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DENTZLER ELEMENTARY

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Dentzler earned an overall 5-star rating on the 2023 ODEW School Report Card

Dentzler Elementary - 2023-24 National ESEA Distinguished School

Dentzler PTA - 2023-2025 National School of Excellence

PSCD - Top 7% of Improving School Districts in Ohio"

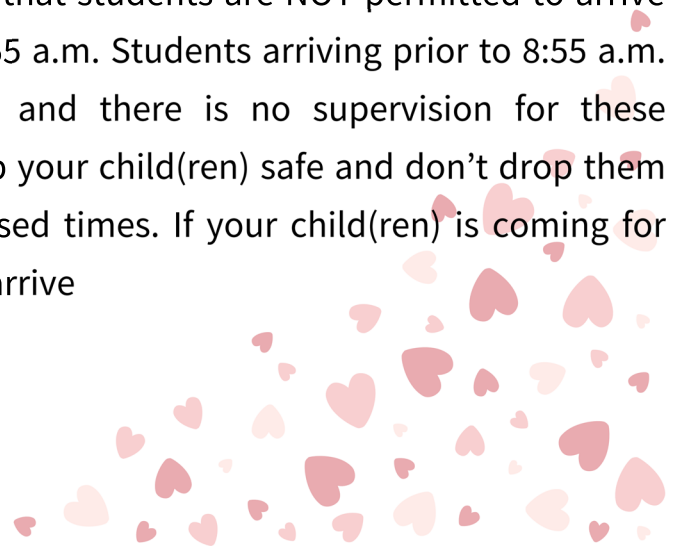
A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DZURNAK

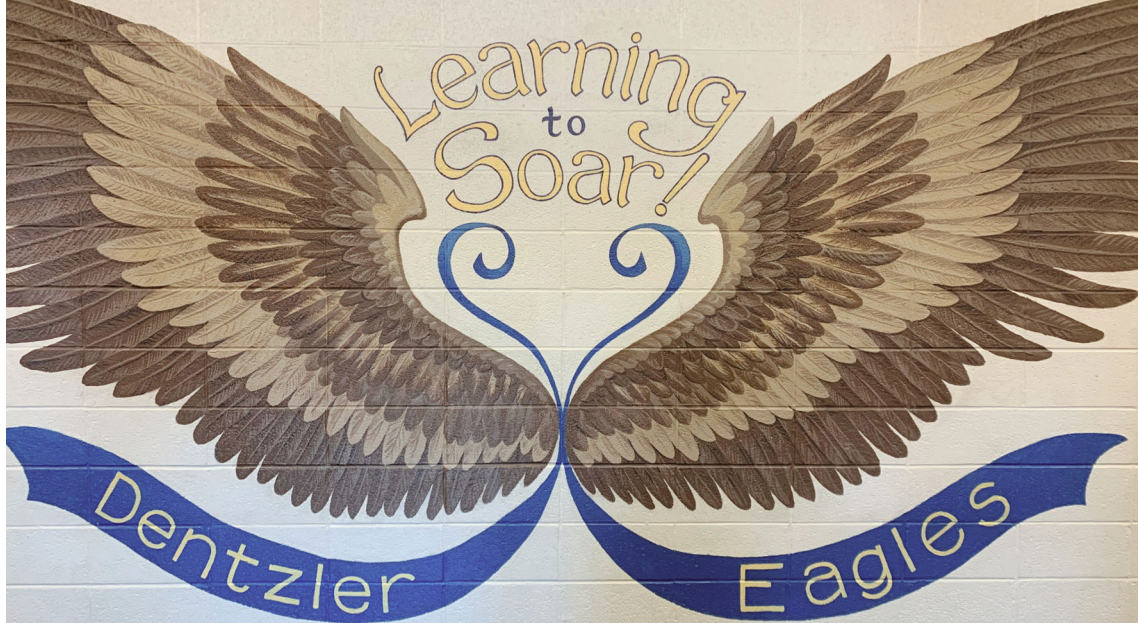
No School

Classes will not be in session on Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.

Morning Arrival

Please keep in mind that students are NOT permitted to arrive to school prior to 8:55 a.m. Students arriving prior to 8:55 a.m. will remain outside and there is no supervision for these children. Please keep your child(ren) safe and don't drop them off during unsupervised times. If your child(ren) is coming for breakfast, they may arrive at 8:55 a.m. as well.





FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

BEHAVIOR STRATEGIES PARENTS CAN USE TODAY

Think about things your child really enjoys and finds rewarding or motivating. What are a few of your child's favorite activities?

1. Keep in mind your child's strengths and interests. Set aside time to spend with your child when they are engaged in activities that matter to them.
2. Establish clear expectations at home. Keep your "house rules" similar to school expectations. The key is to be fair and age appropriate when you reinforce the expectations.
3. Create routines for your family. Organize the day so your child knows what is happening. Give your child a helpful transition warning to let them know what is coming next.
4. Anticipate challenges and plan accordingly. Preventing challenging behavior is easier than addressing it in the moment. Know what things or times of day trigger your child to engage in challenging behavior. Choose activities where your child will experience success.
5. Try to be consistent and know how you are going to react. Say what you mean and mean what you say.
6. Model the behavior you want your child to learn.
7. Communicate clearly what behavior you want your child to demonstrate. Phrase directions in the positive, telling your child what you want them to do, not what you don't want them to.
8. Talk about feelings and use visuals to help your child understand. Tell them you understand how they feel.
9. Look behind the behavior and see what your child may be trying to tell you. Try to remember that however a child is behaving, the child is doing the best he or she can at that moment.
10. Use positive reinforcement often. Genuine, specific praise has a powerful effect on your children's behavior. This includes their efforts to work hard at following your directions and any small steps in the right direction.

ENCORE - MUSIC

Music & Choir

Our Dentzler Choir is very excited to be rehearsing every Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15 to 8:50 a.m. We are preparing many songs to share our singing at the PCSD Pierogi Dinner on March 7, 2025. Our performance will be in the Normandy High School Auditorium, and our time is set for 5:20 p.m., but our choir members will need to be there at 5:00 p.m. If you'd like to hear them sing at the Pierogi Dinner, we'd like to see you there, and remember, you don't need to purchase a Pierogi Dinner to listen to our choir sing. After March 7th, we will continue rehearsing every Wednesday and Friday mornings to prepare for our concert at Normandy High School on May 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Encore Music

Our Dentzler music classes continue to utilize "QuaverEd: Music" to explore many concepts and skills in music. Some of these include:

4th Grade: Note durations, Tempos, Timbre, Orchestra and Band Instruments, Fretted Instruments, Chords, and Harmony. We are also planning to use QuaverMusic's Guitar Course to learn to play basic guitar in our 4th grade music classes.

3rd Grade: The Classical Period (composers/orchestra/music), Dynamics, and more Rhythm,

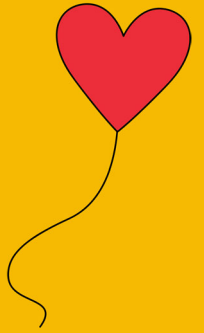
2nd Grade: The Baroque Period (composers/orchestra/music), Dynamics, and Singing more Solfège.

1st Grade: Exploring our voices (whisper, talk, shout, and sing), Pitches and Intervals, Sound and Rest, Loud and Soft.

Kindergarten: Using our voices to explore: High and Low Pitches, Melodic Contour, Patterns of 2, 3, and 4, Intro to Instrument Families.

PARMA PIEROGI DINNER

"Partners in Education" (PIE) will hold their annual Pierogi/Fish dinner on Friday, March 7. Dine-in and take out will be available. Our fantastic Dentzler choir will be performing that evening as well. Follow the newsletters and Eagle Edition for more details as the event gets closer. We will be selling Pierogi Dinner tickets at the building. Thank you for your support.



HOME LIAISON

Welcome to February! I hope you have had a great start to the year as we settle into February. We have coats for students available at Dentzler, if your family is in need.

We have multiple counseling resources available if you feel that is something that would benefit your child. We are here to support you in any way that is needed. Please feel free to reach out to me by email at eland@parmacityschools.org or call at 440-843-8979 if your family needs any assistance.

LETS TALK ABOUT ATTENDANCE:

Between the cold weather and all the germs going around, getting to school can be challenging. Nonetheless, being in school is important. Just missing 2 days a month can impact a child's ability to read. If you have any questions about attendance or need help please reach out to Ms. Eland at 440-843-8979.

What You Can Do

It's important to keep track of how many days your child is actually missing. There are also things you can do to help your child want to go to school, or at least not try to avoid it:

- Talk with your child. Try to find out the reason for missing school. Together, you can try to brainstorm some solutions.
- Call the school and talk with an adult who knows your child like their teacher, school counselor, administrator.. Find out what the school can do to help.
- Get tips on [how to respond when kids say they don't want to go to school.](#)

ENGLISH LEARNERS

As we start the month of February, the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) testing will begin. Each current EL student will take four state tests: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking for the assessment of their English Language Proficiency levels. The test is graded on a 5 point system. Each domain will be scored as 1-Beginning, 2- Early Intermediate, 3- Intermediate, 4- Advanced and 5- Proficient. Students who test overall as Proficient will exit the EL program and will no longer receive services. We will get the results of these tests by the end of the school year and use the scores to determine next year's EL groups. A copy of the results will be sent home with the EL students' end of year reports.

We are proud of the progress our EL learners have made this year. Many of our newcomers began this school year without any English vocabulary and are now beginning to speak in phrases and in some cases, writing English sentences. The EL teachers closely monitor the progress on Lexia of each of their EL students. In many cases, students have leveled up in Lexia numerous times this semester. Dentzler's multilingual students are phenomenal!



F.A.S.T.

Our Dentzler FAST program has already completed its first round in the Fall. We graduated with 8 families. Families love the FAST program and have grown closer as a family. We will be hosting another session in the Spring. There will be a flier coming home with your child in March with more details. Our FAST sessions are offered to students in grades K-4 and are held on Wednesday evenings at the school. It is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to spend quality time together, make projects/crafts, talk, interact with other families, eat dinner and grow as a Dentzler community. Please reach out with any questions that you may have.

SECOND STEP

As part of our PBIS Initiative at Dentzler, our teachers have been infusing a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum into their daily routines. With a lesson focused on each week, this curriculum teaches our students important skills such as how to have empathy, emotion management, problem solving skills, friendship skills, and responsibility.

The weekly focus for each lesson varies. Each grade level is focusing on the end of Unit 2 which is based on Empathy, and the beginning of Unit 3 which focuses on Emotion Management. Please talk with your child about these lessons, it will help to reinforce them at home! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Kindergarten: Accidents, Caring and Helping, We Feel Feelings in Our Bodies, Managing Frustration, Calming Down Strong Feelings

1st Grade: Accidents, Showing Care and Concern, Identifying Our Own Feelings, Strong Feelings, Calming Down Anger

2nd Grade: Showing Compassion, Predicting Feelings, Introducing Emotion Management, Managing Embarrassment, Handling Making Mistakes

3rd Grade: Showing Compassion, Making Friends, Introducing Emotion Management, Managing Test Anxiety, Handling Accusations

4th Grade: Avoid Jumping to Conclusion, Handling Put-Downs, Handling Put-Downs, Solving Problems, Making a Plan

Kindergarten



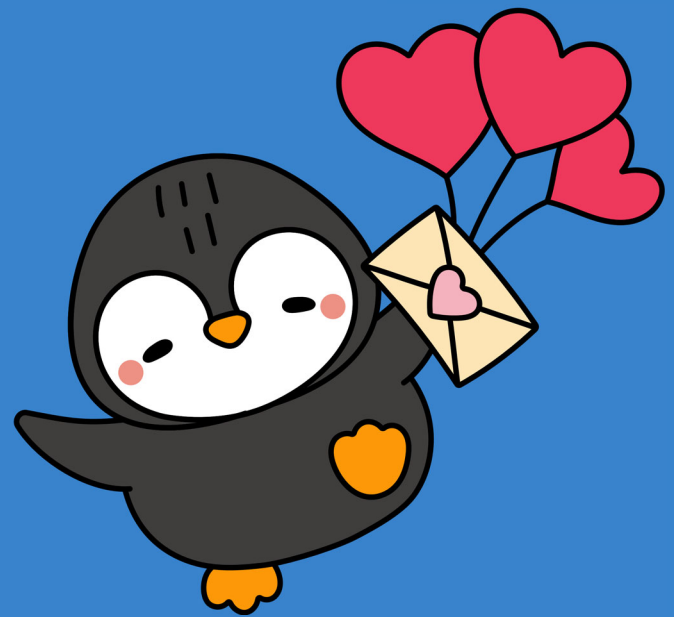
Register Today!

PCSD
Parma City School District

- **Free** all-day Kindergarten
- Extended day child care before and after school
- **Traditional Kindergarten** or **Kindergarten STEM** available

Convenient Online Registration Process:
parmacityschools.org/registration or call (440) 885-8796 to register in-person

parmacityschools.org/registration



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians wishing to pre-register their child going into kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year will be able to complete the online registration process beginning January 1.

Parents must have A COPY of the following documents scanned and available to pre-register for kindergarten online:

- Student's birth certificate
- Student's immunization record
- Two documents proving residency (must not be older than 60 days):
Electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet, monthly mortgage statement, or lease or bank statement.
- Parent/guardian Photo ID
- Custody Papers (if applicable)
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Evaluation Team Report (ETR) or 504 (If applicable)

Children age 5 by September 30th, **may** enter Kindergarten.

Children age 6 by September 30th, **must** enter Kindergarten.

HOMework CENTER AT CCPL

Our Student Success Center program helps students in grades K – 8 improve their grades and subject comprehension. Student Success Centers are available at 10 branches. Students who participate in the program receive homework assistance and/or academic enrichment from each of our centers' staff in English language arts, math, reading, science and social studies.

Each Homework Center session is 1 hour and 15 minutes. Registration is required.

Learn more about CCPL Homework Centers and register your child at:

<https://cuyahogalibrary.org/services/student-success/homework-help>

DENTZLER'S 24-25 STUDENT COUNCIL

Bender

Jayden Tran & Ella Manco

Malone

Abira Adhikari & Artem Gorlach

Mudra

Ellie Haluszka & Makenna Prete

Ware

Luke Walters & Nova Vermeulen

Gruttadauria

Harper Maier & Logan Veverka

Davidson

Zain Alsadiq & Alaina Dombrowski

O'Malley

Alexis Gibbons & Parker Pajestka

Schmidt:

Relja Bicanin & Felicity Kucinic

Adrovet

Nicholas Sivik & Grace Moore

Hausler

Halen Murphy & Nami Espiritu

Kciuk

Ahmad Alrashdan & Aydah Khalid

Paltani

Reem Alasali & Austin Feiler

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council met to talk about 2025 New Year's Resolutions. Representatives focused on goals for the entire school. Some of the goals were "earn Dentzler dollars", "be kind", and "try your best". Students wrote these goals down and they are displayed on the Student Council bulletin board for all to see!

SAFETY PATROL

Safety patrol members continue to work hard everyday. We will be having our next meeting soon and will update posts for the third quarter, adjusting as needed and requested.

Remember to dress appropriately with the weather and to always wear your belt.

Respect is earned, not given so always treat others with respect and kindness.






Congratulations to Guards of the Month: Ayva Williamson, Kai Caraballo, Iris Gordan and Dominic Greene

Congratulations to our third quarter

Captain: Sophia Castellano Ortega

Lieutenant: Ahmad Alrashdan

The Dentzler Way

| | RESPECTFUL | RESPONSIBLE | READY |
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| | We will treat everyone the way we want to be treated. | We will do the right thing even when no one is watching. | We will perform our best because we are prepared. |
|  Hallway | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect personal space and keep hands, feet, objects to self | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single, straight, and silent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk with a purpose to your designated area |
|  Bathroom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' privacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flush the toilet Leave the bathroom clean Use a voice level 0-1 Soap and water to wash hands Head back to class | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to class quickly |
|  Cafeteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words and actions with all adults and students Eat your own food | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit at your assigned table Clean up your area Talk at a level 1-2 while eating Raise your hand for assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait patiently in line Enter and exit the cafeteria at level 0 |
|  Classroom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite and friendly to others Show respect to others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow classroom rules Take care of classroom and supplies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all assignments Do your personal best Be prepared |
|  Recess | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to all adults Use kind words and actions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be safe Share and take care of equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line up when given a signal |

January's Super Soaring Eagles

Braylen Mullins - Kindergarten

Lexi Mullins - First Grade

Viviann Chaloupka &

Artur Banakh - Second Grade

Maxym Horoshko - Third Grade

Jacob Price - Fourth Grade

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Wed., Feb. 12** - PCPTA Meeting - 7:00 Normandy

• **Mon., Feb. 17** - No School - President's Day

• **Tues., Feb. 18** - PTA Family Game Night - 6:00

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• **Wed. Feb. 26** - PCPTA Reflections Night - 6:30 VF

• **March 3-7** - PTA Book Fair

• **Fri., Mar. 7** - Pierogi Dinner 3:00-7:00 Normandy

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