



THE BLUE DEVIL DISPATCH

OCTOBER 2025



As the fall season settles in, our students are finding their rhythm and building positive routines in the classroom. October is a wonderful time to pause and celebrate the growth your child has already made while also setting goals for the months ahead. Families can support learning at home by keeping up daily routines, encouraging curiosity, and sharing conversations about what children are learning at school. Together, we can continue to create a joyful and successful school experience for every student.



We're Closed



October 10th
NEOEADAY
&
October 24th

District Professional
Development Day



Calling all trick-or-treaters big and small — join us for candy, costumes, and fun
for all!

6:00pm-8:00pm in the Campus parking lot!

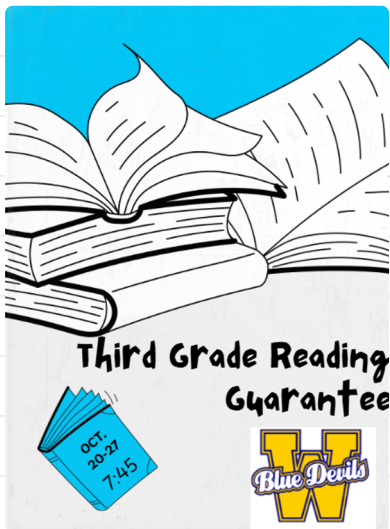
School Attendance

From the Attendance Office

Please notify the office first thing in the morning by phone, email, or note if your child will be leaving school early. Without prior notice, there may be a delay in getting your student to the office for dismissal, which could cause you to be late for your appointment. Lower School parents should also inform their child's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation!



Lower School Info



Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG)

Your child, a third grader, will take the **Third Grade Reading Guarantee (3GRG) assessment** between **October 20–27**. This test measures reading skills to ensure students are on track for reading proficiency. This will be your child's **first opportunity** to take the test this year, with **two additional opportunities** later in the year to reach the **proficiency score of 700**.

Please make sure your child is **here on time** to eat breakfast and **start the test promptly**.

If you have questions about the assessment, please contact your child's teacher or **Ms. Durrah**.

Ohio State Testing (OST) Resources

Ohio State Testing (OST) Parent Tips

Come Learn and have Fun with Us! Title I Reading and Math Night Grades K-6

Title I Reading and Math Family Night!

Please join your Title I teachers to learn more about our Title I programs on October 21st from 5:30-7:30 in the Commons.

NEVER STOP READING

FUN FAMILY TITLE I NIGHT

Please join your Title I teachers to learn more about our Title Reading and Math programs!

OCTOBER 21, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
5:45-Title Presentation
6:00-7:00- Activity stations

Wickliffe Campus in the Commons

Activity Stations:
READING & MATH GAMES, FACE PAINTING, STORY HOUR, WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please RSVP by October 9, 2025
Return the bottom portion of this flyer to your child's teacher, go to the link below, or scan the QR Code to respond.
<https://forms.gle/eK7DHik9yKZVpmz86>

Student Name(s) _____
Grade(s) _____
Number of adults _____ Number of children _____

SCAN ME!

440.810.8001 Wickliffe City School District

Sign Up for the K-6 Title I Family Night

Upper School Info

PSAT Opportunity for 10th and 11th Graders

Students in grades 10 and 11 will have the **optional opportunity to take the PSAT on Monday, October 28th, from 7:45–11:15 AM.** Please make sure your student arrives on time to have breakfast and get to their testing rooms. **Room assignments** will be posted on the main doors the day **before** the test.



The **make-up date** is **Wednesday, October 30th, from 7:45–11:15 AM.**

For more details, click the link for the **2025 PSAT Parent Letter.**

2025 PSAT Parent Letter

Career Fair



Dr. Balduff and Ms. McNulty will be collaborating again with many businesses, colleges, and the military for our High School Career Fair on November 25, 2025. It is from 9:20am - 11:20am in the Blue Gymnasium. Lunch will also be provided by Chick-fil-A. They hope to have as many corporations present to speak with all the high

school students about their careers, career pathways, and the life skills that they use each day!

If you would like a table at the Career Fair, please see the flyer and contact either:

Larry Balduff - Larry.balduff@wickliffecsd.org

OR

Kelly McNulty - Kelly.mcnulty@wickliffecsd.org

Guest Speaker - Shawn Spencer

Mr. Shawn Spencer will be speaking to all 7th–10th grade students on Monday, October 6. He will share his background and journey from high school to college and beyond, highlighting how he achieved success. His talk will also focus on self-respect, respecting others, and the work he does to help young people succeed.

Mr. Spencer has generously offered to present at no cost, understanding the impact of the recent levy not passing, and is doing this as a personal favor.

And the Winner Is...

Over the summer, I received four sets of four Cleveland Guardians tickets to recognize students for great attendance, strong academic performance, and positive behavior in class and the hallways.

The students who earned this honor were

Sophia Pelton, Angelo Laudato, Mikayla Markuz, and Taylor Covell.

In addition, I was given four Cedar Point tickets, which were awarded to Logan Oboczky.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding students!



College Credit Plus

Lakeland Community College CCP advisors will be at The Campus of Wickliffe to help with CCP scheduling questions and Spring '26 registration forms on Monday, October 6, 2025 from 9:00am-

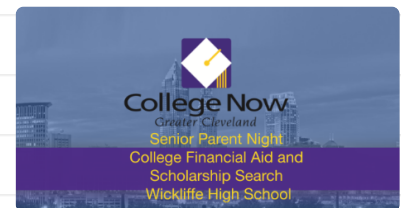
2:30pm in the School Counseling Office. Students taking CCP courses at Wickliffe in the Spring will need to complete registration forms. No appointment necessary!

Lakeland College Fair, October 5, 2025

[Click here for more info](#)

Paying for College: Exploring Your Options

On Monday, September 30, 2025, Wickliffe Upper School hosted an informative presentation on college affordability. Several seniors and parents of seniors attended! The presenter was Mr. Doug Boes, the Wickliffe College Now advisor. The presentation is posted in the School Counseling Google Classroom.



Homecoming 2025!

Get ready to celebrate 2025 Homecoming at Wickliffe: On the Red Carpet! Festivities begin with the Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 PM, starting and ending on the Campus of Wickliffe. Cheer on the Blue Devils at the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 PM, then walk the red carpet in style at the Homecoming Dance for grades 9–12 on Saturday, October 11 from 7:00–9:00 PM. Join us for a week full of school spirit, pride, and Hollywood flair!

Wickliffe Homecoming Events

OCTOBER 6, 2025 - OCTOBER 11, 2025

Wednesday 10/8
1:45 pm
Juniors vs. Seniors
Powder Puff Football Game

Thursday 10/9
1:00 pm
Coronation Assembly

Wednesday 10/8
6:00 pm
Parade

Friday 10/10
7:00 pm
Homecoming Game

Saturday 10/11
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Homecoming Dance - Wickliffe
on the Red Carpet
(9-12 grade ONLY)

Homecoming Dance Tickets

\$16/single tickets only, purchase a max of 2
Sold online only (September 29 - October 10)
Will not be sold at the door

Got questions?

See Mrs. Sharp in room 201
Email Mrs. Sharp (gayle.sharp@wickliffecsd.org)

Highlights from Our Campus



Learn, Lead, Serve (LLS)

Learn. Lead. Serve. Partners with NEORS D for Water Stewardship

Our Learn. Lead. Serve. (LLS) students recently partnered with the Northeastern Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS D) to explore the importance of water stewardship in our region. Dr. Danny Neelon led students on a green infrastructure tour of the Doan Brook watershed, culminating at the Cleveland Museum of Art, where they saw firsthand how water can be slowed, filtered, and protected to reduce contamination in Lake Erie and other vital water sources.

Dr. Neelon also shared insight into workforce opportunities and internships with NEORS D, encouraging students to consider future careers in environmental stewardship. Looking ahead, LLS will continue this partnership by building green infrastructure of our own and selecting native Cleveland plants to contribute to a healthier watershed.

On Saturday, September 20, NEORS D hosted its annual **Clean Water Fest**, a free and family-friendly event highlighting the processes and services that protect clean water in our region. Several of our LLS members volunteered at the festival—special thanks to **Victoria Crosby, Jaie Davis, Addie**

Keenan, and Emma Sulyok for their leadership and commitment to raising awareness about water security and the health of our Great Lakes.

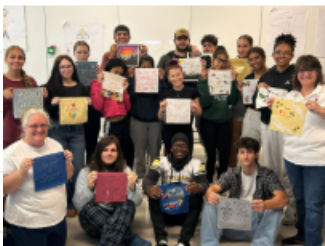
<https://www.neorsd.org/community/educational-resources/clean-water-works-tv-clean-water-news-for-greater-cleveland/>

LLS Sew 4 Service Collab with Fifth Grade

- Our Learn. Lead. Serve. (LLS) students recently joined forces with Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Nemeckay's fifth graders on a special service project to support children in foster care. Together, the students created uplifting messages on colorful patches that will be sewn onto market bags—offering encouragement and care to the children who receive them.
- This project was made possible through our partnership with **Sew 4 Service**, who generously provided instruction and materials, allowing our LLS students to first learn the craft and then guide younger students in this meaningful work.
- A sweet thank-you goes out to Dunkin Donuts and Crumbl Cookie for providing delicious treats to celebrate the fifth graders' efforts and cap off a job well done!
- <https://www.sew4service.org/euclid-oh-chapter?srsId=AfmBOogCrLDR80AdHPC95V-IQ-YloBLI9btbTrl8fX1y2F3ZyFpgl7K5>



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"Building Spirits" from the Start of the Day

This October, our high school athletic teams will be teaming up with Wickliffe Lower School for a fun and spirited morning! Throughout the month, our student-athletes will be greeting the younger Blue Devils at the doors with high-fives, big smiles, and plenty of energy to start the day.

It's a simple but meaningful way to spread school spirit, build connections between our oldest and youngest students, and remind everyone that being a Blue Devil means looking out for one

another. We can't wait to see the excitement as our athletes cheer on the little ones and set a positive tone for the day ahead!

College Credit Plus (CCP) Visit to Lakeland: Poetry Reading with Dr. Julia Kolchinsky



On Wednesday, September 10, 11th and 12th grade students from the CCP classes visited Lakeland to hear a poetry reading by Dr. Julia Kolchinsky who is the author of four poetry collections: *The Many Names for Mother*, *Don't Touch the Bones*, *40 WEEKS*, and *PARALLAX* (The University of Arkansas Press, 2025) finalist for the Miller Williams Prize. Her next book, *When the World Stopped Touching* (YesYes Books, 2027), is a collaborative collection with Luisa Muradyan. Her poems have appeared in *POETRY*, *Academy of American Poets Poem-A-Day*, and *Ploughshares*, and her nonfiction has appeared in *Brevity*, *Shenandoah*, and won Michigan Quarterly Review's prize in nonfiction. Julia is working on a collection of linked lyric essays about parenting her neurodiverse child and the end of her marriage under the shadow of the war in Ukraine, Julia's birthplace. She is Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing at Denison University.

What is Happening at the FRC?

Sports physicals, sick visits, immunizations, and dental appointments are available at the Family Resource Center through Signature Health.

We have two medical exam rooms, one for Primary Care and one for Dental Services.

Primary Care is available for staff, students, and all community members on Wednesdays from 9am - 4pm. and Dental Clinics every other Tuesday from 3-6pm. *At this time, Dental Services are only open to Wickliffe City Schools staff and students.*

Use this [LINK](#) to register for services.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the School Based Health Center.

Please reach out to Katelynn in the FRC for more information - 440-810-8201.

School-Based Health Center
in the Family Resource Center of Wickliffe

ANNUAL WELL-CHECKS & HEALTH SCREENINGS

IMMUNIZATIONS

SICK VISITS

SPORTS PHYSICALS

DENTAL SERVICES

Medical Appointments
Every Wednesday

Dental Appointments
Select Tuesdays

Register as a patient
and schedule below!

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NEWSLETTERS



Access the Family Resource Center newsletter [here](#)! Stay in the know about things like Primary Care and Dental services through Signature Health, Community Laundry events, county services such as HEAP/PIPP, and so much more!

[Click here for the FRC Newsletter!](#)



Tiara Durrah

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