

Stevenson Star

The Adventure Begins

August/September 2011

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! I hope that the summer provided time for you and your family to travel, relax, rest and renew. To those of you who are new to the Stevenson family and the Class of 2024, welcome to what promises to be a great year.

Summer is a very busy time in the school district, preparing for a fresh start to a new year. Our custodians, Jimmie Bell and Roger Reisinger, have worked tirelessly cleaning and waxing floors, moving furniture and supplies into classrooms, and doing a variety of jobs to make sure that the building is ready for our students. Mrs. Bauer, the school secretary, has been working non-stop to update records and class lists, process supply orders, and answer questions for our parents and teachers. Our new preschool addition, funded entirely from stimulus money, is nearly ready to open and greet our youngest learners. I am so appreciative of all the support we have received to help ensure a great start to the school year for our students.

We will be welcoming 3 new members to our staff: Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hoepf will join our kindergarten team and Ms. Craig will join us as a ½ time intervention specialist. At the time of this printing, the search continues for a teaching assistant and an occupational therapist. We are able to offer 3 all-day kindergarten classrooms this school year, as well as one AM section. Our lunch schedule will remain the same as last year, with kindergarten and grade 2 eating at 11:25, immediately followed by recess. Grades 1 and 3 will eat at 11:50 preceded by recess at 11:25.

Our annual “Back-to-School Night” will be held on Thursday, August 25 for all grades. Parents should go directly to their child’s classroom. The evening will consist of two sessions: 6:30-7:00 and 7:05-7:35. The same presentation will be repeated at 7:05 p.m. for those families who may have more than one child attending Stevenson. This presentation is for adults only; students need not attend.

I look forward to a great year of learning together. Welcome back, and if you need to reach me throughout the year, please call the office at 481-3640 or e-mail me at brian.bowser@ghcsd.org.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Bowser
Principal

ABSENCE/ILLNESS

Students must be in school every day unless they are ill. Ohio law requires that a parent notify the school office if a child will not be in school on any given day. We recommend that you keep your child home when he/she has an acute cold, fever, sore throat, persistent cough following a cold, rash, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach ache. It is difficult for a child to learn when he/she doesn't feel well. We cannot diagnose or treat illness. We urge you to seek treatment promptly when your child is ill or injured. Also, if your child has a contagious disease please let the school office know immediately. We will inform the school nurse.

If your child is ill for an extended time and needs assignments, please let the office know when you call to report your child's absence.

Attendance habits start young: please schedule family vacations during school vacations.

If your child will be out of school, please call 481-3640 by 8:30 a.m. or e-mail Lue Bauer, school secretary at lue.bauer@ghcsd.org

BACK -TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Please join us on **August 25** for Back-to-School Night at Stevenson in your child's classroom. This is an evening for parents/guardians to learn more about your child's teacher, the curriculum, and classroom expectations. Watch for more information coming home. We will hold 2 sessions that evening: 6:30 - 7:00 and 7:05 and 7:35.

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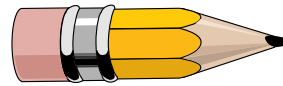
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Supply Fees

Please send in your child's supply fee as soon as possible. The fee for each student is \$22.50. Please make checks payable to the Grandview Heights City Schools.

Thank you



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES:

AUGUST 15-16
Teacher Work Days

AUGUST 17
First Day of School for Grades 1-3

AUGUST 17-18-19
Kindergarten Phase-In Day

AUGUST 22
First Day of School for Kindergarten

AUGUST 25
Back to School Night
6:30 to 7:00 7:05 – 7:35 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5
LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 8-9-10
Ox Roast

SEPTEMBER 9
Gift Wrap Kick-off assembly

SEPTEMBER 13
LATE START 10:10 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 14
CLASS PICTURES

SEPTEMBER 21
COSI on Wheels

SEPTEMBER 30
Gift Wrap Sale Ends

DROPPING OFF CHILDREN

Please remember when you are dropping off or picking up students to be a good Grandview neighbor. Do not block driveways, and be especially careful when pulling away from school. Remind your child to always walk on the sidewalk and to cross at the crosswalks.



AFTER SCHOOL

The dismissal bell rings at 2:50. Please make arrangements before school as to who is going to meet your child and where your child needs to be met. Your child's safety is our outmost concern. It is upsetting for the child if you are not there when he/she expects to see you. In cases of emergencies your child will be able to wait in the office until some other arrangements can be made. We ask that this be an exception since the office is quite busy with meetings and other business that must be conducted in the office after school.



The RLS Phone System

Our school phone number is 481-3640. There is a voice mail system, which comes on automatically if the secretary doesn't answer and is operational at all times. When calling the office for any reason between 7:45 a.m. & 3:45 p.m. please use the above number or e-mail Lue Bauer, school secretary at lue.bauer@ghcsd.org

Notes From the Nurse

Please take a look at the Health Services web site to obtain important forms and medical information. Medication administration forms and physical exams forms are on the site. There are links to many health related agencies and departments. Also included are fact sheets on communicable diseases. I will be including new information and updates through out the year.

If you have moved recently, you must provide a current proof of

residency. Also, please inform the office of any phone number changes, **especially cell phone numbers** and e-mail addresses. This will be helpful in reaching you in case of an emergency.



Student Forms

Please read and complete all the forms brought home by your child. These forms are to be returned to school as soon as possible.



Forms to be returned:

***-2 Emergency Information card (white card - please complete both)**

We ask that you complete the Emergency Information Cards every year so that we are certain to have the most recent and accurate information on file. One copy stays in the office and the other with the classroom teacher.

***Free/reduced lunch application (optional)~ ~Please apply if eligible, as it affects cafeteria funding.**

***Awareness Statements (pink form)**

***-Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy**

***-Media Release Form**

Helpful Tips To Get The Year Started

From The Reading Teachers

-Designate a quiet place for your child to read or do homework. The spot you and your child choose should be free from distractions, such as younger siblings and the television.

-Decide where your child should place his or her backpack so it's easy to find. For example my son uses the doorknob in his room.



- Take a few minutes to sort through your child's backpack each evening. Remove unnecessary items and look for graded papers, notes and reminders from your child's teacher and the office.

-Make sure you have basic supplies at home for homework and projects - pencils, paper, crayons, together in a drawer, box or basket so your child can find them easily.

Your support at home is key to your child's success. If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us. Everyone benefits when we work together.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>14</u> Blados Pledge	<u>15</u> Teacher Work Day	<u>16</u> Teacher Work Day	<u>17</u> First Day of School Grades 1-3 Kdg. Phase in Days	<u>18</u> Kdg. Phase in Days	<u>19</u> Kdg. Phase in Days	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> Falk Pledge	<u>22</u> First Day of Kindergarten	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Back to School Night 6:30-7:00 7:05-7:35	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> McLaughlin Pledge	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>September 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> Pharion Pledge	<u>5</u> No School Labor Day	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Ox Roast	<u>9</u> Ox Roast Gift Wrap Assembly	<u>10</u> Ox Roast
<u>11</u> Coplin Pledge	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> LATE START 10:10	<u>14</u> Picture Day	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> McCauley Pledge	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> COSI On Wheels	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> Reed Pledge	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Gift Wrap Sale Ends	