

July 2023

Dear Cheshire families,

It is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Cheshire community to another 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 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 where 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 [Cheshire 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:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and the podcast share what makes Olentangy unique and special. Follow Olentangy Schools social media here:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/olentangyschools/](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/user/OlentangySchools)

Podcast - [rss.com/podcasts/helloolentangy/](http://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 Cheshire team. Please join us in welcoming:

Lexi Grim – Kindergarten  
Ashley Lyle – Kindergarten  
Olivia Goodnight – Kindergarten  
Ann Witherow – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Emily LaCorte – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Sheryl Drewyor – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Angela Rietschlin – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Spencer Doyle – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Emily McBride – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Maryann Cunningham – Intervention  
Bonnie Ma – Intervention  
Grace Thomas – Intervention  
Florence Lo - ELL

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:

Delaney Boucher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

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 Cheshire Elementary.

**Drop-off: 8:55 am, doors will be unlocked at this time**

**Dismissal: 3:45 pm**

Dates to mark in your calendar include:

- August 15 – Open House
- August 17 – First Day of School
- August 24 – Curriculum Night, K-2
- August 31 – Curriculum Night, 3-5

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 Cheshire 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 at school, Thursday, August 17. If you have any questions, you may contact me at [anthony\\_elkins@olsd.us](mailto:anthony_elkins@olsd.us) or 740-657-5750.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Cubs!

Kind Regards,

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