



NEWSLETTER

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NO EARLY DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS OR MESSAGES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CLASSROOM AFTER 2:00 P.M.

STATE REPORT CARD RESULTS~New

The results from the Ohio Department of Education State Report card was released this week. The results demonstrate what we already know that Grove Patterson Academy is the best elementary school in Northwest Ohio. The data shows that we out performed all Toledo Public elementary schools as well as out performed many suburban schools as well.

★★★★ Academic Achievement (Exceeds state standards)

This measure represents how well students performed on tests overall.

★★★★ Early Literacy (Exceeds state standards)

This is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

★★★★★ Gap Closing (Significantly exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps)

This measures the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups.

★★★★★ Progress (Significant evidence that the school exceeded student growth expectations)

This looks closely at the growth of all students based upon past performances.

If you have not checked out the actual report card, see the link below.

<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/014688>

Picture Day-New

Picture Day

School Picture Day will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. All students will have their picture taken even if they do not purchase a picture package. Students must be in uniform. Retakes will be taken on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. If you want to purchase a picture package, you may go to www.my.lifetouch.com and enter the following information:



I-Ready Diagnostic~New

Students/Teachers are preparing for the I-Ready Diagnostic in the areas of Reading and Math. It is important that students are present every day over the next several weeks to ensure this is completed. After the diagnostic, students

will be placed at their ability level and required to complete weekly lessons for a minimum of 30 minutes per week with 80% achievement. These reports will be sent home to you to review and discuss with your child.

How can you help?

Ask your child weekly, how are they doing? You also have the ability to log in from home on your laptop or desktop computer to see their progress. You can help us by encouraging your child to do their best everyday!

3rd Grade Ohio Achievement Testing~NEW

Thanks to all parents that attended our 3rd Grade Parent Night last week. If you did not attend, I will be in contact with you to go over this important information to be sure you are aware of the expectations surrounding testing and the consequences for not passing per the Ohio Revised Code.

All 3rd graders will be taking the Ohio Achievement Assessment on Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th. It is important that students arrive to school on time and be ready to test on that day. Be sure that students get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast.

Attached to this email are some 3rd grade testing FAQ's we discussed at our parent meeting last week.

Transportation Requests~NEW INFORMATION

If you need to submit a change in transportation or need to add a sibling that has not been routed, you must complete the Transportation Request form. Keep in mind Transportation is not honoring requests for closer stops unless they are outside the .5 mile radius unless a serious safety concern exists or the request is included in a child's IEP. We will no longer submit any requests that do not adhere to these guidelines. Change in routing requests take a minimum of 1.5 weeks to process. [22-23 Transportation Request Form](#)

School Arrival/Dismissal Times

School hours will remain the same. Doors open for all bus riders and breakfast students at 7:45 a.m. Students are able to enter the classrooms beginning at 7:55 a.m. and are late if they are not in their classrooms at 8:10 a.m. We have changed the start time for our Success for All Reading program for grades 1-6 this year to the beginning of the school day so it is imperative that little disruption is caused to the school day.

Success for All will be held 8:20-9:50 a.m. We are asking that all appointments etc. are scheduled either after school or after 9:50 a.m. Dismissal will occur for all bus riders starting at 2:25 p.m. All walkers are riders will be dismissed around 2:35 p.m. We ask for your understanding and patience during the first couple weeks of school as we ensure that all students know their correct bus locations.

Beginning of the Year Paperwork

Many parents still have not completed the beginning of the year paperwork. All families are required to complete this information. **Existing TPS families, find the link to Enrollment in your Parent Portal account! If you cannot access this information you must contact Ms. Linda to update your email and password.**

Families new to TPS, please click on the appropriate link below to create your account:

English:

<https://enrollment.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=200000606&culture=en>

Chinese:

<https://enrollment.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=200000606&culture=zh>

Spanish:

<https://enrollment.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=200000606&culture=es>

To learn more, check out the Enrollment page: https://www.tps.org/students_parents/enrollment

Dress Code

There have been a few changes to the school dress code for the 2022-2023 school year. It is important that parents review the current dress code with their scholar. *We are seeing a lot of students wearing excessive jewelry this year.* The dress code can be found on the GPA App under 2022-2023 Forms and Resources as well as www.grovepattersonpto.org. I have also attached a copy in this email.

School Security-Sign In Process

ALL visitors/guests to the building must sign in utilizing our Raptor System. This requires a State/Federal ID. Ms. Linda will request the ID and a visitor's pass will be printed out. We ask that these visitor passes are returned to the Main Office prior to leaving. We apologize for this inconvenience; however this is new established policy and increases the safety and security for our students and staff. We appreciate your support as this is implemented.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

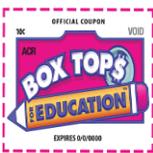
New Volunteer App

We will be utilizing a new App called Mobile Serve. This will be up and running by the end of September. This will be the only way to track your hours. You will be able to view all your hours. A reminder all families must have a total of 10 hour per year, per family. An activation link will be sent to the address listed in the Parent Portal. Please save all receipts etc. for when this goes live later this month. You will be able to download a picture directly into the app.

School-wide Volunteer Opportunities-

School Opportunities

- Lunchroom/Recess Volunteer (See Lunchroom Times)
- STOCK the LOUNGE (Snacks, drinks, whatever you would like to send in) *Label Stock the Lounge
- Attend PTO Meetings (You must sign in)
- Board Games (Uno Cards, Connect Four)
- Library We are in need of volunteers for the library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Ross at jross@tps.org.



Box Tops

We are trying to get the Box Tops program up and going (again). It used to be a moneymaker for GPA and it switched over to an app and barely anyone uses it. We NEED you to use it! All you have to do is scan receipts from any store. I always scan all my receipts.

Here is what I need you to do to earn 1 HOUR VOLUNTEER TIME!!!

1. Download the Box Tops for Education app.
2. Enter Code: HF8849ET
3. Scan a receipt.
4. Share this (the code and all) with 5 of your family/friends and ask them to do the same thing.
5. Once you do this you can earn 30 min. volunteer time (for you and each of your friends/family) and enter it on the google form for volunteer hours. If you have multiple phones/emails in the house you can download this again and again. The key is that you scan a different receipt (and not an old one) each time on the app. You cannot use a receipt more than once.

5. You need to keep scanning receipts. Your child can do this, just tell them that they need to scan the receipt every time you go to the store.



Spanish News

A reminder of the following as it pertains to grading for Grades K-2.

Grades K-2:

“Kindergarten -2nd grade Spanish students will only receive comments on mid-quarter and quarter grade cards. To see your student’s progress in Spanish class before the comments come out on the report cards, please check the Parent Portal or contact Profe’ Vetter directly.”

DROP OFF SUPPLIES/LUNCH

A reminder that if an item is left at home such as lunch, shoes, Read and Respond or other item it cannot be dropped off. We are attempting to limit the amount of disruptions we have to the learning day. You would be surprised how many times we must contact a teacher’s classroom. If these items are brought, we will ask that you take them home.

Additionally, we have had many parents over the last several weeks ordering or bringing in/dropping off outside lunches or even some ordering from Grub Hub etc. Please note our policy is, your child can bring outside food items from home in their lunch boxes/bag, however they cannot be dropped off during the school day and will be turned away.

Thanks in advance for your understanding!

Drop Off/Pick Up Line

7:45 am Bus Riders/Breakfast Can Enter the Building

7:55 am Students can enter classrooms

2:00 p.m. No Picks Ups or messages after 2:00 p.m. will be accepted.

2:25 pm Bus Riders are Dismissed

2:30-2:40 pm Car Riders and Walkers are Dismissed (YMCA Child Care is also dismissed)

If any changes must be made to how a child is getting home, it must be done before 2:00 p.m. Many parents are texting, emailing, or calling during the middle of dismissal. It is no way we can notify teachers/children after 2:00 pm. It is simply too chaotic. Parents should also not text/call their child to get off the bus. It is no way we can confirm it was the parent. Note, once a student is on the bus, we will not get a student off the bus unless it is an emergency. This is a safety concern and will be adhered to.

Pick Up-Drop Off Information~NEW Information Last day to walk Kindergarten students to class 9/16/22

Pick up and drop off should occur in the designated areas. Parents who prefer to walk their scholar or pick up their scholar from/to their respective doors must park in a designated parking spot. **DO NOT PARK IN THE CAR/BUS LOOP.** You will be asked to move. Feel free to park at the library and walk over. To ensure the safety of everyone, parents are also asked not to allow their students to walk in the parking lot unattended. Thank you for your understanding.

If your child is a bus rider and will change their method of transportation home from school, a note must be submitted. If a note is not sent in, they will be sent home via bus. No exceptions. Kindergarten-3rd grade parents should put a bus tag directly on their scholars' book bag.

Pre-School Parents are still required to sign in their child each day. Parents that arrive after 8:10 a.m. will be required to show ID before going to the classroom. Kindergarten parents, as of Friday, September 16th are no longer allowed to walk their child to class. We have several caring adults in the building that will be able to assist in making sure your child arrives to class safely.

GPA Panel

Our GPA Panel is in place to ensure that the GPA Yearly Parent Agreement is upheld. The panel monitors attendance, behavior, academics, and volunteer hours. Students referred can be removed from the Academy. It is important that families continue to commit and uphold to the ideals in which you agreed when you enrolled your child in the Academy. Families will be notified when a problem arises. **Note serious offenses or fighting may be cause for immediate removal from the Academy.**

Lunch Applications

Every child will be sent home with a lunch application. It is imperative that all families complete this and return it, even if you do not believe your child is eligible. Only one application is needed per family, however we are asking parents to notify your younger child's teacher that you already completed the application. You can also return the blank application with a note stating you already completed the form or you decline to complete.

Our school has the potential to miss out on Federal/State Funding if these are not completed. The first 3 classes that have 100% to return the teacher and students will receive a dress down day and the teacher will receive a gift card. Please return to us ASAP!

Background Checks-Updated with new link

We appreciate your interest in volunteering your time with our students - either as a parent, a community member, or in coordination with one of our valued community partners. Toledo Public Schools aims to produce competitive college and career ready graduates, and we will not succeed without partners like you!

TPS offers a variety of activities you may choose from when volunteering your time. **Simply complete and submit a Volunteer application and upon approval you will receive instructions on next steps.**

It is very important that the **information you enter on the application matches your government issued identification card** including your full legal name. It is important that you **provide a valid email address** so you can be notified as to the status of your application and for future communication. All information collected on the application will remain confidential and not be shared outside the volunteer program.

If you have any questions about the application, please call 419-671-0410 or email volunteer@tps.org.

Thank you,

TPS Community Liaison

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NTI3OTplbi1VUw==>

You can also find it on our website following this

link: https://www.tps.org/discover_tps/news/new_volunteer_application_now_available

Lunch

Lunch times will be as follows:

Kindergarten/7th/8th Grade 11:00-11:30

4th/5th/6th Grade 11:35-11:05

1st/2nd/3rd Grade 12:10-12:40

Lunch menus are available on the GPA App and the Toledo Public Schools website. www.tps.org. We also post any updates to our lunch menu on our GPA Facebook page. Feel free to email Ms. Heather at hstover@tps.org if you would like to know the menu this week.

Bussing Information

We are excited to announce that you have access to a new smartphone app that helps to improve communication, school bus safety, and efficiency. The Transportation Portal (aka Edulog Parent Portal) app provides you with planned time and location information for your child's bus ride to school. On a daily basis, the app will show you the GPA location of the bus and send you a push notification when it is nearing your bus stop.

The app is free of charge for our parents, caregivers, and students. In addition to displaying the location of your bus and sending the notifications, you can also receive time sensitive messages from our transportation department. You will also receive notification when a substitute bus is running your route due to scheduled maintenance on your regular bus, for example.

The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store-either of which can be accessed by pointing your smartphone camera at this QR code:

Additional information about using Transportation Portal (aka Edulog Parent Portal) is available on our website at: https://www.tps.org/departments/transportation_services. If you have additional questions regarding the app, please contact our transportation department at: 419-671-8541.

Parent Portal/Google Classroom

The Parent Portal gives parents and guardians access to pertinent student information such as attendance records, class schedule, class work, report cards and transcripts. You can access the site by clicking on this link: <https://parentportal.tps.org> under the Registration Section. If any of these items need to be updated, we ask that you contact Karen in the main office. If you have questions, view the parent portal guidelines and questions:

[**PARENT PORTAL USER GUIDE - UPDATED**](#)

[**PARENT PORTAL USER GUIDE \(SPANISH\)**](#)

[**FAMILY APP DIRECTIONS**](#)

All assignments for the 2022-2023 school year for grades 3-8 will be posted through a digital format. This may be done by a Google Site, Google Classroom, or Parent Portal. Your scholars' teacher will verify what format they intend to use. This will take the place of a formal agenda book that we have used in the past. It is your responsibility (as stated in the Parent Contract Agreement) to ensure all assignments that are posted have been completed and returned. We have found that often times our wonderful children will tell the parent it is done but in actuality, it is not and a blank assignment turned in. You want to check and verify it is completed and accurate.

YMCA After-School Care

If you are interested in your scholar receiving YMCA after school care, you can contact Rachele Wells they can email me at rachellewells@ymcatoledo.org or call me at 419-214-1875.

Bullying/Harassment Notification

Parents play an essential role in preventing bullying and in responding to their children's reports of bullying. To prevent their child from bullying another child, parents are encouraged to talk with their child about respecting others. In response to reports that their child has been or is being bullied, parents are encouraged to consider the following recommendations:

1. If your child experiences bullying at school, he/she should report it immediately to the teacher, counselor, or school administrator. Your child should also tell you, his parents about the incident.
2. If you as parents discover that your son or daughter is being bullied, you, as parents should contact the appropriate school officials (principal) and request an investigation.
3. Once the investigation is complete, you will be contacted to let you know the results of the investigation.

It is important that parents notify the school. I cannot stress this enough. I always mention the "snowball effect". Something that starts off extremely small can be easily rectified and stopped, however if we wait the effect of the situation will be far more serious.

Resources for Parents

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/what-is-bullying/index.html>

<http://www.thebullyproject.com/parents>

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/talking-about-it/index.html>

http://www.violencepreventionworks.org/public/bullying_tips_for_parents.page

<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/bullying.aspx>

Communication

It is very important that we stay connected. Please make sure that the front office has your most current contact information on file. Please make sure you read all your emails and follow us on social media. Listed below are different ways you can stay connected with Grove Patterson Academy.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Phone: 419.671.3350 Fax: 419.671.3395

3020 Marvin Avenue

Toledo, Ohio 43606

Teacher's Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:55am – 2:40 pm.

Teachers are teaching throughout the school day. They may not be able to respond to questions until they have a break. Teachers will offer office hours during the week. These times can be located on the teacher's google classroom page.

Questions submitted after 3:00 p.m. may not be answered until the next school day. We will try to return most messages within 24 hours.

School E-mail

See <https://www.grovecampsonpto.org/staff-directory>

School Website

<https://www.grovecampsonpto.org/>

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GrovePattersonPTO/>

GPA Communication/App.

Download the Grove Patterson Academy App in your App store.

District Communication

Download the Toledo Public Schools App in your App store.

Weekly Newsletter

Parents will receive the weekly parent newsletter via GPA App. It will also be posted online via our website. This newsletter contains important updates, school and district information, educational resources (link), and information about upcoming events, training, and workshops.



9/19 Picture Day

9/23 Wear Pink Day \$1 Donation (Donations go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation)

9/28 Parent Panel Meeting (Cancelled due to no referrals)

9/30 Dress Down for all students that returned lunch applications

10/3 Midterms Go Home

10/3 Happy Custodian Day Mr. Coogler!

10/6 PTO Meeting 6:15 p.m.

10/7 1st Friday Dress Down Day

10/14 End of Quarter 1 2-Hour Delay (No Breakfast)

10/18-10/19 3rd Grade Ohio Achievement Reading Test

10/17-21 School Bus Safety Week

10/21 Trunk or Treat

10/26-10/27 (No School for Students on 10/27)

10/28 No School

Title I Parent's Right to Know

As a parent/guardian with a student participating in a Title I funded program run by supported by Toledo Public School, you have the right to know the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must provide the following information to parents/guardians who ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher: • Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction. • Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements. • The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree. • Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. All requests must be made in writing and should include the following information: student's full name, legal parent/guardian's full name, address,

city, state, zip code and teacher's name. Your request can be sent to the Toledo Board of Education, Human Resources Department.