



Krystle George, Principal
Clara Westropp Elementary School

Dear Parents,

This year we will continue to be a **phone-free space** to improve teaching and learning, using cell phone lock boxes to facilitate an engaged learning environment. This also makes sure that we are compliant with the cell phone ban that was implemented last year in the state of Ohio.

We believe that phones are of great utility. We have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

Students will turn in their cell phones at the front door upon arrival. They will be placed in lock boxes where they will remain until students leave at the end of the school day. If a parent picks a student up early, they will be given their phone at that time.

Over 900 school partners were recently surveyed to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

-65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance

-74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior

-83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 216-838-6250.

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to the main office at 216-838-6250.

To best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in continuation of the cell phone policy at our school.

Thank you,

Krystle George, Principal

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