



Panther Post

Thoreau Park Elementary School



Mr. Bickley, Principal

Mr. Keating, Dean of Students

Jan., 2021

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

Welcome to 2021! We are excited to continue building positive relationships with our students and families in addition to providing high quality instruction.

I would like to take a moment to reinforce our safety protocols when we return to Hybrid instruction, hopefully on January 19th. Since the last time we were in Hybrid, we have met and made some tweaks to how we keep students and staff safe. Some of these include additional and/or altered visual cues for social distancing, installation of additional touchless hand sanitizers, and adjusting some of our monitor schedules to better supervise our students.

We will continue to do our best in keeping everyone safe while providing excellent instruction. Please remember that students are still expected to be online during their "off" days in Hybrid. Teachers will provide instructional videos and independent practice for students to complete during those days. This is often crucial practice to develop mastery that will not occur during in-person instruction. In other words, in-person instruction will focus on initial teacher instruction and guided practice for students.

Thank you for helping make Thoreau Park such an amazing school.

Ted Bickley, Principal

PCSD Second Semester Information

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January 4, 2021

Welcome back and Happy New Year! This is just a reminder there are no changes to the school schedule until January 19, 2021.

Second Quarter End Date: January 15, 2021

Second SEMESTER

Second Semester Start: January 19, 2021

Second Semester End: June 4, 2021

When the County is Red/Orange, PCSD will be Hybrid

- May close due to staffing shortages that arise from a spike in COVID cases
- Hybrid remains the same with Green/White Cohorts
 - Green Cohort (last names A-K) Tuesday and Wednesday
 - White Cohort (last names L-Z) Thursday and Friday

*** These changes will begin on January 19 ***

CURRENT LEARNING PLAN UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2021

Distance Learning (when the county is Red/Purple):

- All Levels: Office hours/intervention/enrichment for one hour on Mondays (established Google Meet time). This also applies to PVLA students.
- Middle and High school days follow traditional bell schedules (this also applies to PVLA students).
- Elementary will use the current distance learning schedule (this also applies to PVLA students).

Hybrid Learning (when the county is Orange):

- Monday week at a glance with screencast lessons and directions for offline learning.
- Students log in on off days (secondary level) during the normal bell schedule to complete offline work.
- Attendance will be taken through Schoology in google classroom on offline learning days.

Other Information:

- A.C.E.S. will return four days per week when the County is Red.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) will follow the Hybrid schedule when the County is Red.

PCSD Virtual Town Hall Meetings

Dr. Smialek and members of the Central Office Team will be holding Virtual Town Hall Meetings this winter for all members of the PCSD School Community. All Meetings will begin at 6:00pm and will occur over Zoom. Registration for each meeting is required. Use [this link](#) to read more about the Virtual Town Hall Meetings and to register online. You can also visit [this link](#) for more information.

PCSD
Parma City School District

TOWN HALL SERIES 2021

January 12, 2021: The Truth about PCSD Finances
 January 26, 2021: The Truth about PCSD Finances
 February 9, 2021: Career Technical Education
 February 23, 2021: STEM Education
 March 9, 2021: Parma Virtual Learning Academy, Kindergarten Launch Academy & A.C.E.S. Center

ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6 PM.
 REGISTER TO ATTEND BY COMPLETING THE FORM.
 ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO ALL WHO REGISTER.

Distance Learning

While the school district is in distance/remote instruction, please refer to the [Thoreau Park Distance Learning for Families document](#).

There are many helpful links contained in the document with answers to many different questions. The building will be open until 7:00pm Monday nights for student materials pickup. Parents only have to come to the school if they receive a message from their child's teacher that there are materials for their child to be picked up. An important reminder for families is that small group intervention groups meet in the afternoon. The time that your child will have small group instruction varies from classroom to classroom. Teachers will update parents each Monday in their weekly communications, or Week at a Glance, of days and times of the small group meetings for the week. Please have your child sign in to those afternoon meetings for extra support in reading and math.

Hybrid Learning

If Cuyahoga County is in Red, beginning the week of Jan. 18, 2021, Parma City Schools will return students to Hybrid Learning. Students will attend school on their cohort days (GREEN COHORT on Tuesday & Wednesday/WHITE COHORT on Thursday & Friday). The 3 days students are learning from home, there WILL NOT BE any live Google Meets unless set up 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. Contact your child's teacher or the Main Office if you have questions. Please read and review the PCSD Health and Safety Plan [linked here](#). **Special Education students that currently attend school in-person 4 days a week will continue with the same 4-day a week schedule if PCSD returns to Hybrid learning.**

3rd Quarter Encore Red/White/Blue Calendars

Encore R/W/B calendar when PCSD is in **DISTANCE LEARNING** for the 3rd Qtr. (Jan. 19 - March 31, 2021).

2020-2021

DISTANCE LEARNING

Third Quarter Calendar

RED-WHITE-BLUE

PARMA CITY SCHOOLS
Elementary & Middle School

| January 21 | | | | | | | February 21 | | | | | | | March 21 | | | | | | | Notes | |
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Day | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | Feb. 15 – President's Day | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 28 | | | | | | | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | April 1 – Professional Lrng Day/End of quarter | |
| 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | April 2 – New calendar to be distributed | |

12/10/20

GREEN COHORT Encore R/W/B calendar when PCSD is in **HYBRID LEARNING** for the 3rd Qtr. (Jan. 19 - March 31, 2021).

2020-2021

HYBRID LEARNING* COHORT GREEN (LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A-K) TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Third Quarter Calendar

RED-WHITE-BLUE

PARMA CITY SCHOOLS
Elementary & Middle School

| January 21 | | | | | | | February 21 | | | | | | | March 21 | | | | | | | Notes | |
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*In-person learning using the hybrid schedule will be based on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System.

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WHITE COHORT Encore R/W/B calendar when PCSD is in **HYBRID LEARNING** for the 3rd Qtr. (Jan. 19 - March 31, 2021).

2020-2021

HYBRID LEARNING* COHORT WHITE (LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH L-Z) THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Third Quarter Calendar

RED-WHITE-BLUE

PARMA CITY SCHOOLS
Elementary & Middle School

| January 21 | | | | | | | February 21 | | | | | | | March 21 | | | | | | | Notes | |
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Annual Emergency Contact Form

This school year, the Parma City School District has transitioned to an all online way of updating student emergency contact information. In years past, parents have been asked to complete the Blue Card each year and return it to school. This year, the district is using an online Refresh form. The form can be [accessed here](#). Parents should have received a Snapcode in the mail in late summer. If you did not receive a Snapcode and still need to update your child's emergency contact information, please contact Mrs. Pace or Mrs. Klump in the Main Office at 440-885-2351 as soon as possible so we can have up-to-date information for your child(ren).

Parma School of Choice:

Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Parma School of Choice: Intra-district Open Enrollment is an application to choose a school within the Parma City School District for the next school year. The application period is from November 15-January 15 and is ONLY available for students in grades 1-12. Requests are approved based on the date of the application and space available, no fees owed, behavior and attendance considered. Current PCSD students will receive priority status. Parma School of Choice auto-renews each school year until transition, meaning the student ages out of the building. Students who are served on an IEP are considered based on team agreement and final approval by the Director of Office of Exceptional Students. This is contingent on space and appropriate programming to meet student needs. Parma School of Choice may be rescinded at the end of the school year due to behavior and/or attendance issues. Parents will be notified via email of acceptance after February 28. More information can be found at <https://www.parmacityschools.org/Page/8081>.

Nutrition Services

All students are eligible to receive a free school lunch through June 4, 2021, per a federal grant. Snacks and ala carte items will need to be purchased through your child's MySchoolBucks account.. You can create an account and add money to your child's MySchoolBucks account through this link - [MySchoolBucks](#). School Lunch Menus can be accessed [here](#). Type in Thoreau Park Elementary and Elementary Lunch Menu.

School Pictures - Ripcho Studios

School pictures have been scheduled. More information will be coming home soon. See below for tentative dates and times. All pictures will be taken at the school. PVLA parents will be able to sign up for a time to come to the building on Feb. 1 if they would like to have their child's picture taken .

PVLA students - Mon., Feb. 1 from 11-2

Green Cohort students - Tues., Feb. 2 from 9:30-12:30

White Cohort students - Fri., Feb. 5 from 9:30-12:30

PTA News

Thank you for supporting our Applebee's fundraiser! Our next PTA meeting will be held 1/19/2021 at 5:30pm, via Zoom. Please reach out to Michelle Kerns via email for the Zoom link - michellekerns_pta@yahoo.com. PTA memberships are still available for \$5. Please join us on Facebook, Thoreau Park PTA.

Recess - Cold Weather Reminder

Students will go outside for recess as long as the windchill is above 20 degrees. Please remind your children to wear their coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. Previous illness is not an excuse to stay indoors for recess. Only children that have a doctor's excuse will be permitted to stay inside.



Weather and School “Snow Day” Closings

If schools are closed due to inclement weather or for any other reason, you will receive a robocall and email through the phone number and email address you gave in the online Refresh form. The closing will also be listed on the school district website - www.parmacityschools.org and through the district Twitter account - @ParmaSchools. In the event that school is cancelled, all evening activities will also be cancelled for that day.

Proposed 2021-22 School Calendar

Below is the proposed school year calendar for the 2021-22 school year. The first day of school for students would be August 23, 2021 with the last student day being June 3, 2022. Days marked in yellow are teacher work days and students do not attend school. Days marked in red are no school days for students and staff. The Board of Education will be voting on this calendar at an upcoming meeting in January, 2021. More information can be found at www.parmacityschools.org.

2021/22 School Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

| August 2021 | | | | | | | September 2021 | | | | | | | October 2021 | | | | | | | November 2021 | | | | | | |
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| April 2022 | | | | | | | May 2022 | | | | | | | June 2022 | | | | | | | July 2022 | | | | | | |
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Federal holidays 2021/22

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| Sept 8, 2021 | Labor Day | Nov 25, 2021 | Thanksgiving Day | Dec 31, 2021 | New Year's Day (obs.) | Feb 21, 2022 | President's Day |
| Oct 11, 2021 | Columbus Day | Dec 24, 2021 | Christmas Day (obs.) | Jan 1, 2022 | New Year's Day | May 30, 2022 | Memorial Day |
| Nov 11, 2021 | Veterans Day | Dec 25, 2021 | Christmas Day | Jan 17, 2022 | Martin Luther King Day | Jul 4, 2022 | Independence Day |

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Home Liaison News

Remember if you are in need of food, PCSD provides weekly food distributions on Monday or Wednesday. Sign up through the PCSD website.

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 OhioGuidestone and Nancy Lowrie and Associates, LLC. to provide counseling services.

Breathing exercise for the winter months- Square breathing: Trace the edge of the square and count 1,2,3,4. On the exhale trace the other side of the square, exhale 1,2,3,4. Repeat on the next half of the square. Do this activities 3 times. Remember to Pause, Breathe and Reset.

2021 Parent University Training Courses
More information and a link to register for each course can be [found here](#).



PARENT UNIVERSITY TRAINING COURSES

Parental Self-Care - You Cannot Pour from an Empty Cup

January 20, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)

Cultural Humility

February 17, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)

Vaping - What Parents Need to Know

March 24, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)



Embrace All Initiative

Thoreau Park will be participating in the district’s Embrace All initiative. This program will assist students and staff in honoring the uniqueness of each individual and embrace diverse backgrounds, values, and points of view to build a strong, inclusive community and to live in a multicultural society. Once we are hybrid, students will have the opportunity to participate in lunch groups to discuss ways to embrace all at school, home and in the community.

January Panther Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our Thoreau Park Panthers celebrating a birthday during the month of January.

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| 1-5 Miguel/1st gr. | 1-6 Kellan/KDG |
| 1-6 Briella/3rd gr. | 1-7 Bella-Rose/2nd gr. |
| 1-7 Gabrielle/ 2nd gr. | 1-9 Dylan/3rd gr. |
| 1-10 James R-S/2nd gr. | 1-10 Jason/2nd gr. |
| 1-11 AvaMarie/2nd gr. | 1-12 Evelyn/ 4th gr. |
| 1-13 Laith/KDG | 1-14 Danielle/KDG |
| 1-14 Julian/KDG | 1-15 Yuvraj/1st gr. |
| 1-15 Thea/4th gr. | 1-15 Christopher/4th gr. |
| 1-15 Landon/3rd gr. | 1-17 Cole/ 1st gr. |
| 1-18 La'Maya/3rd gr. | 1-19 DaHwaJah/4th gr. |
| 1-20 Sora/3rd gr. | 1-22 Aleigha/3rd gr.. |
| 1-26 Xavier/2nd gr | 1-27 Lily/3rd gr. |
| 1-28 Richard/1st gr. | 1-29 Daniel/1st gr. |
| 1-30 Amelia/KDG | 1-30 Angelys/1st gr. |
| 1-31 Aydan/1st gr. | |

Services available at the Parma Branch Library this winter.

Click on [this link](#) for updated information from the Parma Branch Library. You can also visit the library’s webpage at <https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Branches/Parma.aspx> for more information.

Homework Help

Looking for homework help? Mr. Costa, Parma Branch library’s new Homework Mentor, is available to assist students with schoolwork at the library and by phone!

Cuyahoga County Public Library - Parma Branch

Kindergarten – Grade 8

Monday through Thursday

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

6996 Powers Blvd., Parma

440-885-5362



Need Homework Help?
The Cuyahoga County Public Library - Parma Branch offers homework mentoring Monday through Thursday for Grades K - 8 from 4 – 6:30 PM in person or by phone!

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.

Holiday Recycling

- ✓ **Cardboard boxes***
*Flatten & remove all non-paper packing materials (ex: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, shrink wrap and plastic bags)
- ✓ **Plain paper gift bags***
* Remove rope handles, beads or other non-paper decorative elements.
- ✓ **Plain wrapping paper**

X Please do not place the following non-recyclable items in the bins:

- Wrapping paper/sheets with foil, glitter, plastic or poly coatings
- Gift bags made with plastic, foil or fabric
- Ribbons & bows

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

We are proud to announce that Thoreau Park received the Silver award for our Positive Behavior and Intervention Support programs for the 2019-2020 school year. Our students work hard to follow our school's 3 R's Behavior Matrix - Respectful, Responsible, & Ready to Learn - each day whether they are learning in school or learning remotely at home. Our PBIS Committee will continue to refine our school's PBIS plan and appreciate all of the support from our Thoreau Park families.

PBIS Fact Sheets for Families

The 2 handouts below review what PBIS is, the core components of PBIS, and why schools have decided to implement PBIS. If you have any questions about PBIS, please reach out to Mr. Keating at the school. He is the PBIS coordinator for Thoreau Park.

The graphic is a 'PBIS Fact Sheet' with a colorful border. At the top left is the Ohio Department of Education logo. The title 'PBIS Fact Sheet' is in large, bold letters. Below the title is the subtitle 'Facts about the Implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) in Ohio'. The content is organized into several sections: 'OH PBIS Network Mission' (advocating for adoption and implementation of the PBIS framework), 'What is PBIS?' (defining PBIS as a range of systemic and individualized strategies), 'Core Components of PBIS' (listing Community Connections, Consistent Systems of Acknowledging and Correcting Behaviors, Clear Expectations, and Comprehensive Instruction), and 'OH PBIS Requirements' (listing administrative commitment, team-based structures, 3-5 schoolwide expectations, systematic instruction, reinforcement of desired behaviors, correction of behavior errors, data-based decision making, multi-tiered systems of support, and maintaining culturally responsive practices). A 'Contact the State Support Team' box is also present. The website 'www.education.ohio.gov' is at the bottom left.

PBIS Fact Sheet
Facts about the Implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) in Ohio

OH PBIS Network Mission
...To advocate for adoption and implementation of the PBIS framework in teaching of social competencies and development of safe and effective school environments...

Contact the State Support Team serving schools in your county for the regional consultants who can assist you with PBIS implementation!

OH PBIS Requirements

- Administrative commitment & involvement
- Team-based structures
- 3-5 schoolwide expectations
- Systematic instruction
- Reinforcement of desired behaviors
- Correction of behavior errors
- Data-based decision making
- Multi-tiered systems of support
- Maintain culturally responsive practices

What is PBIS?
Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports, also called Positive Behavior Supports (PBS), is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes in school communities while preventing problem behavior. The key attributes of PBIS include preventive activities, data-based decision making, and a problem solving orientation (Horner, 2000; Lewis & Sugai, 1999; Sugai et al., 2000; Weigle, 1997).

Core Components of PBIS

Community Connections
Schools teams focus on building positive relationships among all stakeholder groups, in order to ensure consistent implementation of culturally responsive practices.

Consistent Systems of Acknowledging and Correcting Behaviors
Consistency in acknowledging expected behaviors and correcting behavior errors is provided through:
~ active supervision
~ proactive scheduling
~ incentives and reinforcement
~ logical consequences and clear office referral procedures

Clear Expectations
School communities identify 3 to 5 school-wide overarching behavioral expectations.

Supportive Structure
Teams focus on developing an infrastructure in schools that provides effective academic and behavioral multi-tiered systems of support for **all** students.

Comprehensive Instruction
Systematic, explicit instruction, practice and feedback on the expected behaviors are provided for each school setting.

www.education.ohio.gov

How can I support my child during remote instruction/distance learning? It is a good idea to set up a routine for your child just as if he/she were coming to school every day in person. Have your child wake up and complete their morning routine, eat a healthy breakfast, and get their area ready for the day of learning. Set aside a space for your child that is setup for learning with as few distractions as possible. Children learn best with structure and routines. Have a desk or table setup with the supplies your child will need throughout the day. Help your child sign in to their Google Classroom at 9:15 each morning. Recognize your child when you see him/her following along with the lesson and meeting or exceeding the teacher's expectations. Click on [this link](#) to read about tips for helping your child during a pandemic. Parents can read [this handout](#) that offers ways to support parents with PBIS at home.

PBIS: Bullying and Harassment pamphlet

Parents, please make sure to read over the pamphlet that was 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. Keating, Thoreau Park's PBIS coordinator.

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 November: Maxxon R. - KDG Launch Academy; Makenna R. - 1st grade; Dominic H. - 2nd grade; Sophia J. - 3rd grade; and Sahlara I. - 4th grade.** Continue to encourage your child to be READY to LEARN. Remember: **GREEN IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!**

Upcoming Events -

Jan. 15 - No School - End of Second Quarter/Teacher In-Service Day
Jan. 18 - No School - MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 19 - Possible date to begin Hybrid instruction
Jan. 19 - PTA meeting - 5:30pm on Zoom
Jan. 27 - 2nd Qtr. Report Cards available in Home Access Center
Feb. 1 - Picture Day for PVLA students - 11:00-2:00
Feb. 2 - Picture Day for Green Cohort students - 9:30-12:30
Feb. 5 - Picture Day for White Cohort students - 9:30-12:30
Feb. 11 - Evening Parent/Teacher conferences - 5:00-7:30pm
Feb. 15 - No School - Presidents' Day



