

Elmwood News

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From the Principal: Student Discipline & Communication

It is important for me to investigate all angles of a situation when dealing with student discipline. Students may be called to the office to provide more information to me. Please know that I will not be calling home for all students in which I speak, as this would consume much of my day. If there is other information that your child provides to you that is different than what was reported to me during the day, please feel free to share that information with me, (especially if you feel that it would have an impact on decision making and/or outcomes). I want parents to also know that FAIR does not mean EQUAL. I will do my very best to be fair with students in trying to change behavior, which is the purpose of discipline. I also believe in second chances and giving students opportunities to make things right. Trusting students is something I do to build trust with them. If your child receives a conduct report from me at school, it will be sent home in their folder. There will also be a phone call made to inform you this is coming home. I handle communication with bus conduct reports a little different. I will call home only in the event there is a suspension. Please feel free to contact me about any concerns you may have about my philosophy on discipline. Thank you.

Thank You Students, Parents, and Staff

We were able to raise \$300.00 for Hurricane Relief. Thank you so much for participating in our Hat Day fundraiser and helping those who have experienced such a life changing tragedy.

Speech and Language

****Language Skills****

Helping your child develop his or her language skills through natural, daily activities at an early state will help improve not only comprehension and communication skills but also foster reading and writing.

* Talk with Your Children Whenever Possible: Encourage dramatic play with your children, such as pretending to go grocery shopping, or role-playing with your child pretending to be a teacher and you a student. During daily activities, such as getting dressed, cleaning up toys, making supper, talk about what you are doing and what your child is doing. Communicating with your child in this way helps to strengthen language, vocabulary and conversation skills.

* Read and Tell Stories to Your Child: While reading with your child discuss the pictures, characters, feelings of characters (& why they feel that way), settings, and plots. Also work with your child to retell the story to learn how to organize and retell a story with sequence, logic and details.

* Social Skills: This is also another part of language development. Demonstrating appropriate social skills to your child is another important part of active parenting. Many children learn social skills by observing how people in their environment react to situations and interact with others. It is important to explain why we use certain body language, facial expressions, tone of voice during a social situation that is appropriate for a child to understand.

** Keep these ideas in mind when speaking with your child to help develop their language skills and promote success in the classroom.

Mrs. Inkrott, Speech-Language Therapist

Transportation Information

Track your child's bus / information: How?

Go to Shawnee's website www.limashawnee.com and login using the username (student i.d. number) and password (student date of birth) which will be unique to your child's bus. When entering the date of birth, it must be 8 digits. For example, 1/2/08 would be 01022080 and 11/18/15 would be 11182015.

Bus stops:

As stated in the Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules: 3301.83.08 pupil transportation management policies C-1, your child is still expected to be at the designated stop prior to the arrival of the bus.

Contact information:

Should you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 419-998-8034.

Notes from the Nurse

It's that time of year when there is a lot of illness and children will be exposed to a lot of germs and illnesses. Here are a few guidelines to help you decide if your child is too sick to come to school. Your child should stay home from school:

1. If they have a temperature greater than 100 degrees. If your child has a fever during the night or in the morning and you give them Tylenol or Motrin and then they begin to feel better, you should still keep them home. Chances are they are still contagious and their temperature will rise again while they are at school after the medication wears off.
2. If your child is taking antibiotics for a contagious disease such as strep throat, **bacterial** conjunctivitis (pink eye), impetigo, tonsillitis, bronchitis or pneumonia, your child should stay home for the first 24 hours and not return to school until you are sure that their fever is gone.
3. If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea. If your child got sick during the night keep them at home for a while in the morning to be sure that they are feeling better. If your child is doing okay a couple of hours after waking up, you can bring them to school late but let someone at school know that your child was not feeling well during the night and leave a contact number where you or another person who can pick your child up can be reached.

4. If you are unsure whether your child is really sick go ahead and send them to school. Then call me at 998-8097 and let me know what is going on. I can have your child's teacher help me keep an eye on them during the day without your child having to know what is going on. That way if you think that your child just wants to stay home for the day, you do not have to tell them that they can go to the nurse if they feel sick and then you will come and get them. If you tell your child this, almost guaranteed they will be in the nurse's office before the end of the day, asking for me to call home so that you will come and pick them up. If you are going to tell your child this you might as well keep them home.

There are also some sick day rules that will help you avoid instances where your child really does not feel too terribly sick (maybe just a little ill), but still wants to stay home. If your child stays home from school:

1. They must stay in bed-whether sleeping, reading, doing homework or playing quietly.
2. No playing outside-not even if they start to feel great.
3. No extra-curricular activities that would normally take place after the school day is done.
4. No television until all of your child's homework is done.
5. They can always be brought to school late if they feel better after the school day has started.

Elmwood Guidance

All guidance information can be found on Elmwood's webpage.

Housekeeping Reminders

Breakfast: Ss are able to enter the Garden doors at 8:30, however may not go to their classrooms until 8:40. If your child needs to eat breakfast at school, he/she may do so. If your child is not riding the bus, I recommend dropping your child off at 8:30 so that it does not take time away from instructional practice and/or intervention. Students are dismissed from the cafeteria at 8:55 in order to be in class by the 9:00 start time.

Attendance: Shawnee School's is working closely with Kevin Wilkerson (truancy officer) and local agencies such as SAFY and FRC to assure that families are able to support their child's education. Below are attendance procedures at Elmwood:

In order to provide high quality education and learning, as well as discipline and responsibility, please inform the school of all absences. The attendance line is available to report absences 24 hours a day (419-222-6384). Parents (or emergency contacts) must sign a student in after 9:00 a.m. or sign him or her out before leaving the building. Excessive absences will result in the requirement of a parent/guardian to provide a certificate from a physician to have an absence excused. Consequences are outlined below for students who have excessive absences.

3 Unexcused absences and/or tardies: courtesy phone call from the office.

5 Unexcused absences and/or tardies: Letter from the principal informing the family that future unexcused absences or tardies may result in a required doctor's excuse.

7 Unexcused absences: Special Referral meeting with the school and Truancy Officer.

12 Unexcused absences: A truancy complaint may be signed at the Prosecutor's Office.

Upcoming Events

October 1	Happy Birthday Mrs. Myers! ☺
October 5	Fall Picture Day
October 7	Grandparents Day 1:30-2:30 - Meredith, Peck, Place, Minter
October 9	No School-Teacher Professional Development
October 10	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wohlgamuth and Mrs. Lyons! ☺ Art Club
October 13	Happy 50 th Birthday Mrs. Knott! ☺
October 16-19	Book Fair
October 16	Happy Birthday Mrs. Rosado! ☺ Happy Birthday Mrs. Daily ☺
October 16	PTC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 17	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
October 19	Family Night-Book Fair
October 20	Fire Safety Day
Oct 23-27	Bus Driver Appreciation Week Red Ribbon Week
October 24	Art Club
October 27	Happy Birthday Mr. Anthony! ☺ End of 1 st quarter
Oct 30-Nov 10	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 31	Happy Halloween!
November 1	Picture Retake day
November 5	Daylight Savings Time

November 7	Art Club
November 10	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 11	Veteran’s Day
November 17	Fundraiser Delivery 3-7 at Shawnee Alliance Church
November 20	PTC Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.
November 21	Art Club Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
November 22-24	No School Thanksgiving Break
December 4-6	Holiday Shop
December 5	Art club
December 6	2 hr delay
December 7	Happy Birthday Mrs. Wheeler! ☺
December 8	Cookie Trot Happy Birthday Mrs. Bledsoe, Mrs. Place, and Ms. O’Connor! ☺
December 9	Happy Birthday Ms. Hall! ☺