

Grove Patterson Academy E-NEWSLETTER



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Parents,

Please continue to monitor your child's social media pages and cell phone messages. Over the last several weeks we have noticed an increased amount of inappropriate text messages/pictures/conversations etc. on Snap Chat, Instagram, Text etc. that have a direct effect on the social climate in the building. Please note that if the problem interferes with the instructional day, your child can/will be disciplined here at school. Additionally, it is important to note that cell phones are expected to be placed in book bags during the school day. Any phones found on a student will be confiscated and the parent must pick up.

Much love to my GPA Family!
Mrs. J.

PTO News

If you are interested in being a Board Member for our PTO please contact a member of the Board. Board positions for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Board Member Job Descriptions

Article VII – PTO Officers, Duties, and Responsibilities

1. President – Presides at all Board meetings and monthly PTO meetings.
 - Appoint all Board formed Committee Chairs and where applicable Co-Chairs.
 - Exercise supervision over committees and that of the officers in order to ascertain that the objectives and purpose of PTO are carried out in the best possible manner.
 - All events and dates have to be approved by the President and Principal.
 - Receive a copy of the organization financial information and act as a secondary fiduciary signatory.
 - The President and Treasurer must approve all money disbursement.
 - Ensure all monies collected are counted by two people who are not related.
2. Vice President – Presides at meetings of the Board and/or monthly PTO meetings in the absence of the President and otherwise assists the President in the performance of his/her duties as requested.
 - Assist the President by acting as coordinator and liaison with assigned committees.
 - Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - Act as secondary signatory, with the Treasurer on all financial transactions requiring the disbursement of payment in the absence of the President.
3. Secretary – Maintain records, attendance, minutes, meeting announcements, etc.
 - Provide the monthly minutes to the PTO Board, school staff, and PTO members in a timely fashion.
 - Maintain a record of monthly agendas, minutes, and attendance of each meeting.
 - Keep an updated list of committee members with current contact information.

- Receive and maintain financial statements.
 - Keep an updated list of membership with current contact information.
 - If there is no treasurer, act as secondary signatory along with president on all financial transitions temporarily until a treasurer is elected.
4. Treasurer – Maintain and review for accuracy and reasonableness all receipts and money disbursements throughout the academic year for the PTO organization.
 - Complete in entirety, the Grove Patterson Academy PTO Audit Worksheet.
 - Maintain and review for accuracy a general ledger of accounts.
 - Render a monthly financial statement to the President and Board members.
 - Provide a financial report at each PTO Board meeting.
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 - Act as a secondary signatory, with the President and/or Vice President on all financial transactions requiring the disbursement of payment.
 - Develop forms and an annual budget with input from the Board.
 - Ensure that all deposits are made within 72 hours.
 5. Parent Congress Representative – Provide communication between TPS and Grove Patterson Academy.
 - Attend monthly TPS Parent Congress meetings.
 - Provide a report at the monthly PTO meeting.
 6. Webmaster – Maintain the Grove Patterson Academy website, Facebook page, webmail, etc.
 - Ensure timely electronic communication between the body and faculty.
 - Read and respond to email in a timely fashion.
 - Communicate information provided by the Principal and Board via the website, email, and social media sites.
 - Create and maintain master list of contacts for body and faculty.
 - Responsible for outgoing email blasts.
 - Act as approver for information submitted to be posted by body and faculty.

COVID Updates

Our school-based health centers offer COVID-19 testing (PCR and Rapid/antigen) and vaccines. Simply call the clinic closest to you to schedule an appointment - appointments are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m - 4 p.m.

Scott High School - 419-442-7701

Rogers High School - 419-442-7702

Waite High School - 567-204-3056

Woodward High School - 567-343-6890

Thank you for being our partners in health.

COVID Protocols

It is extremely important that you assess your child every morning before arriving to school. If your child has any of the following symptoms, they should remain at home. You should contact Nurse G. for further guidance:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle, body aches, head aches

- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Close contact (within 6 feet for 15+ minutes) with someone who has a confirmed case of Covid-19 or someone who has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.

If your child has any of these symptoms upon arriving to school they will be sent home.

PTO Fundraiser Information

We are selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars for our Spring Fundraiser. A box of chocolates is \$60. We will send home a permission slip if you are interested. Once this is completed, we will send home the box with your child. Individual chocolate bars sale for \$1.00. We would like every family to sell at least one box. Any student that sells 1 box will be invited to a special magic show assembly. This is our best fundraiser. If you would like another box of chocolate you must sign the form that indicates you would like another box of chocolate. If you have questions, you can contact sara.marshall629@gmail.com. The sale has been extended to Monday, March 28th.

Yearbook Orders

Order your 21-22 Yearbook Today. The cost is \$15. Only online orders will be taken. No cash or checks will be accepted. Only 130 yearbooks will be sold. Orders can be placed at www.Ybpay.com Code is 14695822. The deadline to purchase is Friday, March 25th.

Picture Day-Group Pictures and Candids for Yearbook

We will take Group Pictures and Candid Pictures for the Yearbook on Wednesday, March 23rd. Students can wear their uniforms on this date. Group pictures will include: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Basketball, Girls on the Run, Yearbook, Principal Helpers. If you have any group that needs their pictures taken please email me ASAP at hjohnson@tps.org to ensure they are included.

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Recognition SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! On Thursday, May 26th, **Kindergarten** family members are invited to attend a very special Kindergarten Recognition Program in the morning, from 8:30 - 9:45. At the conclusion of the program, Kindergarten students will be dismissed to their parents (or another adult family member, with permission.) This early dismissal applies ONLY TO KINDERGARTEN! Please plan ahead to make arrangements accordingly. More information will be shared as the program draws nearer.

* Please note - this event may change at any time based upon Covid regulations.

Save the date! **8th Grade Recognition** will be held on Wednesday, May 25th from 8:30-10:30 in the gymnasium. More information will come forth as we move closer to this date. We will need volunteers and donations to make this a success.

PTO MEETING March 15@ 6:15p.m. via Facebook Live *Guest Dr. Durant

Thanks to everyone that attended the PTO Meeting this week. It was a lot of great information. A reminder that if you attended and signed in your child will receive a Dress Down Day on Wednesday, March 23rd.

CAMP INVENTION

Your kid can stretch their imagination with new, hands-on STEM adventures at Camp Invention®! This K-6 program comes to Grove Patterson Academy from June 13 to June 17. Register using SUM25 by 3/31 to save \$25 at invent.org/mylocalcamp.

Now Enrolling for the 2022-2023 School Year

Do you know any good families to enroll next year?

Please tell all your neighbors, friends, colleagues that we are enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. Our application is available in the Main Office or can be emailed out as well. All pre-school families, unless you have a sibling already enrolled, must apply to be included in the lottery. Pre-School students are not guaranteed admittance into the Academy. Contact the Main Office with any questions!

Testing Updates

We have completed the Ohio State Test in Reading. Students did an amazing job and worked extremely hard. Our next set of tests are the beginning of April. Your child's teacher should send out the individual testing calendars. It is important that all students attend and on time to complete these assessments. Make sure students get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.

OHIO STATE ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT (SAVE THE DATES)

Math 4/4-4/14

Science Grades 5&8 Only 4/4-14

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

7/8th Grade Volunteer Opportunity

Ms. Perry is in major need of paper towels. If you are in need of volunteer hours, please send in paper towels with your child. Remember, volunteer hours are given in \$10 increments. 1 volunteer hour = \$10 of donated items.

School-wide Volunteer Opportunities

School Opportunities

- Lunchroom
- Stock the Lounge (Snacks, drinks, whatever you would like to send in) *Label Stock the Lounge
- May Book Fair
- Attend PTO Meetings (You must sign in)
- Board Games (Uno Cards, Connect Four)
- Garden (Mowing, Planting) Contact Kara Houser khouser@tps.org
- We are in need of 15 volunteers for the Imagination Station Earth and Science Festival on May 23. You will need to be at school by 7:45 and will not leave until 2:45. You will receive instruction on how to run the station that you're assigned to. The link to sign up is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944A8AB2DA4FA7-imagination>

- We are in need of a few parents to come in and help count our Bull Dog Bucks for our upcoming School Store. If you are interested, please use the Sign Up Genius Link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944A8AB2DA4FA7-help1>

How do you track your volunteer hours?

Parents will be expected to track their hours through the below link this year. All volunteer hours will be tracked this way. A reminder all families must have 10 hours per family per year. Failure to complete this requirement can/will result in a removal from the Academy.

[GPA Volunteer Tracking Form 21-22](#)

News from Profe' Flores

Donations are needed: Clorox Wipes are needed. For every \$10 1 Hour will be provided. She is in need of cleaning wipes to clean her classroom.

Grades K-2:

“Starting this year, Kindergarten -2nd grade Spanish students will only receive comments on mid-quarter and quarter grade cards. To see your student’s progress in Spanish class before the comments come out on the report cards, please check the Parent Portal or contact Profe’ Flores directly.”

DROP OFF SUPPLIES/LUNCH

A reminder that if an item is left at home such as lunch, shoes, Read and Respond or other item it cannot be dropped off. We are attempting to limit the amount of disruptions we have to the learning day. You would be surprised how many times we must contact a teacher’s classroom. If these items are brought, we will ask that you take them home.

Additionally, we have had many parents over the last several weeks ordering or bringing in/dropping off outside lunches or even some ordering from Grub Hub etc. Please note our policy is, your child can bring outside food items from home in their lunch boxes/bag, however they cannot be dropped off during the school day and will be turned away.

Thanks in advance for your understanding!

Drop Off/Pick Up Line

7:45 am Only Bus Riders Can Enter the Building

7:55 am Car Riders Can Enter the Building

2:25 pm Bus Riders are Dismissed

2:30 pm Car Riders and Walkers are Dismissed (YMCA Child Care is also dismissed)

If any changes must be made to how a child is getting home, it must be done before 2:00 p.m. Many parents are texting, emailing, or calling during the middle of dismissal. It is no way we can notify teachers/children after 2:00 pm. It is simply too chaotic. Parents should also not text/call their child to get off the bus. It is no way we can confirm it was the parent. Note, once a student is on the bus, we will not get a student off the bus unless it is an emergency. This is a safety concern and will be adhered to.

Please remember that students who are dropped off in the morning by car must remain in their vehicles until 7:55 a.m. Over the last several weeks I have noticed more and more students coming into the building earlier than they are supposed to. We must maintain a certain level of distancing that requires only bus riders (and a limited other exceptions) to enter the building before 7:55 a.m. Students will be asked to return to the vehicle if it is before the time. I apologize in advance.

Walking School Bus Survey

Please take a moment to fill out the interest survey. Students interested in getting fit by walking or cycling can join our Walking School Bus Club. It's a club focused on getting more exercise in the great outdoors. Our club will walk from school every Wednesday to a designated location where parents can pick the kids up. Students will depart from Grove immediately after the busses have left and walk almost ½ mile to our pick up location. Kids get exercise and parents get a potentially faster pick up. Students will be able to earn incentives for the amount of times (miles/steps) they participate in. We just need to know how many are interested in participating so that we can determine how many adults we will need to volunteer.

Walking Club Survey Form

Girls on the Run

Empowered...strong...inspiring...healthy...FUN! These are just a few of the words that have been used to describe the Girls on the Run program from past participants. We are excited to announce that the Girls on the Run program for girls in grades 3-5 is returning for another season! We had so much fun and learned so much last season we are gearing up for the spring! We will offer a different curriculum with new games and activities, but cover the same core values and tackle important life lessons. New participants are encouraged to sign up and girls who have already completed the program are invited back! The season begins March 14. Practices are on Monday and Friday from 2:45-4:15 at GPA. Go to <https://www.girlsontherunwohio.org/>

Intent to Return Form

Final Call for you to notify the school whether your child will be returning to GPA for the 2022-2023 school year. We will begin our lottery selections in March. If you have not completed the form here is the link for you to do so.

Intent to Return

Background Checks-Updated with new link

We appreciate your interest in volunteering your time with our students - either as a parent, a community member, or in coordination with one of our valued community partners. Toledo Public Schools aims to produce competitive college and career ready graduates, and we will not succeed without partners like you!

TPS offers a variety of activities you may choose from when volunteering your time. **Simply complete and submit a Volunteer application and upon approval you will receive instructions on next steps.**

It is very important that the **information you enter on the application matches your government issued identification card** including your full legal name. It is important that you **provide a valid email address** so you can be notified as to the status of your application and for future communication. All information collected on the application will remain confidential and not be shared outside the volunteer program.

If you have any questions about the application, please call 419-671-0410 or email volunteer@tps.org.

Thank you,

TPS Community Liaison

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NTI3OTplbi1VUw==>

You can also find it on our website following this

link: https://www.tps.org/discover_tps/news/new_volunteer_application_now_available

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Lunch

Lunch times will be as follows:

K-10:30-11:00

7/8 11:05-11:35

¾ 11:40-12:10

5/6 12:20-12:50

½ 1:00-1:30

No outside lunches can be dropped off if a lunch is forgotten. Students will receive a school lunch. Additionally, no lunches can be ordered/delivered through apps such as Uber Eats, etc. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Lunch menus are available on the GPA App and the Toledo Public Schools website. www.tps.org. We also post any updates to our lunch menu on our GPA Facebook page. Feel free to email Ms. Heather at hstover@tps.org if you would like to know the menu this week.

Bussing Information

We are excited to announce that you have access to a new smartphone app that helps to improve communication, school bus safety, and efficiency. The Transportation Portal (aka Edulog Parent Portal) app provides you with planned time and location information for your child's bus ride to school. On a daily basis, the app will show you the GPA location of the bus and send you a push notification when it is nearing your bus stop.

The app is free of charge for our parents, caregivers, and students. In addition to displaying the location of your bus and sending the notifications, you can also receive time sensitive messages from our transportation department. You will also receive notification when a substitute bus is running your route due to scheduled maintenance on your regular bus, for example.

The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store-either of which can be accessed by pointing your smartphone camera at this QR code:

Additional information about using Transportation Portal (aka Edulog Parent Portal) is available on our website at: https://www.tps.org/departments/transportation_services. If you have additional questions regarding the app, please contact our transportation department at: 419-671-8541.

If you would like to request bus transportation for the 2021-2022 school or make changes to your current stop, it is imperative that you contact Karen in the Main Office at 419.671.3350 as soon as possible. Any additions/changes could potentially take 1-3 weeks.

Currently there is an approximate 2 week wait on new bus requests/changes.

Parent Portal/Google Classroom

The Parent Portal gives parents and guardians access to pertinent student information such as attendance records, class schedule, class work, report cards and transcripts. You can access the site by clicking on this link: <https://parentportal.tps.org> under the Registration Section. If any of these items need to be updated, we ask that you contact Karen in the main office. If you have questions, view the parent portal guidelines and questions:

[PARENT PORTAL USER GUIDE - UPDATED](#)

[PARENT PORTAL USER GUIDE \(SPANISH\)](#)

[FAMILY APP DIRECTIONS](#)

All assignments for the 2021-2022 school year for grades 3-8 will be posted through a digital format. This may be done by a Google Site, Google Classroom, or Parent Portal. Your scholars' teacher will verify what format they intend to use. This will take the place of a formal agenda book that we have used in the past. It is your responsibility (as stated in the Parent Contract Agreement) to ensure all assignments that are posted have been completed and returned. We have found that often times our wonderful children will tell the parent it is done but in actuality, it is not and a blank assignment turned in. You want to check and verify it is completed and accurate.

YMCA After-School Care

If you are interested in your scholar receiving YMCA after school care, you can contact Rachele Wells they can email me at rachellewells@ymcatoledo.org or call me at 419-214-1875.

Communication

It is very important that we stay connected. Please make sure that the front office has your most current contact information on file. Please make sure you read all your emails and follow us on social media. Listed below are different ways you can stay connected with Grove Patterson Academy.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Phone: 419.671.3350 Fax: 419.671.3395

3020 Marvin Avenue

Toledo, Ohio 43606

Teacher's Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:55am – 2:45 pm.

Teachers are teaching throughout the school day. They may not be able to respond to questions until they have a break. Teachers will offer office hours during the week. These times can be located on the teacher's google classroom page.

Questions submitted after 3:00 p.m. may not be answered until the next school day. We will try to return most messages within 24 hours.

School E-mail

See <https://www.grovepattersonpto.org/staff-directory>

School Website

<https://www.grovepattersonpto.org/>

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GrovePattersonPTO/>

GPA Communication/App.

Download the Grove Patterson Academy App in your App store.

District Communication

Download the Toledo Public Schools App in your App store.

Weekly Newsletter

Parents will receive the weekly parent newsletter via GPA App. It will also be posted online via our website. This newsletter contains important updates, school and district information, educational resources (link), and information about upcoming events, training, and workshops.



- 3/22 Fundraiser Ends Money Due
- 3/23 Picture Day Candid/Group Pictures
- 3/25 Deadline to Order Yearbooks Online
- 4/4-4/14 Math/Science Ohio Achievement Assessment
- 4/12 PTO Meeting 6:15p.m. Virtual
- 4/15-4/22 Spring Break
- 4/28 Kindergarten Registration Night (More Info to Come)

PARENTS!

Remember to ask your child about how they are doing in I-READY each week.