



Panther Post

Thoreau Park Elementary School



Mr. Bickley, Principal

Mr. Keating, Dean of Students

Oct., 2020

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 -

We are very excited to be welcoming students back to the building in a hybrid format this coming week. While I believe and trust that your child's distance learning experience this fall has been successful given the circumstances, we are looking forward to having students in classrooms again.

When your student returns to the building, there will be many familiar sights as well as some new protocols that we will need to follow. We are continuing to provide positive supports to our students in addition to a quality education.

I would like to use the following slogan to highlight our safety protocols:

- #Mask Up
- #Back Up
- #Wash Up

Following these 3 guidelines will help keep our school as safe as possible. I cannot overstate the importance of students and staff wearing masks while in the building. I firmly believe that students can and will rise to the challenge of mask-wearing. Much like we require students to wear shoes to protect themselves, we will require masks for the same reasons.

Please check out our website for more detailed information about the Hybrid schedule and safety protocols.

Ted Bickley, Principal

Hybrid Learning Updates

See the graphic below for when your child will be returning to school during the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2020.

PCSD Parma City School District		HYBRID SCHEDULE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR				
SEPTEMBER 29: GREEN COHORT STUDENTS IN GRADES K, 5, 8 ONLY SEPTEMBER 30: GREEN COHORT ALL GREEN COHORT STUDENTS		OCTOBER 1: WHITE COHORT STUDENTS IN GRADES K, 5, 8 ONLY OCTOBER 2: WHITE COHORT ALL WHITE COHORT STUDENTS				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
GREEN COHORT STUDENTS LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH LETTERS A-K ATTEND IN-PERSON ON TUES/WED						
WHITE COHORT STUDENTS LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH LETTERS L-Z ATTEND IN-PERSON ON THURS/FRI						
PVLA STUDENTS IN THE PARMA VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY						
	= IN PERSON/ IN BUILDING	= AT HOME DISTANCE LEARNING	= AT HOME PARMA VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY			

Beginning the week of Oct. 5, 2020, ALL K-4 students will attend on their cohort days (GREEN on Tuesday & Wednesday/WHITE on Thursday & Friday). The 3 days students are learning at home, there will not be any live Google Meetings UNLESS setup with a teacher ahead of time (possibly with a Title 1 teacher or the building literacy specialist). Students should log into their teacher's Google Classroom on at-home learning days to work on independent assignments. Please contact your child's teacher or the Main Office if you have questions. Please read and review the PCSD Health and Safety Plan.

PTA News

We hope everyone had a great start to the new school year! As a reminder, all PTA meetings

will be held via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will be Oct. 12, 2020, at 5:30 pm. Please support the PTA by having dinner at the Chipotle restaurant at the Shoppes of Parma on October 5, 2020 between 4:00-8:00 pm. See flyer on the last page of this newsletter for more information. Memberships to join the PTA are still \$5. Please fill out the white envelope and return to the office. A special thank you to our staff for everything you have done for our students in preparation for this upcoming school year. Thank you again for going above and beyond! Your hard work and dedication is inspiring! Find us on Facebook, THOREAU PARK PTA. Here we share information, updates and courtesy reminders. Stay safe Panthers!

Home Liaison - Cathay Catalano

Welcome back to the learning community for all. It has been a long time since we have been able to see all of your smiling faces. This year is like no other except that the social emotional learning is still a priority. Please reach out if you or a family member is struggling with their feelings such as anxiety, depression or just needing extra support. I can be reached at 440-843-3526. The Parma City School District partners with Ohio Guidestone and Nancy Lowrie and Associates, LLC. to provide counseling services. Remember to Pause, Breathe and Reset.

Fathers' Walk - Oct. 15, 2020

The Fathers walk this year will be virtual. If you would like to send in a picture of your child(ren) being supported by their father figure please send it to catalanoc@parmacityschools.org. We will create a slideshow of the collected photos. Use [this link](#) for more information on this tri-county wide initiative.

Unity Day - Oct. 21, 2020

Unity day is also going to look a little different this year. As always we will be celebrating Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion in the building and virtually. We will again be wearing ORANGE to show support of this important effort.

Parent University Training Classes

How to Support Your Child without Being a Helicopter Parent - Oct. 21, 2020 - 5:30-6:30 pm - Virtual event. [Register here](#)

How to Talk to your Child About Alcohol & Other Drugs - Nov. 18, 2020 - 5:30-6:30 pm - Virtual event. [Register here](#)

Fall Benchmark Testing

Students will take part in Fall benchmark testing beginning October 2 and ending on October 13. Grades K-1 students will participate in aimswebPlus testing for reading. Grades 2-4 students will participate in MAP testing for reading and math. These assessments give teachers a gauge of where the students are academically since the end of last school year. Please speak to your child's homeroom teacher for specific testing dates or questions about the assessments.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Has your child been talking about the Rules of the Road at home? Maybe he/she has mentioned the yellow and red lines in the hallways. These initiatives are all a part of our PBIS plan at Thoreau Park for this school year. In order to have the safest learning environment at school, students are being asked to walk on the RIGHT side of the YELLOW tape in the hallway. We are also asking children to stop at intersections that have a RED line marked on the floor and to walk AROUND the sections marked by BLUE tape. Students following these Rules of the Road can be clipped up on their Clip-It chart and help to earn rewards and incentives for the class. We have a lot of fun things planned this year at Thoreau Park to acknowledge positive behaviors and successful academic progress. Please see Mr. Keating with any questions or comments.

When students are learning in-person through a hybrid or All-In model of instruction, they will bring home a PAW Print calendar daily with how they ended their day. Please review and sign the calendar each day and return it to school with your child.

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. Continue to encourage your child to be READY to LEARN. Remember: **GREEN IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!**

PBIS: Bullying and Harassment pamphlet

Parents, please make sure to read over the pamphlet that will be sent home in early October with your child and sign and return the attached form to your child's teacher. 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 and ask to speak to Mr. Bickley or Mr. Keating.

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. There will be a Back to School Bonus week Sept. 15-21 where our school will earn an additional \$2/ton for all the paper brought to the bin that week. Thank you for supporting our school and helping the environment at the same time.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 29 - Hybrid learning begins - Cohort Green (A-K last names) - KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY ATTEND TODAY

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Oct. 1 - Hybrid learning begins - Cohort White (L-Z last names) - KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY ATTEND TODAY

Oct. 2 - Hybrid learning begins - Cohort White (L-Z last names) - ALL K-4 STUDENTS ATTEND TODAY

Oct. 5 - PTA Chipotle Night - See flyer attached
Oct. 6 - AIMSWeb/MAP testing benchmarking begins
Oct. 9 - No School
Oct. 15 - Fathers' Walk (virtual)
Oct. 21 - Unity Day - Wear orange to show we are united for Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion and against bullying.
Oct. 31 - Halloween

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Thoreau Park PTA. Just come in to the Chipotle at **7683 W Ridgewood Dr** in Parma on **Monday, October 5th** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Thoreau Park PTA.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code ZHWB7TR before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



