



Indian Springs Elementary
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Dear Indian Springs families,

It is our pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Indian Springs community to a great school year ahead! We are looking forward to the 2024-2025 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 [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, 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 79041.



Possip: Monthly “pulse check” text surveys will be sent straight to your phone. The survey is only two questions with an option to provide additional feedback. Parent feedback can be seen by schools in a weekly report, and trends on what’s going well and what families need can be identified.

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/

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 Indian Springs team. Please join us in welcoming:

Kelly Loehr, Kindergarten Teacher
Grace Hake, 1st Grade Teacher
Lisa Hricisin, 2nd Grade Teacher
Gabby Goodrich, 2nd Grade Teacher
Kendall Warner, 4th Grade Teacher
Amy Kleinhans, Intervention
Rhianna Kanzeg Burt, ELL
Jeanna Kharchlava, Cafeteria

We are excited for the following staff members that are changing roles within the building:

Sharon Hanson, ELL
Caroline Crandall, 5th Grade Teacher
Paul Thompson, 5th Grade 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 with your child until September 23rd. 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

Dates to mark in your calendar include:

- August 12 – Kindergarten Open House
- August 13 – Open House for Grades 1-5
- August 15 – First Day of School
- August 22 – Curriculum Night, K-2
- August 29 – Curriculum Night, 3-5

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates:

- October 10 – Grades 3-5
- October 15 – Grades 1-5
- October 16 – Grades 1-5
- November 19 – Kindergarten
- November 21 – Kindergarten
- March 12 – Grades K-2
- March 13 – Grades K-5

Testing Dates:

- Second Grade – February 24-March 7
- Third Grade – October 22-28, February 24-March 7 and April 3-May 7
- Fourth Grade – April 3-May 7
- Fifth Grade – April 3-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 great year at Indian Springs 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 15. If you have any questions, you may contact us at chris_heuser@olsd.us, rebecca_slater@olsd.us, or 740-657-4950.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Squirrels!

Sincerely,

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