

July 2023

Dear Scioto Ridge families,

It is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Scioto Ridge community to another great school year ahead! We are looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year and all that it will bring for our school family. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing 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 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 [Scioto Ridge 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, from the App Store or 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 in grades 3-5 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.

Seesaw: Young learners in grades K-2 can capture and showcase their learning with ease using Seesaw. Parents are able to engage in their child's learning, view their child's work, provide motivation and encouragement, and communicate with teachers.

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 back-to-school



forms so please make sure 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: Instagram is used to share pictures and school activities. Follow us @sciotoridgeelementaryolsd and be sure to follow our PTO Facebook page www.facebook.com/SRESPTO

The district Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and podcast share what makes Olentangy unique and special. Follow Olentangy Schools 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](https://www.linkedin.com/company/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 schools across the district.

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

Emily Koblens – Kindergarten Grade Teacher

Kirsten Veith – 3rd Grade Teacher

Allison Cline – 4th Grade Teacher

Keely Rose – 4th Grade Teacher

Ellie Roberts – 5th Grade Teacher

Chandra Earp – School Psychologist

Brooke Mangas – Intervention Specialist

Ashley Focht – Intervention Specialist

Elizabeth Paden – Intervention Specialist

Holly Paglia – Intervention Specialist

Nathan Traini – Intervention Specialist SLC

Desiree Murphy – Intervention Aide

Betsy Compton – Intervention Aide

Sean Harrison – Intervention Aide



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:

Ashley Hoskin – Kindergarten Teacher
Bekah Barth – 1st Grade Teacher

Susan Stanley – 4th Grade Teacher
Erica Minniti – Media Specialist

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:

Drop-off: 8:40 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

Dates to mark in your calendar include:

August 10 – Kindergarten Open House from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

August 15 – 1st – 5th Open House from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

August 17 – First Day of School

August 24 – Curriculum Night, K-2 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

August 31 – Curriculum Night, 3-5 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates:

October 17th and 18th from 4:45 pm – 8:15 pm

February 7th and 8th from 4:45 pm – 8:15 pm

Testing Dates:

Second Grade – February 26-March 7

Third Grade – October 25-31, February 26-March 7, and April 4-May 7

Fourth Grade – April 4-May 7

Fifth Grade – April 4-May 7

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 Scioto Ridge 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. We look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 17. If you have any questions you may contact Mrs. Nyquist at patricia_nyquist@olsd.us 740-657-4801 or Mrs. Cooper at nichole_cooper@olsd.us 740-657-4802.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Rams!

Sincerely,
Patty Nyquist and Nichole Cooper
Principal & Assistant Principal
Scioto Ridge Elementary