly habit will be selected by their classroom teacher to be the Student Leader of the Month. November and December's Habit is **Habit #3 - Put First Things First. Work first, then play**. Throughout the month, students will learn to do the following:

- Spend time on the most important things.
- Set priorities and follow a plan.
- Be prepared and organized.
- Say NO to things they should not do.

From the Leader in Me, "Put first things first means to decide what is most important and to take care of that first." At home, you can help teach and reinforce these skills by creating a list of things your child needs to accomplish throughout the week. With your child, rank the tasks in order of importance. Then, rewrite the list in order of importance. Use a planner or calendar to schedule time so that the important things are done first. As always, thank you for your support as we work as a team to raise happy kids.

The following students were recognized as the October Leaders of Month for Habit #2 - Begin with the End in Mind:

Neveah Grant (103)	Lily Graley (104)
Ellie Janas (105)	Thiana Sanchez (105)
Nathan Gibson (106)	Nolan Reidinger (106)
Cameron Bowman (108)	Christopher Latham (108)
Samuel Parks (109)	Eva Koleno (110)
Jack Lawrence (113)	Aaliyah Studzinski (113)
Willow Thiel (114)	Parker Collins (201)
Ibrahim Atyeh (201)	Taylor Shaw (202)
Evan Robinson (202)	Brayden Wojtkiewicz (203)
Olivia Sprock (203)	Mina Carson (209)
Celeste Sarota (209)	Adison Lennert (210)
Ana Ramos (210)	Aliyah Kelly (211)
Mackenzie McMahan (211)	Michael Haun (212)
Taevyn Arndt (212)	Landon Sneed (214)
Devin Borkey (214)	Chase Georgevitch (215)
Emilia Furukawa (215)	Elizabeth Hanchin (217)
Ethan Armour (217)	Noah Hart (218)
Mea Murray-Phillips (218)	

Panther 200 Club

Every day, five student names are randomly drawn and if your child is at school and ready to learn during the morning announcements, they will come down to the office to earn a pencil, a paw sticker, and draw a number. The number they select is where their picture will go on the *Panther 200 Club* board located in the hallway next to the Main Office. Make sure to look for it the next time you stop in the building. Our school just recently completed one entire 200 Club chart. The students earned a locker badge and began their day on Role Model on their classroom clip chart. We are currently working on our next 200 Club board. Thank you for making sure your children are at school and on time each day.

Go Green Lottery

The Go Green Lottery will continue this school year at Thoreau Park Elementary. All students who remain on green (Ready to Learn) and above in our behavior management system known as CLIP IT for 80% of the month have the opportunity to be entered into the lottery for a Pawsitive Panther yard sign. Every month, a name will be drawn for each grade level so we will have 5 winners a month. Winners for the month of **October** are: **Camryn Weber (Rm. 218), Easton Wilmlink (Rm. 105), Emily Shrum (Rm. 214), Brayden Wojtkiewicz (Rm. 203), David Pirovolos (Rm. 114)**. Continue to encourage your child to be READY to LEARN. Remember: **GREEN IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!**

Classroom Attendance Incentive Program

Has your child mentioned that their class got to put a PAW up on the chart next to their classroom door? This is part of our school's initiative to increase daily student attendance and decrease student tardies and absences from school. Every classroom will have a specific percentage of students that need to be present each day to earn a PAW for their calendar. This percentage will be based on data collected over a period of time at the start of each semester for each particular classroom. Each Monday, the classroom from each grade-level with the most PAWs will get to choose a prize for their class. This program worked to help our school decrease chronic absenteeism last year, so we look forward to it helping our Thoreau Park Panthers be at school each day this year as well.

Young Entrepreneurs Day

Parma City Schools will be hosting the 2nd Annual Young Entrepreneurs Day Event on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Students in grades 3-6 are eligible to participate in the event where they will learn how to develop business ideas by working through an online curriculum and then have the opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of judges to compete for cash prizes. We gave out a total of \$1,500 in cash prizes to our winners in 2019. For more information and to register for the event, please visit www.pcsdconnects.org and click on the YED 2020 button at the bottom of the page. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Caldwell, Administrative Specialist for Workforce Development, via email at caldwellc@parmacityschools.org. Register today and learn how to become an Entrepreneur!

Friday morning Mystery Announcers

The Office is looking for volunteers to read the morning announcements Friday mornings. Volunteers are asked to arrive at Thoreau Park by 9:10. Announcements begin at approximately 9:20 each day. After announcements, parents and guardians can enjoy a donut with their child and Mr. Bickley. If interested, please call Mrs. Pace in the Main Office at 440-885-2351 to schedule a day. And remember, don't tell your child to keep it a surprise.

River Valley Paper Recycling Bin

Don't forget to bring all of your paper and cardboard to our recycling bin located in the main parking lot. Our

school earns money for each ton of paper collected. Thank you for supporting our school and helping the environment at the same time.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9-13 - Student Spirit Week
Dec. 16 - Grade 4 field trip to PSH holiday concert - 9:30 AM
Dec. 19 - Last day of 2nd quarter
Dec. 20 - Staff In-Service Day; No school for students
Dec. 21-Jan. 5 - Winter Break
Jan. 6 - School resumes; 1st day of 3rd quarter
Jan. 6 - PTA meeting @ Powers Blvd. Library - 5:30 PM
Jan. 8-Jan. 22 - Winter Benchmark testing window
Jan. 13 - Report cards for 2nd quarter go home
Jan. 15 - Group/Candid yearbook photo day
Jan. 17 - Panther Recognition Sundae Bar for 2nd quarter
Jan 20 - No School for MLK Jr. Day
Jan 28-30 - Dental Sealants program @ TP



