

TRENTON AVENUE NEWS

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our students and staff!

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Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 4 from 4:00—7:30 and Thursday, November 5 from 12:00—7:30. There will be no classes for students on Friday, November 6. Classes will resume on November 9. Your attendance at this conference is essential in the development of your child's educational career. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress to date. Please make a point to attend the conference at the assigned date and time. If you have any questions regarding your child's conference please contact your child's teacher.

Report Cards

You will be receiving your child's report card at your scheduled conference time.

The report card for your child is computer generated directly from the teacher's grade book. Please look over the report carefully. An explanation of the grading scale is as follows:

- A—100%-92%
- B—91%-83%
- C—82%-74%
- D—73%-65%
- F—64%-0%
- E—Excellent
- S—Satisfactory

MP—Moderate Progress

HD—Having Difficulty

U—Unsatisfactory

Bus Reminders

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to ride a different bus from their established routine in the morning or afternoon. This means that a bus student has only one route (bus) that they can be picked up on in the morning and only one route (bus) they will be on in the evening for the entire year. Students may not change that morning or evening bus now that it has been established unless the child moves.



Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

The drop-off and pick-up location for students is the Trenton Avenue parking lot. Do **not** use the bus canopy entrance before or after school for dropping off or picking up your child. It is also very important that students are not dropped off on Trenton Avenue (the street). It is extremely dangerous for students to be let out on Trenton Avenue and then walk across the parking lot to enter the building. This is for your child's safety as well as the safety of all students.

Students should not be dropped off or arrive at school before 7:25 a.m. as the doors are locked until then. If you are planning on walking your child to the door after dropping them off, do not park/leave your vehicle in the flow of traffic. Park your vehicle in a parking space. This will allow those behind you to continue the traffic flow, helping to eliminate the build-up of cars on Trenton Avenue.

School Fees

Student fees for the 2009-2010 school year are \$25.00. Checks may be made payable to Claymont City Schools. Payment can be made by stopping in the school office during the school day or by sending payment with your child to school. Your child's school fees must be paid in full or a payment plan established in order to receive your child's 2nd nine-week report card. If you feel your child is eligible for a student waiver, you may request an application from the office.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. All classrooms will be discussing the meaning and history of this day, as well as completing a Veterans Day activity.

“Bucket Filler for Life” Assembly

Being “Bucket Fillers” is a simple, but profound philosophy that applies to all aspects of our lives. The concept began as a workshop to help business people develop better relationships

with clients and colleagues. It has since grown to include children from kindergarten through high school. A full bucket means you are happy and have good feelings about yourself. A “Bucket Filler” is a person who chooses to give good feelings to others by doing or saying good things. On the other hand, a “Bucket Dipper” is a person who chooses to cause other people to feel bad. Students and teachers saw how “bucket dipping” can lead to hard feelings between people. They also learned how doing the right thing helps to build good relationships which can result in friendships. The ultimate “Bucket Filler” is one who chooses to fill a bucket of a “Bucket Dipper.” This, of course is the most difficult lesson. We (children and adults) tend to allow our buckets to be dipped. We in turn want to dip the other person's bucket if we feel we have been wronged. This creates a vicious cycle of “bucket dipping.” Anger, bitterness, sadness and depression are often the result. A “Bucket Filler” chooses to break the cycle by returning respect even if it is not given. At Trenton, we choose to be “Bucket Fillers.”

PTO Meeting

The Trenton Avenue PTO will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the LRC. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Celebration Assembly

Our first Celebration Assembly for the year will be on Wednesday, December 9. The K-1 Assembly will begin at 8:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. The 2-4 Assembly will begin at 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. You will be receiving a letter informing you if your child will be recognized at this assembly.



Christmas Program

Our Trenton Avenue students will be performing in the Christmas program at the high school this year. The program will take place on Friday, December 11 at 7:00. Mark your calendars for this special day!



Health Update

The cold and flu season is now upon us. Trenton Avenue has had no cases of H1N1 influenza that have been confirmed by the Ohio State Department of Health. We have received reports of presumed cases and flu-like symptoms.

Please keep your children home from school if they are ill, and do not send them back until they have had no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Also, encourage them to wash their hands frequently and to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. We at Trenton Avenue are taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of germs. It is important to us that our students remain safe and healthy.