



Denver Place Elementary

A place where we
celebrate uniqueness and
provide learning
experiences and
opportunities for ALL!

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, August 14th from 5-7pm

FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, August 16th @ 9am (1st-5th Grades)

Kindergarten A-L Report on Wednesday

Kindergarten M-Z Report on Thursday

ALL Kindergarteners Report on Friday



WHO are MY TEACHERS?

WHO is in MY CLASS?

Enclosed in this envelope you will find your teacher assignments. Homeroom class lists will be posted on the front doors at Denver Place by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 11th.



COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Communicating with students, families and staff is one of the most important aspects of the work of principal and teachers at Denver Place.

- You can expect to receive monthly newsletters from the principal regarding the happenings and needs of the Denver Place community.
- Many teachers have Facebook pages for their grade or classroom. You can also become friends with Denver Place on Facebook.
- Updated information will be posted on the school website. www.wilmingtoncityschools.com
- District's auto-dialer system will be used to relay important time sensitive information.
- Do not hesitate to contact us at **937-382-2380**.
- Email (firstname.lastname@wilmington.k12.oh.us).
- You can send a note with your Denver Place students.
- Talk to Mrs. Dallas, school secretary, to schedule a visit with Mrs. Long, Principal, or Mrs. Woodruff, Assistant Principal, or your child's teacher.
- If someone is not available to address your needs immediately, we will do our very best to make contact with you the same day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION!

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

FIRST NAME.LAST NAME@WILMINGTON.K12.OH.US
(all lowercase letters)

WELCOME NEW DENVER PLACE TEACHERS!

Mrs. Woodruff, Assistant Principal (Denver and Holmes)

Mrs. Dallas, School Secretary

Mrs. Hohenbrink, Literacy Coach (Denver, Holmes, and East End)

Miss Wellman, Intervention Specialist

Miss Dyer, 3rd Grade Reading/Writing

Mr. Evans, 5th Grade Social Studies



We need volunteers to help on the playground before school from 8:45-9:00. We need volunteers to serve as mentors to work with students during the school day, and at noon to assist with lunch procedures. Sign up in the office!



School Supply lists are linked to our school website.
<http://www.wilmington.k12.oh.us/>





Safety First!

During the school day, we always seek to keep your children safe. Two of the most stressful times for us (and sometimes families) are arrival and dismissal. We want to make sure that students get to their classrooms safely and get home safely. We encourage all of our students to take the bus, the safest and most secure way to get to and from school, or when possible, to walk or ride their bike to and from school. However, we realize that many of our students are transported to and from school by a trusted adult. Therefore, we have set up procedures to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of Denver students. Sometimes we will have the assistance of a Wilmington resource officer to help us at arrival and dismissal. As we begin the year, there are little to no changes in the arrival and dismissal procedures. See below for some reminders about how it works.

Arrival

- Students arriving to school in cars should ONLY be dropped off along the curb and should NOT be running between parked cars to get to the curb. This will be STRICTLY enforced this year in order to increase student safety, especially along Lorish Avenue.
- Students should not arrive to school earlier than 8:45. There is NO SUPERVISION for students who are dropped off earlier than 8:45. **Students who arrive prior to 9:00, should go to the playground to await admittance in the building. There will be adult supervision on the playground between 8:45-9:00 each morning.**
- At 8:45, students eating breakfast are able to come in the front doors or back doors and go directly to the cafeteria.
- At 9:00, all doors are opened for all students to enter. Students should report directly to their homeroom for attendance, in order to not receive a tardy.
- Tardy slips are given to ALL students who are not in their homeroom by 9:15. Tardy slips are distributed to students in the office. **Remember:** Every 5 tardies = 1 day absence.



Dismissal

- Bus riders will be dismissed out the front doors at 3:45 pm.
- Students who are being picked up will be dismissed out the back doors onto the playground at 3:45 pm following bus riders.
- Students will not be dismissed from the playground until teachers see the person picking up each student, therefore, authorized adults must enter the playground to pick up their Denver student.
- Students who walk to school or ride their bike to school should report to the gym after school. A teacher will dismiss each student/group of students when the whole group walking together has gathered together.
- **All changes in dismissal procedures should be communicated to Mrs. Dallas in the office via a phone call each day by 3:00.**

Positive Behavior Support System PBS

At Denver, we encourage positive behaviors by clearly stating expectations and recognizing students who meet those expectations. Basically, all of our expectations follow under the following set of guidelines -

1. Denver Place students act respectfully.
2. Denver Place students act responsibly.
3. Denver Place students act safely.
4. Denver Place students are kind.

We frequently review what it looks like to act in these three ways in the following locations within the school environment - classroom, cafeteria, restrooms, hallways, dismissal, arrival, and playground. We review these expectations often - at least once every quarter.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE DENVER PLACE THE BEST SCHOOL AROUND!

RECOGNIZING POSITIVE BEHAVIORS

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH
HURRICANE PRIDE CLUB
SMARTY CERTIFICATES
SUCCESS ASSEMBLIES**



GRIT is what you have when you want to give up, but you keep going, despite challenging obstacles. It's unyielding courage in the face of hardship.



INFORMATIVE Instructional Practices

Denver Place teachers and principals pledge to keep students' families **INFORMED** of -

- What students are learning
- How students are learning
- How students are performing
- What extra help students are receiving
- How you can help at home
- When assessments are occurring
- Who is working with your student
- How your student is behaving
- Your student's strengths and areas of growth
- What we notice your student needs

We also pledge to **INVITE** you to be part of the learning team for your student! We pledge to **INCLUDE** you in decision making and problem solving throughout the year.



Important Dates for Your Calendar!

August

- 11 Class Lists Posted by 4pm
- 14 Open House 5-7pm
- 16 1st Day for Students
- 16 A-L Kindergarteners Report
- 17 M-Z Kindergarteners Report
- 18 ALL Kindergarteners Report
- 28 Board of Education Meeting (HS) 7pm
- 31 Monthly Behavior Incentive
- 31 Student of the Month Lunch



September

- 4 Labor Day - No School
- 15 Interim Progress Reports Home
- 19 Picture Day
- 22 Oktoberfest (WCS Foundation Fundraiser)
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- 25 No School for Students - Teacher Professional Development Day
- 25 Board of Education Meeting (EE) 7pm
- 28 Student of the Month Lunch
- 30 Monthly Behavior Incentive

October

- 5 Homecoming Parade



School Lunches

Breakfast - Weekly cycle menu found on Wilmington's homepage under food service department.

Lunch - Price remains \$2.60. Menu is located in the same place as breakfast.

Free & Reduced Lunch applications will be coming home with students in their first day packets. Please complete and return ASAP. Last year's carryover benefits expire September 9th. Any student that does not have a approved 2017/2018 application on file will be changed to "full paid" lunch status.

Please be sure to review all of the contents of your Denver student's first day packet, including the 2017-18 Student Handbook. Many forms need to be signed and returned to school. Thank you!

Every year they **change**.

Every year we help you **remember**.



PICTURE DAY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19!

PTO

Denver Place PTO is an active group of parents and family members who enrich the life of our school through their planning and fundraising. **BRING SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO DENVER**

PLACE * SCHOOL CARNIVAL * SANTA SHOP * Look for information from PTO to discover how YOU can be an active part of Denver PTO! Every Denver family is a member of PTO!

WHY IS IT A GREAT DAY TO BE A DENVER HURRICANE?

Denver Place Elementary is a wonderful school where students learn, grow and thrive; where students are able to reach their true potential and are challenged to think creatively and critically. **Denver Place is a top notch choice for educating children because...**

- Quality teachers who truly care about all of the students in their classroom and know how to use daily assessments to determine the strengths and weaknesses of students. Teachers who know how to use these assessments to design instruction plans that can both enrich and challenge advanced students and intervene for struggling students.
- Free before/after school tutoring.
- Free after school mini-clubs that allow students to explore their interests and/or discover new hobbies and interests, such as Book Clubs, Garden Club and Art Club.
- A diverse population of learners that reflects the diverse world in which we live.
- Balanced day that includes art, music, library, physical education, technology, and recess for all students.
- A rigorous and fun physical education program that encourages the development of healthy habits and culminates in a community field day. In addition, students participate in community service and healthy living through their participation in the annual American Heart Association Jumpathon.
- Little Free Library located on our playground.
- Rigorous curriculum that aligns with the Common Core State Standards and revised content standards.
- Extended opportunities for older students to become involved in a choir program that performs throughout the year at school and throughout the community. In addition, older students learn how to play the recorder and read music within the music classroom.
- Healthy and delicious school breakfast and lunch program that offers financial assistance to families.
- Student-initiated community service opportunities.
- Outdoor classroom area that builds an awareness of environmental issues and native Ohio habitats and species.
- Student leadership opportunities in student council.
- Project-based and cross-curricular learning opportunities throughout the building, such as 3rd grade Abe Fair, 2nd grade students presenting a wax museum of living history, 1st grade research project and presentation, and 4th grade Mt. Olympus mythology celebration.
- Teachers who receive ongoing, job-embedded professional development to continuously improve their practice and the art of teaching.
- A math coach and literacy coach to work with teachers and students.
- Maintenance staff who understands the importance of a clean and safe learning environment.
- A safe and fun playground where children can engage in physical fitness and strengthen their body.
- Quarterly Success Assemblies that celebrate academic, behavior and attendance achievements.
- Monthly Behavior Incentives for students who meet positive behavior expectations.
- Hurricane Pride Club for students who meet high expectations in the areas of academics, behavior and attendance.
- Student of the Month recognition lunches.
- Dean of Students to assist in addressing attendance, behavior and academic concerns.
- Guidance counselor services that provide students someone to talk to during challenging times.
- Outstanding community support from neighbors, parents and community organizations, such as Clinton County Parks and Recreation.

