

July 2022

Dear Arrowhead families,

It is our pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Arrowhead community to a great school year ahead! We are looking forward to the 2022-2023 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 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 ([Arrowhead Elementary](#)) 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 ([OLSD App](#)), 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 and set push notifications. 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 can 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. The district's mass notification system is integrated with PowerSchool and the contact information provided on the emergency medical form, so please make sure your information is accurate and updated throughout the year. New families should opt in to the district's text messaging service by texting YES to 87569.



Social Media: The district Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and podcast pages share what makes Olentangy unique and special. Follow social media here:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/olentangyschools/

Twitter - [@olentangysd](https://twitter.com/olentangysd)

Instagram - [@olentangylocalschools](https://www.instagram.com/olentangylocalschools)

LinkedIn – Olentangy Local School District

YouTube - www.youtube.com/user/OlentangySchools

Podcast - rss.com/podcasts/helloolentangy/

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

As is the case with any new school year, we are welcoming some new staff members to the Arrowhead team. Please join us in welcoming:

Dr. Michael Warren – Principal
Carrie Williams – Secretary
Jennifer Collins – Secretary Aide
Janine Bachman – Gifted
Grant Woerndle – Intervention Specialist
Jen Ritter – Part Time Intervention Specialist
Lauren Anderson – Intervention Specialist MD Unit
Shrithy Dulipyata – Intervention Specialist Aide
Patricia Petre – PE
Emily Shafer – Part Time Psychologist
Tariq Oulidi – School Liaison

Additionally, some of our favorite familiar faces will be working in new areas. Please join me in welcoming these staff members to their new roles:

Brittany Hicks – 5th Grade
Heidi McDowell – Literacy Support
Kelly Lyle – Math Specialist
Katie Tourville – Returning as our full time Music teacher

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, your children. 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 Tuesday, September 6. 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 Arrowhead.

Drop-off: 8:50 a.m. pull in the side parking lot and a staff member will be out there to help direct your child into the building. Please note the school doors are locked at all times. We do not have staff on duty to open doors for students prior to 8:50 a.m. arrival time.

Dismissal: 3:45 p.m. If you are picking up your child(ren), please pull in the side parking lot and a staff member will direct you to a parking spot along the sidewalk where you will stay in your car and wait while they call into the school and have your child sent out to you.

Cool Facts About Arrowhead: Arrowhead was built in 1998. It was the third Olentangy elementary school to open. We are the Arrowhead Hawks and our colors are blue and orange. You can follow up on Instagram @arrowheadelementaryolsd to gain an inside peek into the exciting things that happen at Arrowhead.

Other: For the safety of our students and all children, we appreciate your cooperation with building safety procedures. Arrowhead Elementary is locked during the school day, so please use the call button located outside the front door in order to enter the building. Please make sure to always stop in the office and sign in and sign out, regardless of the length of your visit. Please be cognizant of the children in the neighborhood that are walking and biking to and from school and all posted speed limits. Parking in the fire lane is strictly prohibited. We also ask that parents not leave children under the age of 12 unattended in vehicles in the AES parking lot regardless of the length of your visit. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Dates to mark in your calendar include:

- August 16 – Open House
- August 18 – First Day of School
- August 25 – Curriculum Night, K-2
- September 1 – Curriculum Night, 3-5

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates:

- October 11 & 13 – Fall Conferences 4:45PM – 8:00PM
- March 1 & 9 – Spring Conferences 4:45PM – 8:00PM



Testing Dates:

Second Grade – February 22-March 3

Third Grade – October 19-25, February 22-March 3 and April 5-May 8

Fourth Grade – April 5-May 8

Fifth Grade – April 5-May 8

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, we are excited for another year at Arrowhead Elementary. If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher first and then our front office. I look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 18. If you have any questions, you may contact us at Michael_Warren@olsd.us or Nicole_Evans@olsd.us or call 740-657-4650.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Hawks!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Warren
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