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GREEN SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER, MR. RANDY STOCKMASTER, PRINCIPAL

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NEWS FROM MR. STOCKMASTER, PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Green Springs School, "The Best School in the Universe!" I would like to extend a special welcome to any students who may be new to our school district this year, our incoming fourth graders from Clyde Elementary, and our incoming kindergarteners. I hope you find Green Springs School as an inviting place with caring staff! Please let us know if you need any assistance in your transition to Green Springs School.

Our theme for the 2015-2016 school year is "Soar With the Flier Four!" You will see and hear about the "Flier Four" often as you are around our building as we implement PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) in our school this year. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Kind. Be a Problem Solver. These four are just a small part of PBIS as we encourage our students to learn school wide expectations and we teach them these specific expectations. This year our goals for the program are to define and teach what is expected, acknowledge and reward appropriate behavior, address problem behavior, and use data to assess progress.

Several new staff members have joined us this year. Dave Lozier has joined us as a fourth grade teacher. He comes to us from Sandusky City Schools with many years of experience. Brittany Smith will be a new fifth grade teacher this year. Miss Smith student taught here in third grade last year and has since graduated from BGSU. Carey Norman will be joining our cafeteria staff. DiAnn Kimmet, who has worked in our cafeteria for many years, will also be helping out on our playground in the afternoons. We are excited to have them all begin working with our students.

Last year, state testing became a very hot topic with the adoption of PARCC in Ohio. In response, the Ohio Legislature has now made many changes to the mandates they had put into place only a year ago. We will once again be faced with the challenge of new tests that will be given to our students. What we know at this time is that the tests will be given by a different vendor, they will be shorter than last year, there will only be one test window this year, and they will be given during the second half of the school closer to the end of the year. I will be sending more details in future communications as we hear more from the Ohio Department of Education.

ABSENCES

If your student is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the school office at 419-547-4902 **BEFORE 8:45 a.m.** with the reason for the absence. For your convenience, you can call the school at anytime and leave a message. Upon return to school after any absence, your student is required to bring a note from the parent also stating the reason for the absence.

Please be aware that if we have not heard from you and your student is not at school, we will call you at home to confirm your students safety. If we cannot reach you at home, we may try to call you at work or call the other contacts you have listed on your student's Emergency Medical Card.

SCHOOL FEES

We appreciate your prompt payment of school fees.

Kdg-4th grade—\$45

5th grade—\$80 (this includes Chromebook)

School fees should be paid by September 30th

PayForIt.net is an online system for processing payments with a credit card or ACH check information and can be found on the school's web page. Payments are also accepted at the school office. Any checks should be made to Clyde-Green Springs Schools. Please remember any unpaid fees will stay on the students account and will accumulate from one year to the next.



INTERNET ACCESS

Checking Grades

Keeping up with your students grades is important! Most of our students' parents have already done this, but if you are new to the district or have not yet done so, this is easy to do if you just log on to the school's web page at: www.clyde.k12.oh.us. When you get to the school's home page click on the **Parents** tab and then select the large **Progress Book** button. A screen will then come up that has many surrounding area schools' logos; you will just need to click on the Clyde-Green Springs logo and you will be immediately directed to the information page for checking your students' grades on Progress Book.

Making Payments (lunch or school fees)

We are excited to announce a new online payment service to you. You are now able to set up payments to your student's lunch account by using www.PayForIt.net (this is a new program for this school year). For the 2015-16 school year you will also be able to use this service to pay your school fees. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere with internet access. This is easy to use and we would like to encourage you to check it out on our school web page soon as the **credit card convenience fees will be waived for the month of August and September.**

To set up an account online please visit the school's website at: www.clyde.k12.oh.us. When you get to the school's home page click on the **Parents** tab and then select the large **PayForIt.net** button. You will then be able to set up an account for making online payments for your students. **PLEASE NOTE:** You will first need to call the food services department at 419-547-9659 or your student's building to get each student's ID number needed for setting up this account.

Automated Phone Messaging

This has been a very helpful tool to keep parents updated with important messages throughout the school year, such as weather delays and closing and much more. You will be put on this automated list at the beginning of the school year based on the current phone number we have on file for your student. You are then responsible to go online and make any changes to your account. You can change or add phone numbers or preferences (if you would like text or emails). Again go to the school's web page at: www.clyde.k12.oh.us. This time, directly from the school's home page you will find a small green **One Call Now** button right below the pictures. By clicking on this small green button you will be directed to setting up an account.

DID YOU KNOW

Because the safety of your child is imperative, although we realize emergencies do happen, students should come to school **knowing** how they are getting home. *Calling the office to leave a message for your child should be a rare occurrence.* If you must call to change dismissal arrangements, a parent should call the office before 2:45 (do not have babysitters, grandparents, siblings, etc. call).

When requesting a bus pass, you must **include the exact address** the child should be dropped off at in your note. Please do not just write "grandma's" because even though *you* know the child's "regular driver" knows where grandma lives, there is always a possibility for a substitute to be driving the bus.

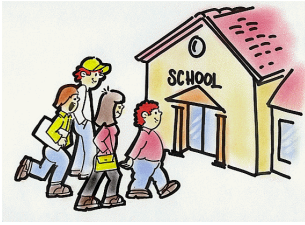
Please use the "A Note to School" pads the Boosters provide for our families as much as possible as there is a place for all the necessary information that needs to be included.

If you have had a change in your phone number, you need to update your One Call Now account. As well as notify the school office. If you have a change in address you must also notify the school. It is imperative, for the safety of our students, that the school has accurate, current information on file for each student at all times.

Please be sure to read the "Medication Information" section of the Parent-Student Handbook. Nonprescription medication (for example Tylenol) as well as prescription medication, can only be dispensed after a physician has completed the "Authorization for All Medications" form (a form is included in the opening year packet). All medication must be in the original container and must have the child's name written on the package, bottle, etc.

Green Springs School Activities Calendar

September 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August 31 <i>Welcome Back!</i>	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 4th Grade to Sandusky Co. Fairground/ Explore Your Back Yard	17	18	19
20	21 2 hour Delay for Students	22	23 Pint Sized Heroes Blood Drive 3-8 p.m.	24	25 GS Tailgate Party	26
27	28	29	30	October 1	October 2 Picture Day	