



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 ending of every school year is a bittersweet time for educators and students. It is a chance to celebrate a successful year, reflect on fond memories and experiences, and start developing plans for the next school year. We are always excited and a little sad to see our 4th grade students move on to middle school. We are excited for summer to start, but know that with summer comes a time where we sorely miss our daily interactions with our students.

This year, these conflicting emotions are even more poignant due to our mandatory distance learning over the past couple months. We already miss our daily interactions with our students and are disappointed that we will not be able to hold some of our annual year-end traditions (Field Day, Senior Walks, 4th grade clap out, etc). However, we are excited to hold one last event to say goodbye to the 2019-2020 school year: A Reverse Parade. Thoreau Park's version of a Reverse Parade will take place on **Tuesday, May 26th from 5:30-6:30 PM @ Parma Senior High School's student lot** (Rain date is Wed. 5/27). Staff will be lined up (socially distanced, of course) in the parking lot. Any and all Thoreau Park families are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For families to participate, simply drive to Parma High and enter the student lot, which is accessed at the intersection of Longwood Ave and W. 48th St. When you enter the driveway, you will turn right into the first row of parking spots. Please drive slowly and have a chance to say goodbye to the staff (They are certainly looking forward to seeing our students and families). Once done with the first row, families can drive down the 2nd row. Families will then exit toward the back of the high school. There is a driveway around the back that will take you to W.54th St to exit. Please drive safe and maintain social distancing and a steady pace.

While we do not yet know what the start of the 2020-2021 school year will look like, rest assured that we are already planning for multiple options and will be ready to welcome our students back in the fall.

I would like to conclude with a huge THANK YOU to all of the teachers and staff of Thoreau Park and to our Thoreau Park families. It is because of all of you that Thoreau Park is the truly special school we have all come to love.

Ted Bickley, Principal

PTA News - Mrs. Michelle Kerns

Our PTA and I would like to say thank you again, even though our school year was cut short we are so proud of the support we received. We are grateful for your time and efforts in continuing to make our PTA successful! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again soon! Stay in touch within our Facebook Group, Thoreau Park PTA. Have a wonderful and safe Summer!

Home Liaison - Mrs. Catalano

The Parma Area Collaborative has a new name, it is now called Southwest Community Based Services. The phone number is (440) 887-4873. Services include food distribution, clothing center and case management. Please call if you are in need. Due to the pandemic, some services have currently been suspended.

As you are at home with your families don't forget to breathe. Here are two breathing techniques that the whole family can use -

- **Candle breath:** Imagine you are holding a candle and take a long breath in and slowly blow that air out towards your "candle". You don't want to blow the candle out; you just want to wiggle the flame. Do this two or three times.
- **Bear Breath:** Pretend you are a bear hibernating for the winter. Breathing in and out through your nose, long and steady as if you are sleeping away in a cave safe and warm.

If you or your child are in need of some mental health support, food or clothing assistance, please contact Mrs. Catalano at 440-796-8071.

Virtual Field Day

Mr. Montana, former physical education teacher at Thoreau Park, has created a Virtual Field Day experience for all the students of the Parma City School District. Field Day is an annual event at Thoreau Park, put on with great fan-fare by the Field Day Committee and our PTA. Since we will not be in school for Field Day, the following is a way for your child to participate as if he/she was participating at Thoreau Park. Please click on [this link](#) to be taken to the PCSD Virtual Field Day slideshow with more explanation. [This link](#) will take you to the PCSD Field Day Flipgrid where you can post pictures/video of your child participating in the Virtual Field Day events. More information can be found at www.parmacityschools.org then scroll down to **PCSD COVID-19 Updates and Information**.

Chromebook Returns

If you picked up a district Chromebook, please follow the below directions from the district to turn in your child's Chromebook. ***Thoreau Park is not permitted to collect any devices.***

June 1, 2, and 3, 2020 -

* Collection of devices: **8am-2:30pm each day**

* Turn in devices to: **Back of Parma Senior High School – 6285 W. 54th Street at DOOR #50.** This is the same location you picked it up from.

* Elementary Chromebook return - Device and charger

*If you have questions regarding device collection, contact: TechHelp@parmacityschools.org

Kindergarten Registration

There will be multiple opportunities to enroll students for Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. Children the age of 5 before September 30 may be enrolled in Kindergarten. Children the age of 6 by September 30 MUST enter kindergarten. All registrations will be completed online or an appointment can be made to complete registration at the Parma Board of Education - 5311 Longwood Ave. **Please contact Audrey Holtzman at 440-885-8334 or through email at holtzmana@parmacityschools.org.**

Get your child registered and ready for Kindergarten!
Your story begins in PCSD!

Parma City Schools provide residents of Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills access to unparalleled opportunities. We are thrilled to welcome the Parma City School District Class of 2033 beginning in March, as we kick-off Kindergarten Registration 2020! Parents have multiple options for [Kindergarten](#):

- Kindergarten Launch Academy- Students can enter if their birthday falls between May 1 and September 30, 2020.
- STEM Project-Based Learning Kindergarten- Parents can enter the lottery to have their child participate in this program.
- Early Entrance to kindergarten- parents can request early entrance assessment if their child turns five-years-old after September 30 and before January 1.
- Tradition Kindergarten- Parents of students that turn 5 before September 30 may be enrolled in traditional Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year.

STEP 1: All parents MUST complete the online registration prior to attending a registration event.

Click the Register Today link below to begin the registration process: **Register Today!** or you can go to www.parmacityschools.org/Page/234 to begin the online registration process.

INFORMATION: Parents must have the following documents available to be uploaded during the online registration session or when you make an in-person appointment:

- Student's birth certificate

- Student's immunization record
- Two documents proving residency (must not be older than 60 days):
 - Electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet, monthly mortgage statement, or lease or bank statement.
- Parent/Guardian Photo ID
- Custody Papers (if applicable)
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Evaluation Team Report (ETR) or 504 (If applicable)

PARENTS WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- How to prepare your child for Kindergarten
- A typical school day
- Transportation
- Before/After School Care options
- Extracurricular Opportunities
- STEM Project-Based Learning
- PTA
- Supply Lists
- Special Education
- And so much more!

Summer Academic Resources

Parents, please visit the following websites and links to help assist your children with extra supports for math and reading over the summer.

- [Edutopia](#) - Fun and Free Summer Learning Resources
- [Edutopia](#) - 48 Ultra-Cool Summer Sites for Kids and Teachers
- [8 Resources](#) for Parents to Promote Summer Learning
- [37 Summer Learning Resources](#) for your Kids
- [Summer Learning](#) through the National PTA
- [Scholastic](#) - Online Summer Math Programs
- [Teachers Pay Teachers](#) summer learning activities
- [Summer Bridge Activities](#) workbooks

Cuyahoga County Library - Summer Reading

The Cuyahoga County Public Library is definitely planning to have a Summer Reading Program this summer. As in years past, there will be an online method for tracking time spent reading, and a game board option as well, but those details are still being worked out, along with our phased reopening plans and aligning with the governor's and health care guidelines. Stay tuned to our CCPL website (www.cuyahogalibrary.org) and email alerts for more information to come as we get back to reopening.

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.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

As a parent or caregiver, your involvement in your child's learning and our school is valuable and important. [This survey](#) asks for your opinions about what our school does to get you involved in your child's education. Your individual responses will help improve connections with our parents and families for this and future school years. Your responses will remain confidential. Results will only be reported as part of a group. Please complete the survey by June 4, 2020.

The building PBIS Committee has been meeting regularly and discussing ways to help support our students both during in-school learning and during at-home, distance learning. The committee has chosen to modify the current behavior clip chart for the 2020-21 school year. All children will begin their day on a white section at the bottom of the chart that reads "I am in control of my mindset and choices." When a student exhibits behaviors that show he/she is following the school-wide expectations, that student will have the ability to move his/her clip up the chart to colored sections. The green section reads "I am being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn"; the purple section reads "I am making good choices and preserving in my work"; the pink section reads "I am acting like a role model and taking educational risks"; and the blue section reads "I am a super student leader today." The chart will no longer have a yellow, orange, or red section below the white starting point. Each teacher will communicate with individual parents when their child had a difficult time following the school-wide expectations each day. Students will still bring home the daily PAW Print calendar that shows what section of the chart they ended their day on. If a student had a difficult time following the school expectations, they will receive a parent report sheet that the teacher will review with the parent and the parent will need to review with their child and sign and return to the teacher the following school day.

The PBIS Committee would like to commend the students that would have been recognized for their 3rd quarter achievements at the Panther Recognition Sundae Bar. We are extremely proud of their hard work and efforts at following all of Thoreau Park's expectations from January through March.

Kindergarten Academic Achievement

Lily Graley - 104
Makenna Reynolds - 104
Mason Johnson - 110
Eva Koleno - 110
Danext "Ace" Martinez - 110
Roman Yendrys - 110
Edward Boeckmann - 113
Adelyna Cosgarea - 113
Emmett Crawford - 113
Bailey Crown - 113
Dominic Dinya - 113
Anjolie Durand - 113
Jazlyn Greenwald - 113
Paul Jusek - 113

Mia Kuzio - 113
Jack Lawrence - 113
Angelys Ortiz - 113
Travis Petkewitz - 113
Laila Salti - 113
Aaliyah Studzinski - 113
Ethan Armour - 217
Lana Blatnica - 217
Isabella Dutton - 217
John Ferko - 217
Elizabeth Hanchin - 217
Abigail Maxim - 217
Aydan May - 217
Mykenna Norman - 217
Layla Sneed - 217
Adelina Whitt - 217
Emma Wojciechowski - 217
Jaydenn Bru - 218
Ivy Fandrick - 218
Noah Hart - 218
Anthony Kafcsak - 218
Camryn Weber - 218
Gabriel Wendl - 218

First Grade Academic Achievement

Xavier McCracken - 104
Bailey Leatherwood - 105
Thiana Sanchez - 105
Liliana Boilanger - 106
Oliver Feiler - 106
Kelsey Kekic - 106
Owen Payne - 106
Nolan Reidinger - 106
Arianna Whitt - 106
Preston Withrow - 106
Cameron Bowman - 108
Madelyn Renko - 108
Taytem Shumney - 108
James Rizzo-Sinatra - 109
Jason Rizzo-Sinatra - 114
Timothy Wilson - 114
Caleb Wawrosz - 114

2nd Grade Honor Roll

Isiah McCracken - 104
Zahiant Malave Soto - 104
Jayshawn Houghton - 110
Michelo Battey - 114
David Pirovolos - 114
Willow Thiel - 114
Ava Cunat - 212
Olivia Ellis - 212
Lydia Hach - 212
Damien Kubicz - 212
Isaiah Marflak - 212
Carter Weber - 212
Devin Borkey - 214
Emilia Furukawa - 215
Sophia Jenkins - 215
Lily Klinger - 215
Ethan Murray - 215
Niarelle "Nani" Silva - 215

2nd Grade Merit Roll

Sora Cham - 212
David Holland - 212
Nadia Jewell - 212
Addison Keslar - 212
Sophia Lawhun - 212
Briella Rodriguez - 212
Bohdan Blyzniuk - 214
Caleb Fleischer - 214
Dominic Klingensmith - 214
Emanuel-Ryan Mweke - 214
Anayz Ocasio - 214
Morgan Smith - 214
Landon Sneed - 214
Quintin Derry - 215
Lily Record - 215

3rd Grade Honor Roll

Amelia Cagle - 110
Benjamin Latham - 114
Addison Abrams - 201
Nikolai Janoco - 201
Jonathan Lash - 201
Aaliyah O'Neal - 201
Benjamin Feliciano - 202
Olivia McDade - 202
Brendan Callahan - 203
Evelyn Jusek - 203

3rd Grade Merit Roll

Ibrahim Atyeh - 201
Logan Boldin - 201
Parker Collins - 201
Anthony "AJ" Congeni - 201
Khloe Galvin - 201
Keanu Hendershot - 201
Ndeye Astou Ndour - 201
Thea Sanchez - 201
Gavinn Vassiliou - 201
Quentin Acierno - 202
Amanda Bellanca - 202
Hunter Brown - 202
Evan Robinson - 202
Nathan Sakeagak - 202
Taylor Shaw - 202
Riley Udell - 202
Arimas Robinson - 203
Olivia Sprock - 203
Meah Vlasty - 203
Brayden Wojtkiewicz - 203

4th Grade Honor Roll

Taylor Dignan - 114
Christian Borkey - 209
Mina Carson - 209
Sonya Chernetska - 209
Hunter Klinger - 209
Jenica Reidinger - 209
Christopher Gilbert - 211
Natalia Gonzalez - 211
Mackenzie McMahan - 211
Levi Novak - 211
Zackery Tokarcik - 211

4th Grade Merit Roll

Jayden Armour - 209
Falyynn Coles - 209
Brayden Davis - 209
Celeste Sarota - 209
Ashton Scarbro - 209
Payton Scheely - 209
Athán Billy - 210
Jacoby Coleman - 210
Angel Dyer-Peacock - 210
Olivia Janas - 210
Ana Ramos - 210
Gavin Sabo - 210
Dominic Sbroglia - 210
Samuel Woernley - 210
Bentlee Wynieski - 210
Adriana Goncalves - 211
Caycee Hardy - 211
Aliyah Kelly - 211
Jayden Klingensmith - 211
Nathan McKinley - 211
Nicholas Mira - 211
Julie Pence - 211
Peyton Smith - 211
Nicholas Winter - 211

Perfect Attendance for the School Year

Mr. Bickley and Mr. Keating would like to recognize the following students who had perfect attendance for the 2019-20 school year. These students were at school and Ready to Learn every day. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Ellie Janas - Grade 1 - Rm. 105

Oliver Feiler - Grade 1 - Rm. 106

Emanuel-Ryan Mweke - Gr. 2-Rm. 214

Benjamin Latham - Grade 3 - Rm. 114

Christopher Simecek - Gr. 3 - Rm. 202

Olivia Sprock - Gr. 3 - Rm. 203

4th Quarter Report Cards

Families can access report cards through the [Home Access Center](#) sometime after June 8, 2020. More detailed information will be made available in an upcoming weekly robocall.

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.

The following students were recognized as the February Leaders of Month for Habit #5: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood - Listen before your talk. Each student was recognized for their leadership with a donut and juice celebration. Each grade-level's pictures are posted on the bulletin board near the cafeteria. Congratulations to the following students -

Emmett Crawford	Jazlyn Greenwald
Camryn Martin	Layla Sneed
Ivy Fandrich	Emery Hendricks
Annabella Fye	Preston Withrow
Ashlynn Matthews	Vincent Feliciano
Reyce Kerns	Ava O'Rork
Jonathan Rodriguez	Ava Cunat
Anayz Ocasio	Emily Shrum
Aubrey Rinicella	Gadiel Lizardo Bernard
Jonathan Lash	Thea Sanchez
Riley Udell	Ian Daley
Issac Moran	Jersey Soto
Rachell Garcia	Damon Moses
Jada McKee	Bentlee Wynieski
Julie Pence	Macy Webb
Aiden Richards	
Xavier McCracken	
Jayshawn Houghton	
Carson Smith	
Benjamin Latham	

Dates to Remember

May 25 - No school in observance of Memorial Day
May 29 - last day of school for 2019-20 school year
June 1 - last day to submit distance learning work to teachers
August TBD - Popsicles with the Principal, Open House
August 22 - PCSD Opening Kick-Off at Byers Field
August 24 - Grades 1-4 first day of school of 2020-21 year
August 24-26 - Kindergarten screening, by appointment
August 27 - First day Kindergarten, A-L last names
August 28 - First day Kindergarten, M-Z last names
August 31 - First day Kindergarten, all students

