



THE PRINCIPAL'S BUZZLINE

Drake Elementary School
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Help us to plan for next year: If you are planning to move or withdraw your child from Drake Elementary School for any reason, please let us know *immediately*. There are some papers that need to be filled out and we also need to know in creating class lists for next year. Additionally, if you know of a neighbor or friend who might be enrolling their student at Drake for next school year, please ask them to contact the school office for details about enrolling. This is especially important for any 1st graders coming to us from other kindergarten programs in the area. The more information we have and the sooner we get it, the better prepared we are to plan for next year. Thanks a bunch.



End Of Year Reminders:

- **Behavior** – Please help us maintain a safe and orderly environment at Drake by reminding your child each day to continue to do their best academically and to follow school rules. Incidences of misbehavior often increase in May and June resulting in students being suspended from school and missing some of the fun events we have planned. Please encourage your child to finish the school year on a positive note.
- **Dress** – Even though it is warm, our students still have a job to do . . . learn. They must come to school dressed appropriately for their work. A reminder that NO flip flops, NO short shorts, NO bare midriffs, and NO tank tops are allowed. Please remind children to dress appropriately. If they arrive at school dressed inappropriately, parents will be called and asked to bring a change of clothes to school for their child.
- **Lunch** – There will be **NO school lunch** service provided on the last day of school, June 6th. Please be sure to pack a lunch for your child on that day unless you've received a notice that your child will be provided lunch during their end of year party.
- **End of Year Parties** - Be on the lookout for information regarding end of the year parties. K-5 classes are having end of year parties on June 6th.



Of Student Success

X is for eXplore: Children are naturally curious about many things. Providing opportunities to explore their interests is great way to help them learn. Encourage children to seek answers to their own questions. Buy books that capitalize on their interests and help them learn more. (Even better visit the library regularly!) Support hobbies by providing supplies and complimenting

their efforts. Better yet, join in the fun. Visit museums and other places of interests. **Y is for Yesterday:** How can you nurture your child's interest in the past? You and your child can learn about your family's history by creating a family tree. Share what life was like when you were a child. Interview grandparents about what life was like when they were children. Create a scrapbook or photo album and fill it with old family pictures and mementos. Preserve tomorrow's memories by journaling or creating a time capsule of the present. Your grandchildren will thank you! **Z is for Zoomed:** The school year has zoomed by! It has been a great year full of learning and fun. Thank you, parents, for supporting our school and encouraging your child all year long. Thank you, teachers and support staff for coming up with interesting ways to learn. And thanks to our custodians, secretaries, bus drivers, and cooks, who keep us all safe, informed, on time, and well fed. Finally, thank you students! You gave your best efforts. You grew in so many ways. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you next school year.

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SUMMER READING! – On May 29th and 30th students will be introduced to the Cuyahoga County Public Library’s summer reading program here at Drake. Instead of doing a separate “Drake Summer Reading Program,” we are **EXPECTING** all students to participate in the County library’s exciting summer reading program.



Students will be asked to turn in their “game board” from the public library’s program when they return to school in the fall to receive “bonus” points in their first quarter Reading grade. Please be sure that your child participates in this important initiative.

Important items to put on your calendar:

- Early Release on **June 6, 2014:**
 - Grades 1-6 at 2:05 p.m. (Parents may take 6th graders at the conclusion of the Recognition Ceremony.)
 - AM Kdg – 9:05 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. / PM Kdg – 12:05 – 2:05 p.m.
- Final Report Cards for the 13-14 school year will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Enclosed will be the supply list for next year.
 - **Per Ohio Revised Code (ORC 3313.642) students’ grades may be withheld for non-payment of fees (this applies even if you might be moving out of the district). If student fees are still owed, we appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.*



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- New Family Orientation: Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. – This informal “event” is for families that are new to Drake to take a tour of the building guided by student ambassadors.
- Class lists for next school year will be posted at the main entrance on August 12th at 3:30 p.m. Kindergarten students will be informed whether they are a.m. or p.m. in a letter from the transportation department over the summer.
- The first day of school for Grades K - 6 is **Tuesday, August 19, 2014.**
- **Open House 2014** will be on **MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2014**
Grade level times are as follows:
 - Kdg a.m., 4th & 6th – 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
 - 1st & 5th -- 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
 - Kdg p.m., 2nd & 3rd-- 7:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Open House is a night for PARENTS. We ask that parents arrange babysitting so that they may focus on the critical information shared this evening.

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2ND NOTICE -- PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO!

May 9, 2014

Dear Drake Elementary Parents,

We are planning our School-Wide/Family Literacy Initiative for next year. Our literacy theme for the 2014-2015 school year is a medieval/castles theme and our "catchphrase" is "Get Fired Up About Reading". Early in the fall, students will be receiving information and guidelines for this initiative intended to encourage reading outside of school assignments. As part of this program we will be having quarterly assemblies to recognize participation in the program as well as acknowledge other student accomplishments. We will also have "Spirit Days" associated with the program.

To build school spirit and camaraderie, we would like every student to purchase a "Get Fired Up About Reading" t-shirt. We are asking for parents to send in a \$5.00 donation (cash or checks made payable to *Drake Elementary School*) in an envelope with the order form below to help cover the cost of the t-shirts and other materials supporting this initiative. In the past, many parents have expressed interest in purchasing a t-shirt for themselves. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt for yourself, please indicate that on the order form and send in the additional money necessary to cover the cost. (The cost for XXL and XXXL is \$7.00)

Many students have still not returned their order form. Therefore, we have extended the deadline. Please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher or the school office *No Later Than Wednesday, June 4th*. We will be ordering the t-shirts in June so they are here when the students return in the Fall. When selecting a size for your child, please keep in mind how much children grow throughout a year and order accordingly - we can NOT exchange sizes in the fall when we distribute the t-shirts. Please be aware that the shirts tend to run a little small.

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation in our efforts to keep Drake Elementary School, "The World's Greatest School".

Sincerely,

Glen L. Stacho,
Principal



RETURN ON, OR BEFORE, *Wednesday, June 4, 2014*

Child's Name: _____

Grade for *2014-2015* school year: _____

T-Shirt size (circle your selection(s)):

Child's Small 6-8

Child's Medium 10-12

Child's Large 14-16

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult X-Large

XXL

XXXL



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