

Stevenson Star

The Adventure Begins

August/September 2009

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that the summer provided time for you and your family to travel, relax, rest, and renew. For those of you new to our Stevenson family, and to the Grandview Heights Class of 2022, welcome to what I know will be a great year.

We are welcoming new staff to our team this fall:

Mr. Chris Blados—AM and PM kindergarten
Ms. Jen Palmer—Grade 2
Ms. Fran Hochstedler—Teaching Assistant

Each of them will be a great addition to our outstanding staff and bring with them a great deal of talent and expertise about students and student learning.

Summer has been a very busy time in the school district, with many preparations for a fresh start to the new year. Our custodians, Mr. Schuler and Mr. Reisinger, have worked tirelessly cleaning and waxing floors, moving furniture and supplies, and a variety of other jobs to ensure the building's readiness for our students. Mrs. Bauer has been very busy updating records, ordering supplies, and answering questions from parents and teachers. Perhaps the biggest and most notable improvement to the building is the new gymnasium floor. It looks fantastic and will serve our community for many years to come. I am so thankful for the many efforts of this great team on behalf of our students.

Our enrollment stands at about 310 students in grades K-3 and we are able to offer no classroom with more than 20 students at this time. The lunch schedule will remain the same this year, with all-day kindergarten and grade two eating at 11:25, immediately followed by recess. Grades one and three will eat at 11:55 preceded by recess at 11:25.

There are multiple sources of information about our school and its many events. Our website contains several pieces of valuable information and can be accessed at www.grandviewschools.org. Please sign up for e-Blast, a free service that allows us to send important messages to your e-mail inbox. In an effort to cut down on paper consumption, we will continue our "Go Green" campaign. Sign up is free and easy—look for the sheet in your back-to-school packet and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Our annual "Back-to-School Night" will be held on Thursday, September 3 from 6:30-7:35 p.m. for all grades. Parents should go directly to their child's classroom at 6:30 p.m. for a 30-minute presentation by your child's classroom teacher. 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'd like to thank our wonderful PTO and President Brian Milner. The PTO is a great support for our children and families, providing events such as the Ice Cream Social, The Back-to-School Coffee, Kids' Night Out, and many more too numerous to name. I thank each of our families who donate countless hours on behalf of students and in whatever way your family can contribute, please know it is

appreciated. Coming quickly this year is a staff and student favorite—COSI on Wheels. COSI on Wheels will be held this fall, on Wednesday, September 30. It is a great way to put science in the hands of children.

I am looking forward to another great year together. If you need to reach me throughout the year, please call the office at 481-3640 or e-mail me at bbowser@grandviewschools.org. If my door is open, I am available for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Bowser
Principal

AUTHOR VISIT

Thanks to community member Teri Alexander our schools will have a unique opportunity this September. Jerene Mortenson, mother of Greg Mortenson, author of [Three Cups of Tea](#), will be visiting Grandview Schools.

Dr. Jerene Mortenson is a retired school administrator, founder of Tanzania's Moshe International School, and a presence in her son's mission in Pakistan. She will be in Stevenson on September 22nd. Along with the adult version of Greg's book, there is also a middle level publication called [Three Cups of Tea; the Young Readers Edition](#) and an elementary story entitled [Listen to the Wind](#).

The book chronicles Greg Mortenson's failed attempt to climb K2 in Pakistan, his fateful encounter with the people in the village of Karakoram who cared for him, and his promise to return to the area to build a school and bring education and hope to the children of this isolated village. As of today, Greg has built over 80 schools in similar villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan, primarily for girls. He is the founder of the Central Asia Institute, a nonprofit organization promoting peace "one school at a time." Greg will be in town to speak at OSU in October. Teri Alexander met Greg's mother by chance last May while visiting Yellowstone and asked Jerene if she would be willing to come to Grandview in September to speak in the schools and to the community (Wed. evening, Sept.23). The Grandview Education Foundation has approved a grant to cover Jerene's expenses.

ABSENCE/ILLNESS

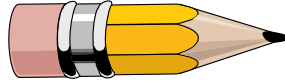
Students must be in school every day unless they are ill. Ohio law requires that a parent notify the school office if a child will not be in school on any given day. We recommend that you keep your child home when he/she has an acute cold, fever, sore throat, persistent cough following a cold, rash, 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.

If your child will be out of school, please call 777-2222 ext 4438 by 8:30 a.m. or e-mail Lue Bauer, school secretary at lbauer@grandviewschools.org.

If you are calling after 8:30 a.m., please call Lue at 486-3640. Leave a message if there is no answer.

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



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AUGUST 25
WELCOME BACK

SEPTEMBER 3
Back to School Night
6:30 to 7:35 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7
LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 11
Gift Wrap Kick-off assembly
2:00

SEPTEMBER 16
CLASS PICTURES

SEPTEMBER 17-19
Ox Roast

SEPTEMBER 30
COSI on Wheels

OCTOBER 16
Central Ohio Teacher Inservice
Day
NO SCHOOL

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. A student's report card can be held if the supply fee is not turned in. Thank you

BACK -TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Please join us on **September 3rd** for Back-to-School Night at Stevenson at 6:30 p.m. 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

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 lbauer@grandviewschools.org



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**

****"Go Green" Communication Preference 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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	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Falk Pledge	23	24	1st Day of School	25	26	27	28	29
Kuyper Pledge	30	31						

September 2009

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kuyper Pledge			1	2	3 Back to School Night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	4	5
McLaughlin Pledge	6 No School Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pharion Pledge	13	14	15	16 Ox Roast	17 Ox Roast	18 Ox Roast	19 Ox Roast
McCauley Pledge	20 2 Second Grade Classes to Darby Creek	21	22	23 3 Second Grade Classes to Darby Creek	24	25	26
Palmer Pledge	27	28	29	30			



AUGUST 2009

Grandview Heights City Schools

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				
Hamburger w/ cheese On a Bun Corn on the Cob Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	Chicken Patty on a Bun Tator Tots Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	Pizza Square Tossed Salad w/ dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	All Beef Hotdog on a bun Baked Beans Veggies w/ dip Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	Sloppy Joe Sandwich Fries Fruit or Juice Choice Milk



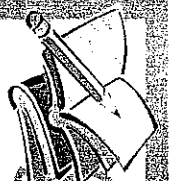
News

Welcome back to the new school year!

Reminder:

If you had money on your account from last year, it just rolled over to this year.

Parents, you can restart the automatic payment system if you would like. If you have not used e-funds, I would encourage you to do so. It is a sure way to know that your student has lunch money. Everything takes place in "real time" and no one goes without the lunch on the menu.



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Monday

Tuesday

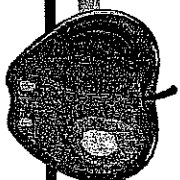
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p>7 Labor Day Observed No School</p>	<p>8 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Roll w/ margarine Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>9 French Bread Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>10 Corn Dog Fries Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>11 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Buttered Carrots Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>
<p>14 Chicken Patty On a Bun Baked Beans Veggies w/dip Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>15 Hamburger or Cheeseburger On a Bun Potato Wedges Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>16 Pizza Slice Buttered Broccoli Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>17 Macaroni and Cheese Seasoned Peas Roll w/ margarine Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>18 All Beef Hotdog On a Bun Tots Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>
<p>21 French Toast Stick Sausage Link Hash Brown Juice Milk</p>	<p>22 Late Start District Wide Max Sticks w/ sauce Or Cheese Quesadilla Tossed Salad w/ dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>23 Pizza Square Seasoned Green Beans Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>24 Oven Fried Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy Roll w/ margarine Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>25 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Or Chicken Salad Sandwich Golden Nugget Potatoes Apple Bosco Stick or Juice Choice Milk</p>
<p>28 Chicken Poppers Buttered Corn Roll w/ margarine Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>29 Super Nachos w/ Meat and Cheese Sauce Veggies and dip Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>	<p>30 Pizza Slice Tossed Salad w/ dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk</p>		

Enter Other Information Here



News

Sept 7: No School
Sept 22: Late Start
& First day of Fall

Chef Salads,
Smuckers PB&J
These are daily
alternatives.

