

Tep Talk for Powers Parents

07/02/24 Edition

Incoming Kindergartener for Fall 2024

If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in the Fall 2024, please be sure to follow the few steps below to ensure we are ready for them!

1. Please ensure your child is fully registered through the district website as follows:
<https://www.amherstk12.org/district/enrollment>
2. Once registered, please complete the Google Form to sign up for kindergarten screening before school starts. All kindergarteners need to be screened for the start of their school year. Please sign up through the following link: [Kindergarten Screening Sign Up - Fall 2024](#)
3. Please make note of the important dates below. Kindergarten class list will be posted August 23rd at 3:30pm.

Important August Dates at Powers Elementary School

14 - Popsicles w/Principals at 6:00pm at the Powers big playground

16 - Gr. 1-3 Class Lists Posted at 3:30pm

19, 21, 22 - Kindergarten Screening

20 - **1ST- 3rd grade Open House** (4:00-5:00pm)

21 – First Day of School (Gr. 1-3)

22, 23, 26 - Preschool Screening

23 - Kindergarten Class Lists Posted at 3:30pm

26 - Preschool Orientation Parent Only (10:00am)

28 - PreK & Kinder Open House (4:30-5:30PM)

27 - A-M K 1st Day (Orientation 9AM – 10AM)

28 - N-Z K 1st Day (Orientation 9AM – 10AM)

29 - 1st Day All Kindergarten Students

29 - 1st Day of Preschool

Quarter 4 Report Cards

eReports cards are available through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please follow the screenshot to the right for directions. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact the office.

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Our SuperPowers are.... School Pride - Kindness - Respect - Responsibility

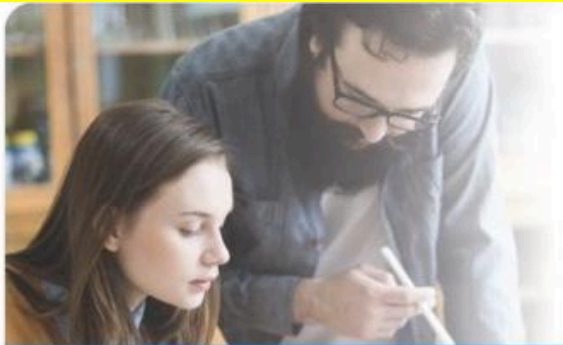
HOW TO VIEW REPORT CARDS IN POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

STEP 1: Sign In to PowerSchool



STEP 2: Find your student at the top of the page and click the Report Card icon





OhioGuidestone

WHERE NEW PATHS BEGIN

Triple P Positive Parenting Program



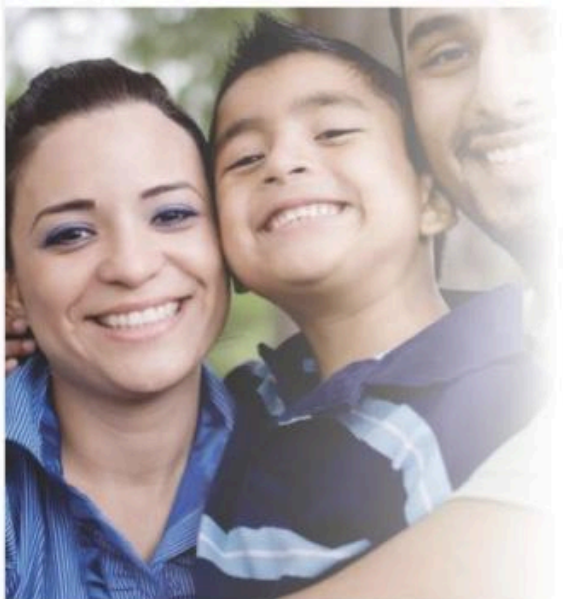
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Discussion Group by Zoom
Thursdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

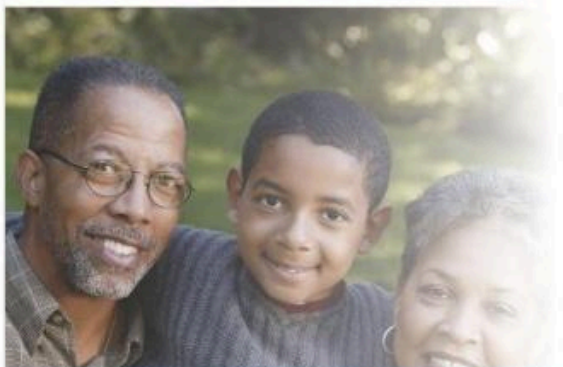
June 13, 20, 27
Register by June 3

Managing Fighting and Aggression
Dealing with Disobedience
Developing Good Bedtime Routines

This Program is for Lorain County Residents with
children aged 12 and under



Raising children can be stressful. Triple P Positive Parenting Program teaches parents strategies to help manage their children's challenging behaviors, help them learn, and motivate them to do their best.



To Register contact:
Evelyn Zwolinski 216-372-7655





Children's Summer Support Group

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8-12

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EMOTIONS AND
COPING SKILLS,
FRIENDSHIPS, &
MORE

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GET SIGNED UP!

Summer Food Resources



Summer EBT

Summer EBT provides grocery-buying benefits to families with school aged children with incomes at or below 185% of the federal poverty level when schools are closed for the summer. Benefits will come in the form of pre-loaded cards that families can use to purchase groceries. Families will receive a one-time benefit of \$120 for the summer, this represents \$40 for each month of June, July and August. These benefits work together with other available FNS nutrition assistance programs, such as summer meal sites, SNAP, and WIC, to help ensure kids have consistent access to critical nutrition when school is out.

For more info: ohiosummerebt.org

Summer Meal Program

All children ages 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. Some individuals ages 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities are also eligible for free summer meals.

For more info: **1-866-3-HUNGRY (486479)**

USDA Summer Meal Site Finder:
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>

CHA's Summer Meal Sites:
<https://childrenshungeralliance.org/summer/>

Foodbanks & Food Pantries

Foodbanks and pantries provide food and other resources to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

Find a foodbank or food pantry by calling your local 2-1-1, or searching the Ohio Association of Foodbanks map here: <https://ohiofoodbanks.org/foodbanks/>

Produce Perks

The Produce Perks program provides a \$1-for-\$1 match on SNAP/EBT purchases for fruits and vegetables. No sign up required to participate in the program. Simply show up at the participating farmers' market or grocery store with your EBT card, and you're ready to go!

Locations: <https://produceperks.org/locations/>



**FREE
DIGITAL**

PK-12

SUMMER READING



Sora

discover age-appropriate ebooks, audiobooks and more from their school library.

Highlights

fiction and nonfiction stories on topics such as animals, science, and sports.

Capstone Interactive

A library of more than 800 unlimited use, interactive eBooks on the topics of science and social studies.

Bookflix

Paired fiction and nonfiction popular texts that engage readers and support literacy.

**Video
Tutorial**



please email amanda_sears with any questions

SUMMER MATH FUN



This is your chance to make mathematics fun & engaging for your child. The only prerequisite is a willingness and interest in having the family enjoy math together. Here are some tips & resources to get started.



AROUND THE HOUSE

Incorporate math into daily activities at home by engaging in cooking together to practice recipe measurements and timing, discussing time management for daily routines including travel time, and exploring size and shape through activities like sorting items in your pantry, linen closet, junk drawer, etc by size and shape.



OUT & ABOUT

Engage in math outside by hunting for numbers on signs, in stores, and in various places, counting visible objects like people or cars, and discussing journey planning involving distance, time, and directions, while also estimating quantities such as houses on a street, the population of a town, or how far away the next house is.



GAMES

From counting to strategic thinking, traditional dice, card and board games make learning math enjoyable and interactive for everyone at home. Try a few of our family's favorites: Dominoes, Tri-ominos, Uno, Tenzi, Farkle, Yahtzee, Set, Skip-Bo, Phase-10, Rack-O, Blink, Mathable, Shut the Box, Qwirkle, Monopoly, Bingo, Mancala, Othello



IN LITERATURE

Engage in math during cozy storytime by discussing elements in the story, like identifying shapes, colors, patterns and counting objects together that appear in the pictures. Older children can analyze data and graphs presented in the newspaper, magazines, websites, etc.



HOBBIES

Integrate math into hobbies by discussing scoring and measurements in sports, angles shooting pool, counting beats and observing patterns in dance or music, sorting and classifying collections, and identifying numbers and measurements in TV shows, such as scoring in competitions or ingredient measurements in cooking shows.



MONEY & FINANCES

Engage your older children in finances by giving them a budget for shopping, planning a family vacation or outing, visiting the bank with you to explore credits and debits, involve them in conversations around income versus expenses and knowing what you can afford, and participation in paying bills and understanding interest rates.



IN-PERSON CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

B.W. University Community Stem Initiatives offers full-day, 1/2-day, & partial-day camps in a variety of STEM topics this summer. Through hands-on activities, these camps encourage boundless curiosity aimed to instill a lifelong passion for learning. Discover all the STEM & STEAM camp offerings at <https://bit.ly/dclSTEMsummer>



FREE VIRTUAL CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

B.G.S.U. Virtual Summer Enrichment Camps

- For students entering grades 3-8, camps are offered in mathematics/science and in language arts/social studies
- For students entering grades 9-12, there is a camp for Forensic Science and one called "Future Med: Exploring Health Careers"

When engaging with mathematics at home please remember to always keep it playful, curious, & nonjudgemental. Contact Maureen Wolfe, Math Instructional Coach, for additional ways to nurture the next generation of math thinkers, problem solvers & innovators.



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Prevent the Summer Slide

What is the Summer Slide?

Children tend to lose reading (and math) skills over the summer when they are not used. This tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss each year. A recent study of children in 3rd to 5th grades also showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer break. Reading just 6 books or just 20 minutes per day can help prevent the summer slide.

Reading Skills:

- [Nessy Summer Pack](#)
- [Read Not Guess](#)
- [Heggerty Summer Support](#)
- [FCRR Student Center Activities](#)
- Play [Bananagrams](#)
- [UFLI Foundations Decodable Passages](#)

Comprehension Skills:

- [Start With a Book](#)
- [Learning Ally](#)
- Play [Headbandz](#), [Boggle](#), or [Apples to Apples](#)
- Read aloud to your child and talk about the book.

Shows That Promote Literacy:

- [Reading Buddies](#)
- [Word World](#)
- [Between the Lions](#)
- [Reading Rainbow](#)
- [Storyline Online](#)

Fun Tidbits:

- Reading aloud to your child helps build comprehension, background knowledge, and vocabulary.
- If a child memorizes ten words, then the child can read ten words. But, if the child can learn the sounds of ten letters, the child can read 350 three sound words, 4,320 four sound words, and 21,650 five sound words.

Amherst Public Library

- [Summer Reading Program](#)
- [Storytime in the Park](#)
- [Canine Reading Buddies](#)
- [Waddlers Story Time](#)



Contact literacy coaches, Breanna Carden or Natalie Hostutler with questions!



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FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: 1st - 6th

Location: Nord Middle School
501 Lincoln Street, Amherst, OH 44001

Date: June 3 - 7, 2024

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$270 (before discount)

Camp Director: Erin Kinser | campinventionamherst@gmail.com | (440) 988-4441

School to Home: Literacy Connection



Sound/Syllable Hopscotch



Grab some chalk and draw a hopscotch board. Have your child hop and say the individual sounds or syllables in a word. For example, "jump" would get 4 hops (/j/, /u/, /m/, /p/) if you're counting sounds or 1 hop if you're counting syllables.

For more practical ways to enhance foundational literacy skills at home with your elementary age children, email Literacy Coach, Breanna Carden at breanna_carden@amherst.k12.org

