

July 2021

Dear Indian Springs families,

It is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Indian Springs community to a great school year ahead! I am looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year and all that it will bring for our school family. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing our building, classrooms and lesson plans to fulfill our District's mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. While it isn't quite time yet, please know we will be ready and waiting with enthusiasm for all to return in August.

Communication with our families is important to us and we have several places you can find back-to-school information now as well as gather pertinent information throughout the year. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resources and bookmark or download them.

Website: Bookmark [Indian Springs website](#). You will be able to retrieve building specific information here throughout the year. Additionally, you will find district-level news and contact information here.

OLSD App: If you have not already done so, please download the district's free mobile app, Olentangy Schools, at the Apple Store or at Google Play to stay connected with our schools. Once you download the app, select the school(s) you would like to follow. Doing so allows you to receive customizable news, calendars, and notifications including district and building level news on your mobile devices.

Schoology: Schoology is used for classroom level communication from teachers about assignments, activities, homework and other classroom events. Parents can also communicate with teachers directly through this system. Schoology may also be accessed through the district mobile app.

PowerSchool: PowerSchool is where parents will complete and update important electronic forms at the start of the year, pay fees, receive student grades and report cards and district- level reports and letters.

Understanding and using these various communication tools is the best way to stay in the know about events and information for not only our school but all of our Olentangy Schools.



Looking toward the start of another great school year, it is important to remember we want to give time for our students to gain some independence and build confidence in settling into their new school routines. We believe our students will be most successful if they are able to learn to take care of themselves and take pride in their independence. Thank you for partnering with us to build these skills in our students. Please note some of the following beginning of the year procedures:

Lunch/Recess: We ask that you please wait to come and eat lunch or attend recess with your child until Monday, September 27th. This will allow us the opportunity to help your child learn his/her school routine, establish consistency and begin to feel confident as students of Indian Springs.

Drop-off: 8:40

Dismissal: 3:30

As you begin to prepare for your own family's back-to-school routine, you may consider incorporating some of the following activities:

Reading: Read at home together at least 20 minutes each day, making it a fun, family tradition.

Sleep: Getting a good night's sleep is an essential key to a productive day for each of us. Establishing a school bedtime routine, a week or two before the beginning of school makes adjusting to the school year easier for everyone in your home.

Healthy start: Planning ahead to start each day with a healthy breakfast helps ensure that your child has a great day at school and can focus on the day ahead.

Once again, I am excited for another year at Indian Springs and I look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 19. If you have any questions you may contact me at chris_heuser@olsd.us or 740-657-4950.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Chris Heuser
Principal
Indian Springs Elementary