

Elm Dale News

September 2017



Welcome back!

Dates to Remember	
Early Release Days (1:26 dismissal) are on three days this school year. Students in Early Childhood and 4K do NOT attend school on these days. The dates are October 19, 2017, February 13, 2018, and June 8, 2018.	
September 11th First PTO Meeting at 6:30pm in the Elm Dale Learning Commons	September 28th Ribbon Cutting Celebration of our New Learning Commons, Cafeteria, Eagle's Nest, and Playground at 6:00pm at Elm Dale.
We had two all-school student assemblies the week of September 4th to help get us excited and ready for a great year of learning and fun! On Friday, September 5th, we will have a welcome back assembly to get us all ready to show the Elm Dale Way, Every Day! Be sure to ask your children to tell you all about these great events! Jump with Jill comes to us on Thursday, September 7th. This high energy show promotes leading a healthy lifestyle and making healthy choices. Thank you to Meijer for sponsoring this event for us and to Coach for setting it up.	



The School District of Greenfield has made significant improvements to our school buildings over the summer of 2017. Come celebrate with us as we officially unveil these new spaces at our grand reopening and ribbon cutting ceremonies!

Tuesday, September 12th * 6:00pm Edgewood
Thursday, September 14th * 6:00pm Glenwood
Friday, September 15th * 5:30pm GHS (Atrium and Learning Commons)
Friday, September 15th * 6:30pm GHS Rededication of Al Trotalli Stadium
Monday, September 25th * 5:45pm School District of Greenfield Workplace Clinic (Enter South Doors at GHS)
Thursday, September 28th * 6:00pm Elm Dale

Introducing

Please join me in welcoming our newest staff members to the Elm Dale Family!

Miss Marshall, Instructional Aide

Mrs. Bauer, Main Office Secretary

Mrs. Dowd, K4 Instructional Aide

Mrs. Volkmann, Speech and Language Pathologist

Mrs. Hartung, K5 Kindergarten Teacher

Safety

One of our primary concerns at Elm Dale School is the safety and well-being of our students. We will practice fire and tornado drills on a regular basis throughout the school year. We will also practice lockdown drills. A lockdown would be activated anytime students need to be kept inside the classrooms for extended periods of time due to some unforeseen emergency. The lockdown procedure is one more way to ensure that our students and staff are prepared for emergency

situations. Please call if you have any questions. Just a reminder that any visitors to our school, including parents, need to stop in at the office upon arrival to sign-in and obtain a visitor's badge.

Birthdays

We understand that birthdays are a special day for many of our students. You are able to send in a special birthday treat on your child's birthday within the following guidelines.

- ❖ Please check about any food allergies in your child's class ahead of time.
- ❖ The treat should be easy to hand out and eat. Any serving utensils need to be sent in.
- ❖ Do not send in balloons, bouquets, etc. to school for your child, as they can be distracting to the other learners. Please save those special gestures for home.
- ❖ Birthday invitations are handled outside of school unless every student in class receives an invitation to the party. The PTO Family Directory is an excellent tool for student contact information. The school cannot provide student addresses or hand out specific student invitations for you.

Calling the Office

We are here to help you in the office. In order for us to best meet your needs, please remember that the very start of the day and the end of the day are very busy times. It is easiest to reach us between 9:30am-2:30pm. If leaving a voicemail, leave us your name, your child's name, and a phone number that we can reach you at that day. Please keep your contact numbers and email up-to-date in Campus.

Students Leaving Early

Please try to make appointments outside of the school day. It is important for children to be in school so they can benefit from instruction. Calling students out of class early is very disruptive and interrupts learning. Of course we understand occasional emergencies do occur. The very end of the day, 3:00pm-3:26pm, is an extremely difficult time to call students and change their end-of-day plan. Please make these arrangements the morning of or day before (preferably via a written note or email to the teacher in the morning).

Morning Drop-off and After School Pick-up

We are a very large school and have many buses, day-care vans, and family vehicles at both the start and end of the day. The following procedures are to help keep everyone safe.

- Please drop your child off in the morning by pulling up to where the staff are waiting beginning at 8:25am.
- Please follow the directions of the adult who is directing traffic.
- Do NOT get out of your vehicle. Your child must exit the passenger side. If you want to get out to help your child, you must park first in the lot or street parking area and walk them to the door.
- If parking on the street, please obey the No Parking areas in front of school. Don't park in the street crosswalk.
- If parking in the front lot, always use the crosswalk to get to the front of the building. Cars and busses use the driving lane between the lot and school and it gets very busy.
- If picking up your child after school, enter the building using the new double doors in the front of the cafeteria and wait at your youngest child's grade table. The doors will be opened at approximately 3:15pm.

Bus Safety and News



The School Board is committed to providing a safe environment for all students attending our schools. This extends not only to our school sites but also to our buses. In an effort to ensure student safety, the School Board authorizes use of video cameras on school buses for the primary purpose of reducing disciplinary problems and vandalism. If you have any bus concerns, please feel free to call the school or the bus company, First Student, directly at 414-422-2020. Our Elm Dale staff is supporting students on our buses directly. A staff member will be riding the afternoon buses each day in September! They will also do

“surprise” rides in January! First Student will be at our first Elm Dale PTO Meeting to answer questions and give parents a chance to experience the bus first-hand on **Monday, September 11th**. See last page for more information.



Curriculum Corner: G21

The G21 (shown below) is a set of skills all students will need in the world. While these skills are not “graded”, they are taught, practiced, and improved from Kindergarten through 12th grade. You will notice some of the impacts mentioned throughout the year. For example, teachers may share at conferences that your child is working on collaboration while developing a project with a team of classmates, or is creating his or her own learning goals to become a self-directed learner. The G21 Impacts are...

- ★ **Creativity:** The ability to see things in new ways or produce something new, whether tangible or intangible
- ★ **Communication:** The imparting or exchange of information, ideas and/or emotions in a variety of situations and for multiple purposes and audiences, and across multiple media
- ★ **Collaboration:** Working with another or a group in order to achieve a common goal
- ★ **Critical Thinking:** Identify patterns/relationships, make generalizations, identify exceptions and evaluate claims; arrive at opinions, conclusions and/or take action
- ★ **Self-Directed Learning:** Use of independent initiative, responsibility and feedback to guide learning and growth
- ★ **Global Competence:** Considering a situation as it relates to the rest of the world within economic, social, cultural and/or political contexts
- ★ **Well Being:** A sense of health, happiness and prosperity; both within self and with others

MAPE Minute

MAPE (Music, Art, Physical Education, is an extremely important part of your children’s learning. Each newsletter, we will post a message from our Marvelous MAPE Teachers!

Welcome Back to Music!

Hello Elm Dale musicians and welcome back! We had so much fun in music class last year, and it will continue this year! I have found fun new things to use in our music room, such as a parachute, twirling ribbons, Boomwhackers and games. I look forward to another year with you all!

Musically yours,
Mrs. Manvilla

Welcome Back to Art!

September will be filled with bright ideas and new ways to express creativity! I am so passionate to be able to teach and inspire the students of Elm Dale! September art classes will be focusing on exploring new media and embracing a positive mindset in all that we create!

Artistically yours,
Mrs. Hungsberg

Welcome Back To Physical Education!

Welcome back to school! I'm looking forward to seeing all the students back in the building and to meet all those new faces we've added to Elm Dale. I hope your child is looking forward to physical education!! In my class your child will learn a wide variety of sports with an emphasis on building a healthy way of living. We will also spend the entire year focused on good sportsmanship, fair play, and honesty. Although many of the sports we go over are score related, we will continue just to focus on skill and well being.

See you soon,

Coach



Come to PTO and Enjoy the Ride!

In addition to hearing all about the start of the school year, The Fall Fun Fair plans, and great family events, the school bus is pulling in to our first PTO meeting! We are excited to once again join with First Student to help share information with parents and families.

First Student will be at our first PTO meeting of the year (**Monday, September 11th at 6:30pm in our new Learning Commons**).

Join us and you will be able to

- Hear from the bus company about their policies and procedures
- Ask questions
- Learn the rules of the bus for every student
- Learn how to share concerns
- And, experience the bus. Parents will ride the bus to have first-hand experience!



All adults who join us for this PTO meeting and ride the bus will receive a special treat! Hope to see you there!

*(As always, free daycare is provided at PTO meetings. Please call the school office at 414-281-7100 by September 8th if **you have a child under two who will be with the daycare group** so we can have the proper number of day care providers.)*

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