



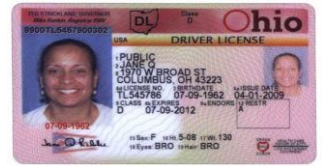
It is with great excitement that I welcome our NEW and returning families to Whipple Heights Elementary!

We have so many exciting things happening this school year from our Family Literacy & Math Nights to our many PTO sponsored events. Please make sure you take a few minutes to read through each of our monthly newsletters. Also, please make sure that you visit our **Whipple Webpage & Building Calendar** regularly. We are constantly posting and updating information to help you stay up to date.

With Perry Pride, Joe Hug (Principal)

## ~Security Reminder~

As we find ourselves back in full swing, we want to remind you that **ALL visitors** will be required to provide us a **Photo ID** in exchange for a visitor badge.



**Even if we know who you are, this practice enables us to know (at all times) who is in the building.**

Also, if your visitor badge is not fully visible, please be understanding when one of our staff stops and questions you. Active visibility is part of our staff training and designed to help ensure the safety of all of our students and their families!

## Teaching Expectations, Good Manners and a Growth Mindset...

This year at Whipple Heights Elementary we are continuing our systematic teaching of expected behaviors to ALL of our students. Student expectations will again be taught through the use of our building-wide expectations matrix, student created videos, and lessons developed by our teachers to use with students during the opening weeks of school. The expectations (matrix) and videos can be viewed by visiting the **PARENTS** tab on our **Whipple Webpage** and clicking on *Behavior Expectations*.



In addition to teaching students about expected behavior, we are also going to continue studying "Good Manners" at Whipple Heights Elementary. This initiative was begun three years ago and met with huge success. Each Monday, your child will learn about (or be reminded of) a new "Manner of the Week." Then, throughout that week, your child will be encouraged to display that manner (as well as those previously learned). Finally, on Friday, all students will take a few minutes to reflect on their use of manners (specifically the one they learned about that week). These manners are also posted on the Whipple Webpage in the same location noted above. To assist us with this effort, we are asking that you talk with your child each week about the manner they are learning about. Encourage use and practice of this manner at home, in school and out in public.

Lastly, new this year will be a focused study on instilling a Growth Mindset in our students. Essentially, our staff has taken on a book study this year and will be incorporating continued focused lessons geared toward putting forth effort and believing in one's own abilities. Connecting this idea with home, we encourage you to talk with your students throughout the year about trying their hardest and helping them to understand we can always get better at anything, if we work at it. The biggest learning opportunities usually come from something we either failed at and/or struggled with at one point in time.

**GOOD MANNERS WILL OPEN DOORS THAT EVEN THE BEST EDUCATION CANNOT!!!**

### Upcoming Events

Below is a listing of specific events scheduled for this coming month!

Monday	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday	September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bookmobile - Grades 1&2 WHPTO Meeting in Library (6:00pm) Cub Scouts Join the Scout Night in Café (6:30pm)
Thursday	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off (Whipple Walk-A-Thon)
Friday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students - Teacher PD Day
Tuesday	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kidmobile - Kindergarten Only
Friday	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Behavior Reward Party #1
Mon-Friday	September 25-29 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Swimming Week (Info. Coming Home Soon)
Tuesday	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)

**Looking Ahead:** Fall Pictures - Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

### Staying Connected with Social Media...

Make sure you take a few minutes to **BOOKMARK** our school webpage, **LIKE** us on **Facebook** and **FOLLOW** us on **Twitter** and subscribe to our **REMIND!** These social media sites will be yet another avenue we will use to connect with our students and families!



**Whipple REMIND:**  
**See Attached Directions**

**Search Facebook:**  
**Whipple Elementary**  
(With the P logo as the profile picture.)

**Search Twitter:**  
**WhippleElem**



## General Housekeeping...

- Please make sure you submit your updated Emergency Medical Information ASAP!
- When sending a note or calling your child off from school, please make sure to include the following: your name, your child's name, and the classroom teacher's name.
- If you pick up/drop off your child from a doctor or dentist appointment, please provide a slip signed by the doctor.  
**Remember: Medical Slips must be received within 3 days!**
- Students wearing sandals (of any type) will not be permitted on the outside equipment surrounded by mulch. This is designed to protect our students from splinters.

## Cafeteria News

Here is our lunch schedule if you wish to join your student for lunch.

**We simply ask that you wait until September 18<sup>th</sup> before coming in to allow us to get ALL students into a consistent routine.**

Kindergarten	11:20-11:42
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	12:28-12:50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	1:00-1:22
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	11:48-12:08
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:54-11:16

Please remember, if you are purchasing a lunch you will want to call the school at the start of the day to provide our cafeteria a heads up, so we can ensure enough food is prepared. Also, don't forget **NO outside food is permitted** (except a home packed lunch). If your student has allergies that require adjustments to their lunch (ex: milk/dairy) you will need to provide us with a doctor's note stating **exactly** what they are permitted to have/not have. This means, if it says no milk/dairy your child will not be permitted to have anything containing milk.



Perry Helping Perry (PHP) is a non-profit community based organization that works to provide support (food, clothing etc.) to Perry residents in need. In fact, PHP even sponsors our weekly Sack Snack program providing snacks and lunches to students/families in need each weekend. PHP runs solely off of donations/support from the community and local businesses. So, be on the lookout as Whipple Heights Elementary will work to conduct several drives throughout the year benefiting this organization.

For more information please call Patty Knotts (330) 418-4148 or click on the link located on our Perry website [www.perrylocal.org](http://www.perrylocal.org)

## COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am really excited to meet all your little ones!

Throughout the year, guidance lessons are provided, most months, at each grade level. In September, students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will receive a lesson on Manners, which goes with our school-wide manners effort. Additionally, students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will receive a lesson on Conflict Resolution and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Anger Management.

**Looking forward to a most wonderful school year!**

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Heidi Giok, School Psychologist [Heidi.goik@perrylocal.org](mailto:Heidi.goik@perrylocal.org)

## Have a Question or Concern???

Please remember, if you have a question or concern about something, your first contact should always be with your child's classroom teacher! Next to you, the classroom teacher knows the most about your child. In most cases they will be able to fully assist you and/or connect you with who best can address the situation.

## PARENT INTERNET VIEWER (PGV)

Perry Local, along with many other schools in Stark County, is transitioning to a new online grade book system. During the first few weeks of school, the Parent Grade Viewer feature will be turned off as our staff becomes familiar with the new system. We will be sending home information/directions once the Parent Grade Viewer component is up and running. We appreciate your understanding as we work through this transition time.

## Parent/Teacher Communication...

Knowing that every teacher has a slightly different style and approach to communicating with families, our *Building Leadership Team* worked to establish some minimum guidelines for communication. Please note that anything beyond what is listed below should be considered extra from a teacher and goes beyond the expectation. We are hoping this helps all families to have a better idea of what they can expect...

- Monthly Grade Level or Classroom Newsletter
- Grade Level or Classroom Website or Facebook (See Link on Staff Directory within Whipple Webpage)
- Usage of Remind 101
- Responses to Phone Calls, Emails, & Notes within 24 Hours Whenever Possible

# PTO NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The WHPTO would like to welcome back all students new and returning along with their families. We are so excited you are a part of our Whipple family! As always, the kindergarten orientation had a great turn out. It was exciting to meet so many of you. The first WHPTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the library. Please don't be shy! All the help and ideas are welcome and appreciated. A volunteer sign-up will be sent home soon. We can't wait to see you there.

Please plan on joining us for our annual Walk-A-Thon. We will need volunteers for this event as it is coming soon! Information will be sent home in the next two weeks.

The WPTO looks forward to enjoying the year with the students, staff and families!

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