

Monday, August 9, 2021

Dear Heritage Families and Students,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Heritage Elementary Grade 3-5 learning community and the start of another exciting school year! In the days leading up to our first day of school, August 26th, the entire staff will be busy making the final preparations for the new school year. We are extremely excited to begin the year and feel quite certain that you will be pleased with the positive learning environment on our campus. While we know things will look different due to the current situation so we appreciate your patience, flexibility and understanding in advance. We are looking forward to the school year and hope you are too!

At this time the following protocols will still be in place for the upcoming school year.

- Visitor access to the building will be limited.
- We will have a designated area in our entry space to drop off supplies and sign students into the building.
- If you're picking up your child from school and you are not familiar to our staff, you will be buzzed in to show your ID. Please follow social distancing and only 2 visitors in the office at a time.
- Recess will take place outside in zones.

We are looking forward to meeting you and getting our year off to a great start!

Go Eagles!

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Mrs. Emily Russ, Assistant Principal
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Mr. Gary Vojtush, Assistant Principal
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Please watch our welcome video to meet the new team!

[Heritage Welcome Video.MOV](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS and Building Hours

The following links provide important information regarding student supplies, calendars, Health department resources and programs for your reference. These documents can also be found on the district website www.avonlocalschools.org.

[Student Fees & Student Supplies 2021-22](#) - **Information on school fees forthcoming due to the current situation

[Avon Heritage Student Handbook](#)

[Avon Eagles Nest Info \(before/after school care\)](#)

[Avon Eagles Nest Registration](#)

[Symptoms Check-Lorain County Health Department](#)

Building Hours: 7:30-2:15 (Bus/Car Arrival 7:10-7:30)

(MAIN/NORTH) PHONE: 440-937-9660

ATTENDANCE LINE: 440-937-9661

(SOUTH SIDE) PHONE: 440-937-3055

ATTENDANCE LINE: 440-937-3050

IMPORTANT DATES

REMINDER: Returning Student Registration Update (sent in previous email) needs to be completed immediately if not already completed. A link is on the main webpage.

- Friday, August 13- Class Lists Released
- Monday, August 16- Sign up for Open House Slots (PTC Fast)
- Tuesday, August 24- Staff Reports
- Tuesday, August 24- Open House, 1:00pm-5:00pm (Please drop off school supplies)
- Thursday, August 26 – First Day of School
- Tuesday, September 14 - Picture Day
- Wednesday, September 15 – 1st Heritage Pride Day (Wear Purple and Gold)

TRANSPORTATION

Carefully review **Bus Routes** and **Safety Rules** – click on the links below:

[Bus Routes](#) **These will be emailed on the 16th of August***

[Bus Safety Rules](#)

*****NEW DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES****

Effective the 2021-2022 school year, the North Parking Lot (Detroit Rd.) will ONLY be used for students who are transported by bus and the South Parking Lot (Bentley Dr.) will ONLY be used for students designated as car-riders. This change has been made in accordance with directives from the City of Avon safety forces. The small loop off Bentley Dr. will not be used for drop-off and pick-up as we need to maintain an open space to the access road for any first responders. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this change.

If your child is a car rider, we ask that you stop in the office during your scheduled Open House time to get a car rider tag. The tag should be placed in your front window so that our staff can easily identify you and retrieve your child. If your child is a car rider, we ask that you pull all the way around the circle and do not stop in front of the door. This will help to make our pick-ups run more smoothly and efficiently.

More information will be forthcoming to ensure that everyone understands the procedures prior to the first day of school. Be on the lookout for an informational video!

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 24 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. Upon entering the building, parents and students will be directed to visit their child's classroom. Students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher, and find their desk and locker. Teachers will be available to meet and answer questions during Open House. You can also use this time to bring in your child's school supplies.

LUNCH MENUS and PAYMENTS

[View Lunch Menus](#) - Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$2.75, Milk \$0.50

Depositing Lunch Money & Applying for Free & Reduced Lunch:

Follow this [link](#) to login to PaySchools Central.

If you need to create a new account, click on "register" on the log-in page. Follow the prompts to create an account and add student(s) to your account. Follow this [link](#) to view the Parent User Guide.

****NOTE: If wanting to fill out a free/reduced application, after creating your account, you MUST log out and log back in to access this feature****

Auto-replenishments will need to be **RESET** for the school year. Any settings you had last school year will not carry over to this school year.

School Fees, Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

If you believe you will qualify for free/reduced school fees and free/reduced lunch please [CLICK HERE](#) to login to PaySchools Central.

If you need to create a new account, click on “register” on the log-in page. Follow the prompts to create an account and add student(s) to your account. Follow this [link](#) to view the Parent User Guide. For more information please click on the following link

[W Free and Reduced Heritage.docx](#)

Dropping Off Items and Sign-In/Sign- Out

To promote safety, we will be limiting guests entering our Main Office areas. Therefore, parents needing to drop off items at the school will be doing so within the double door vestibule areas, where a table will be set up to leave the marked item(s) example: lunchbox. This table will also have a sign-in area if your child were to arrive late due to a given reason. Guests can always push the buzzer to ask questions with the office personnel. In the event your child is sick, the office will contact you directly. We ask that students do not email or text their parents during our school day.

PRIDE DAY

We celebrate our school pride on Heritage Pride Day once a month. On these days, students wear purple and/or gold to show school pride and are encouraged to bring in \$1 to donate to the Boosters based on a community-service deed that they completed to help out around the home/neighborhood to show school pride. Our first Heritage Pride day will be on Wednesday, September 15. Click [here](#) for information regarding Avon Heritage Boosters.

Stay Connected

School Messenger (through PowerSchool): School Messenger will be used for important and time sensitive communication regarding Heritage Elementary.

Twitter: Please Follow us@HeritageElemen2

Avon Heritage Boosters

Parent volunteer opportunities are always needed! Click here for more information regarding Heritage Boosters!

Link: <https://sites.google.com/view/avonheritageboosters/>

GIFTED IDENTIFIED SERVICES

If your child is a part of the GIS program or you are interested in learning more about our gifted program and services, please reach out to our Gifted Coordinator, Melanie Whiting, at whitingm@avoneagles.org or 440-937-3055 ext. 2857.
