

SEPTEMBER
2023

PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY



HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

Update from the principal:

We have had a great first few days with the students. A new morning routine has been implemented this year called PowWow. Students meet in the cafeteria each morning for announcements, reviewing expectations, singing happy birthday, important updates, etc. Our building-wide expectations are centered around our 3 School Rules: Respectful, Responsible and Safe, which is part of our Park Avenue pledge we recite during PowWow each morning.

Wampums, our school-wide shout outs, can be earned for demonstrating expected behaviors throughout the building. Any staff member can give any student a Wampum, and once earned the student places it in their grade level jar in the office. On Fridays during PowWow, we will draw names of students from each grade level of submitted Wampums, and those students will get to select a prize from our prize cart! Wampums and Morning PowWow are a few of the ways we are creating a sense of community within our building. So far, I have witnessed lots of excitement as new relationships are being formed between peers, and with staff members.

In addition to Wampums, students who are consistently demonstrating our school-wide expectations, will have the opportunity to earn our Quarterly Rewards trips. More information regarding these trips will come out soon. We will also begin a monthly grade-level competition, where the homeroom in each grade level that has the best attendance for the month will earn a class party!

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Ally Schleichert

UPCOMING DATES:

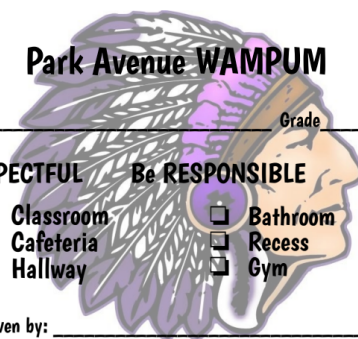
- 9/18- PTO LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER
- 9/19- MGEVSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING- 7PM HS COMMUNITY ROOM
- 9/21-JIM BASKETBALL JONES ASSEMBLY
- 9/22- 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 9/28- RESCHEDULED PICTURE DAY!
- 10/6- MIDTERMS
- 10/6- PTO TAILGATE FEST

Park Avenue WAMPUM

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

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| Be RESPECTFUL | Be RESPONSIBLE | Be SAFE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria | <input type="checkbox"/> Recess | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hallway | <input type="checkbox"/> Gym | |

Given by: _____



COUNSELOR'S CORNER MRS. KARA STRINE



Hello! I am very happy to be returning to Park Avenue as the school counselor after a 3 year absence. This will be my 21st year in education and my 7th year as a school counselor. My husband and I live just outside Morrow County. We are a farm family with three kids. Our youngest is a sophomore at The Ohio State University. Our oldest is pursuing his Ph.D at Purdue and our daughter is a recent OSU graduate. My services at Park Avenue include monthly classroom lessons focusing on our character trait of the month, small skill-focused groups with topics including friendship, worry, self-regulation, social skills, among many others. Finally I meet with students one-on-one as needed. I want the students to see me as trusted adult always ready to listen.



MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT OVERVIEW: **RESPECT**

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Family Respect Pursuit: Review Respect as a family! In our lessons we are teaching that Respect means to see value in people and things and treat them with care. Agree as a family to set aside a certain time each day this month to unplug from devices and plug into family time. It shows Respect to practice being present in the moment without the distractions that can come from technology. Debrief and discuss this challenge afterward. Consider embracing this practice at least 1 day each week!

Reminders:

Tardy Bell: 7:50am

Dismissal: 2:30pm

The front loop of the building is a FIRE LANE. This cannot be blocked for extended periods of time. If you are parking there prior to 7:25am, or 2:20pm we will ask you to move.



UPDATE FROM OUR FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

Our food service director will begin the extra snack options at lunch this month, like we had available last year. Snacks will be offered daily at lunch time, and students will have to have money with them or on their lunch account to purchase the extra snacks. Assorted chips, Fruit by the foot, Fruit Roll Ups will be 1.00. Also available will be Grandma's chocolate chip cookies, Grandma's brownie cookies, and Rice Krispie treats for \$1.50. Any questions pertaining to our food service, should be directed to Autumn Pauley, apauley@mgschools.org.