

TOTH TIGER TALES

Principal's Pen...

Our staff would like to extend our sincere welcome to you as we look forward to an exciting year. We fully understand that you serve as your child's greatest teacher and we are enthusiastic as we partner with you to enhance their academic, social, and emotional growth over this school year.

Thank you for your and your child's important role in our Jacket Jump Start program again this year. This opportunity provides the chance for our teachers and school to "fast forward" important information about student learning that can be applied immediately.

You will see many opportunities next to this brief article entitled "For Your Calendar." Please check them out and place them on your calendar. You are an important part of our school and we welcome you to be an active member of our programs.

I look forward to working with you and your children throughout this year.

Sincerely,

Dale Wiltse, Interim Principal



All flyers are delivered electronically. Please click "Flyers" under the Parent tab of our web site (www.perrysburgschools.net) for information about community events, clubs and more! Information updated weekly.

Service Dogs at Toth

Again this school year our students will have the opportunity to participate in a community service project by helping to train Assistance Dogs from the Ability Center. Mrs. Bade will be bringing service dogs in training throughout the school year. Thank you to our Toth Family for the support in this endeavor! If you would like to know more about Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence, which is a program of the Ability Center, you can visit the website, www.abilitycenter.org. You can also contact me at kbade@perrysburgschools.net. We are always looking for foster, furlough, and puppy raiser families for the dogs in training.

For your Calendar:

- September 7: Magazine Sale ends
- September 10: Walking Club Begins
- September 14: Movie Night, 3:35-5:00; PTO Mtg. 4:15-5:00 (during Movie Night)
- September 25: Blood Drive 1:30-7:00 p.m.
- September 25-27: Book Fair
- September 25: Donuts for Dads A-L
- September 26: Donuts for Dads M-Z
- October 12: End of 1st Quarter
- October 12: Movie Night
- October 15: Last Walking Club
- October 23: Evening Conferences 5-8 p.m.
- October 24: Picture Retake Day
- October 25: Evening Conferences 5-8 p.m.
- October 26: Conferences, No School
- October 31: Halloween Parade, 2:00; Parties, 2:30

SCHOOL CLINIC INFORMATION

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time and getting back into the routine of school may seem like a bit of a challenge. Here are a few important reminders for parents/guardians to help maximize your child's chance for success this year:

- Make sure your child gets a good night sleep. Elementary age children should get 9-10 hours of sleep each night.
- Be sure to have your child "fueled before school" by eating a good breakfast. Mid-morning stomach aches and/or headaches are often the result of not having an adequate source of protein in the morning or skipping breakfast altogether. This affects a student's ability to pay attention and complete their schoolwork.
- Flip-flops and open-toed sandals may be "fun" footwear, but they are often the cause of playground injuries such as cuts, slivers, banged up toenails and stubbed toes. For active play on the playground a pair of tennis shoes is the best choice.

- Some children require medication to be given during the school day or kept on hand in the clinic in case of emergencies. In order to be able to help a student with such needs the proper district paperwork **must** be filled out and signed by a licensed prescriber then approved by the district school nurse and the building principal before any medication can be given. In addition, all medication should be brought to the clinic or office by a parent or guardian.

Following these guidelines will help to ensure a good start to the school year and a better chance of success throughout the year.

I am very excited to be of service to the students and families at Toth Elementary this year. I will be in the clinic three half-days and one full day every week. Please don't hesitate to call the school any time you have concerns or questions.

Laurie Barteck, R.N.
Health Aide, Toth Elementary

**Turn Box Tops into Bucks!**

To help raise extra funds for our school we have been participating in the Big G Box Tops for Education. Our school will receive \$.10 for every qualifying General Mills box top collected between now and March 1, 2019. A qualifying box top is the "Box Tops for Education" logo on any General Mills box. With your help we can turn box tops into extra money that will make a big difference for everyone at our school!!

PICTURE RETAKES:

Anyone who wants a retake or was not here on Picture Day may get their picture taken on Thursday, October 24. Be sure to bring unwanted picture packages with you for a retake.



Riding Unassigned Buses: Students must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned by the transportation department. A written request to ride a different bus must constitute a medical or family emergency. Permission notes must be signed by the Toth office and the parent. Walkers are not allowed to ride the bus.

Changes in after school plans:

Please make sure your child knows where to go after school before he or she arrives at school in the morning. If your child is to go home in a way different than usual, a note must be given to the teacher. **If a note is not received, your child will be sent home by the usual means.**

Please try to avoid changing after school plans for your child, to avoid classroom disruptions. Also, children are often confused when plans are changed, so it is best to be consistent with after school plans. We realize that situations may arise that make changes necessary. If this is the case, please call the school office as soon as possible. It is necessary to have changes reported **before 2:00 p.m.** This gives the office staff time to get the message to your child, who may be involved in activities outside of his or her usual classrooms.

REPORTING ABSENCES: The Missing Children's Act and State Law requires parents to report absences by phone and by written excuse. Please call 419-874-3123 if your child will be absent from or late to school. If we do not hear from you, we must call parents at home or at work regarding absent children to insure that they are safe. When your child returns to school after being absent, please send a note to the teacher explaining the reason for the absence and dates.

Lunch: We ask that you **NOT bring in or send in restaurant food or carbonated beverages** for your child or other classmates. Thank you!



The clinic is in desperate need of clothing for health care "accidents." We would appreciate any donations of boys or girls underpants, shorts, t-shirts, and sweatpants.

Movie Night,
September 14. Forms go home Monday and are due back on Wednesday, September 12. Sorry, no late sign up.



SCHOOL MESSENGER: School Messenger is an automated emergency notification and communication system that allows school personnel to instantly broadcast information about an emergency situation to parents or guardians through a communication device of their choice. This program utilizes a web-based system with capabilities that enable a single communication to be sent to cell phones, e-mail addresses, pagers, or land line phones. **School Messenger** synchronizes with the district's student data system, so parents do not need to do anything to receive these communications. If you have a change of email address or phone number please contact our office.



Parents, please do your part to keep our students safe at arrival and dismissal times by following our rules we've established at Toth Elementary. **Accidents can happen in a split second!** Please pay close attention to the following enumerated below:

1. **Slow down** when driving on any streets around the school (Elm Street, Locust Street, and Seventh Street). You never know when a child may appear.
2. Use the **Locust Street Lot** when dropping off or

picking up students by car. Pull into the circle and wait your turn to drop off your child.

Do not park at any time in the circle!

3. If you want to come into the school building pull into the Locust Street lot and park in a lined parking space.
4. If your child walks to school and lives north of Seventh Street make sure that they always cross the street by one of the crossing guards by Seventh and Locust or Seventh and Elm.
5. Students are to walk their bikes on the sidewalks by the school.

Lunch with your child: Due to an increase in our school enrollment we can not allow parents and guests to eat lunch in the cafeteria on a regular basis. The cafeteria is very crowded. Please look for a special occasion like your child's birthday when parents may enjoy lunch in the cafe. We look forward to seeing you then. Thank you for your understanding.

KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!

6. Parents and visitors are to park in the Locust Street lot when visiting the school, not on Seventh Street.
7. We tell our students not to cross Seventh Street in front of the school unless they use either crossing guard at the corners. **Please do not confuse the students by allowing this.**
8. The Elm Street lot is for buses only. No cars should ever be in this lot until after 4:00 p.m.

Cafeteria and Recess Behavior

Cafeteria and recess are important parts of our school days. We appreciate the good start up that we have seen this year. Our students have been role modeling their knowledge and understanding of their good behavior through the Jacket Way Program.

Mrs. W in our cafeteria and Miss Michelle on our playground are both student centered, positive adults who have a genuine interest in our students. While they provide frequent reminders for appropriate behavior, occasionally students may receive a brief time out to think through a situation before they can re-join the groups.

Thank you in advance for your support of our program as well as a safe and conducive place for students to eat together and enjoy our recess area.

Sincerely,

Dale Wiltse, Interim Principal

Celebrating in Healthy Ways!

In an effort to nurture healthy food choices, as well as protecting an increasing number of students with food allergies, we are continuing our practice for birthday celebrations of not allowing students to distribute edible treats. Students may bring in a non-food item for the classroom on the day of their birthday. No food/candy is to be distributed for a birthday celebration. Some ideas are: a book donation to your child's classroom, stickers, erasers, or silly bands. We appreciate your partnership as we continue this policy. Please note that food items sent to school will NOT be opened or distributed and will be returned home with the child. Thank you for your support.

We need your help in keeping our building secure!

Since Jefferson founded public education for the citizens of the United States, schools have been charged with the safety of children in their care – a duty to protect. Teachers and administrators have a responsibility to anticipate potential dangers and to take precautions to protect their students from those dangers. An examination of the horrific school shootings from 1999 onward raises the haunting question, “What is the quality of that protection?” Are schools using the best protocol possible?

Our school building doors are locked for the entire day to keep our children and staff members safe. Doors unlock at 8:50 a.m. for children to enter the building, and lock at 9:05 a.m. Only the main entrance (door 28) unlocks again at 3:35 p.m. on Locust Street for dismissal. Parents must say goodbye to their children at the doors upon arrival and greet them at the doors upon dismissal. This is so we can control who enters the building for the safety of our students and staff.

Parents who are picking up their child early must be buzzed in, and sign their child out in the office.