

Hale Road Elementary

NEWSLETTER

August/September 2018

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer break. We are excited to start the 2018-2019 school year, which will be our last at Hale Road Elementary School. We will be moving into the new school located on Madison Avenue next Fall. We have many fun events and activities to kick-off the school year and help celebrate our long history of educating children in Riverside Schools. For our new families, welcome to Hale Road. I hope that you find our school a warm and welcoming environment for your child. For our new and returning families, my door is always open and I look forward to seeing you throughout the school year. Below is a list of upcoming events at the building or district level. I hope everyone has a great start to what will be a memorable year at Hale Road.

Sincerely,

Tim St. Clair, Principal

Calendar of Upcoming Events

8/17 Popsicle Palooza and Student supply Drop Off **6:30-7:30 PM** (kindergarten should bring to orientation on Friday, August 24)

8/22 Clap-in- The Last First Day 9:00-9:10 (Parents please arrive by 8:45 if you're participating in the clap-in so we can line the sidewalks.

8/24 Kindergarten Orientation AM 9:30-11:15 PM 1:00-2:45

8/24 Annual Tailgate party @ RHS Stadium. 1st home Football game (vs. Perry)

8/27 First day of Kindergarten

8/27 Open House Grades K-2 7-8 PM

8/28 *Safe is Smart* bus safety program 9:30 AM

8/28 Open House Grades 3-5 7-8 PM

9/3 Labor Day--No School

9/13 PTO meeting 6:00 school library

9/19 School Picture day

10/26 Halloween Costume Dance @ Hale Road gym 6-8 PM

10/31 Halloween Costume Parade and Party

Parking Lot Safety-Drop-off and Pick-up

Please follow the traffic pattern and arrows during AM/PM drop-off and pick-up. The arrows are designed to ensure ALL traffic is flowing one way. **We do this to keep students safe. If everyone** follows the pattern the flow of traffic will be safe for children and efficient for parents. Please do not try to leave going against the flow of traffic. For Pick-up at the end of the day, please stay in your car and move through the lot. We will get your children to your car. In order to get cars off the street and allow buses to pull in we ask that you continue to pull up to the loading zones near the crosswalks. Remind your child if they are a pick up to leave at the 3:35 bell.

MAP Testing

We will conduct MAP testing next week. All students will be tested using MAP, which stands for Measures of Academic Progress three times per year.. It will allow us to monitor growth for our students. Our teachers utilize MAP data to make changes to instruction and allows us to form groups based on what students are ready to learn. Students are tested in September, December and May in the Riverside Local School District. It serves as an alternate means to demonstrate reading proficiency for our 3rd grade students. Students in 3rd grade are required to demonstrate minimum reading competencies in order to pass to the 4th grade under the law. Third Grade students who do not meet minimum scores as established by the state either through state reading tests or MAP scores will be retained in 3rd grade. This year's promotion score is not yet established by the Ohio Department of Education. It was 196 for 2017-2018.



School fees are \$68 per student. If you have not paid school fees please do so by the end of the year. Checks can be made payable to Hale Road Elementary School. School fees may also be paid through Infinite Campus. Please visit the link below to read more.

<http://www.riversidelocalschools.com/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6G323II&dasi=3U30>

Attendance and Absences

Regular school attendance is being on time to school and ready to learn. Missing even 5 minutes of class time interrupts the routine of the day. Our tardy bell rings at 9:10. Absences should be reported to the office by calling the Absence Line at 358-8701. If a child is frequently absent, we will be contacting parents to work on improving your child's attendance.