

# Wilson Hill Update

## *Home of the White Tigers*

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**Monday, October 3, 2015**

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### **Wilson Hill Parent Calendar**

**<http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/Page/38>**

### **Drop off and Pick - Up Procedures Please help by following the expectations below.**

When parents find it necessary to drive their child to school in the morning or to pick up their child at the end of a school day it will be absolutely necessary that you pick up/drop in the north parking lot loop!

Please help keep our children safe. Drop off / pick up will go smoothly if everyone follows the expectations.

- Please do not park in the drop off area in front of the door. Please park in a designated parking spot if you would like your child to wait in the car. If your child has a project or other items that would delay exiting the vehicle, please park in a spot to help expedite the line.
- Please pull as far forward as possible. This ensures that we are getting as many students out as possible and reduces the line on Northland. There is a yellow line on the sidewalk that designates the drop off area. Please have your child exit on the right side of your vehicle. It can be very dangerous if they are exiting on the left and a car is passing to avoid the line.
- Please do not pass unless directed to do so by someone working the drop off. There will be times when a child or parent must exit on the left side. Passing cars put them and those using the crosswalk in front of the doors in grave danger.
- It is impossible to open doors for every car. If the line is stopped, please have your child exit the vehicle. This helps save time.
- Please follow the hand signals of the staff members on duty. They may motion for you to move forward because the line is moving ahead. They may also be telling you to continue moving forward if you are not pulling to the end of the drop off area.
- Only use the north parking lot for picking up and dropping of your child.
- Do not turn left into or out of the parking lots during the hours of 7:25 am to 7:50 am and 2:25 pm to 2:55 pm
- The south lot is not to be used to drop off or pick up students. It is to be used if you are parking and entering the building. If you plan to enter the building, please arrive before 7:25 am or after 7:50 am and before 2:25 pm or after 2:55 pm.
- Please use your turn signals to notify traffic your intentions
- Please do not block the buses in. They need to have clear paths when leaving for their routes

Our student Safety Patrol, Safety Patrol supervisors, and duty teachers are doing a fantastic job helping the process along! Please show the children and adults the respect they deserve while doing this important job before and after school.

### **Planning for Safety in our Schools**

The safety of our students, staff, and community is always a priority in Worthington Schools

Statistics show that when staff and students within a school are prepared with knowledge and practice, they respond to emergency situations with positive results. For that reason, schools have always engaged in routine drills and learning that support everyone's safety.

Historically, schools have participated in the following safety drills:

- A. **Fire Drills** that provide knowledge about reporting fire hazards, and experience with a safe evacuation of the building using multiple exits
- B. **Weather Drills** that provide knowledge about how to be calm and safe in the event of weather related events (such as a tornado), and experience with locating sheltered space within the building where safety is maximized.
- C. **Lock-Down Drills** that provide knowledge about circumstances in which free movement in and around the building is curtailed (such as neighborhood disturbances or unruly school visitors), and experience with locking down the school perimeter, classrooms, and common areas to keep students safe in a secure area until the circumstance passes.

This year, we will be adding a new drill to our safety repertoire.

**A Rally Point Drill** will make students and staff aware of a process for gathering at a safety rally point in the event that an emergency takes place which necessitates the evacuation of the building and students and staff need to be further away from the building than a typical fire drill.

Last school year, Worthington Police worked with school staff by facilitating ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training. Part of this training for staff included how to take additional counter measures during a "lockdown" to facilitate students in an evacuation to a school "Rally Point" from which students could be transported to a "reunification" location, designated as the Worthington Education Center (WEC), to be joined with parents/guardians.

During the month of October, our elementary principals and Library Media Staff will be sharing an age-appropriate informational picture book with students in grades K-6. The book outlines awareness building for students, and includes teaching about a school rally point, which students will locate and visit.

Our schools are great communities for learning. Being prepared for unplanned interruptions is one way to build confidence for ultimate student safety. The safety of our staff, students, and community is always our priority.

### **Reflections**

Help Your Student Develop Film, Music, Dance, Art, Photography, and Writing Skills

The new Wilson Hill "Reflections Through Artistic Expression" program began Friday, September 30th. Artistic submissions will be accepted until the Friday, October 14th deadline. Feel free to contact me for an entry form at miller\_tennis@yahoo.com or send me a Facebook message with your e-mail address. The Reflections program tracks each student's progress, and every submission will be entered into the Reflections Art Contest to potentially advance to the district level.

The art submissions will be completed at home. Students in K to 6th grade can enter. Our theme will be "What's Your Story?"

With this new program, we are seeking community members and parents to serve on selection committees. Could you serve on one of these selection committees with us? No experience necessary :)

Film

Dance

Photography

Visual Art

Music

## Writing

Entry Fee: Free for Wilson Hill Students thanks to the PTO

The FAQs from the District Reflections Head Quarters:

Q - When can my child participate?

A - NOW! Start creating and having fun at home with your child. Children can enter multiple pieces but only one piece per category. Guidelines and best practices will be provided to you.

Q - When are entries due?

A - Entries are due no later than Friday, October 14th, 2016.

Entries may be turned into your school office. Ensure that the entry form is connected to your child's art piece. There is an entry box for collection at your school office marked "Reflections."

Q- What is an artist statement?

A- This is a way for your child to explain why she or he created the piece and how it connects to the theme. They may hand write (you can help them) or they can type it. Just remember to attach it.

Q- Will I get my child's art back?

A - Photography and Visual arts will be returned. Other art pieces will not. Be sure to keep a copy of any dance, literature, music, or video.

If you have additional questions, I am available to meet any day after school.

Thank you and enjoy the artistic fun with your child,

[Lisa Miller](#)

Chair of the Reflections Through Artistic Expressions Committee

Wilson Hill "Go White Tigers!"

<http://www.pta.org/REFLECTIONS>

## **Trimester Information**

Dear Wilson Hill Parents/Guardians,

Once again, welcome back to Worthington Schools! It is my hope that your student's school year has gotten off to a successful and positive start.

This communication is to remind you that Worthington Schools continue to be on a Trimester grading period.

What this means to you is:

- Rather than breaking the school year into 4 nine-week grading/marketing periods, elementary calendars will be organized around 3 twelve-week periods.
- Student progress reports, formerly known as "grade" or "report" cards, will be issued in 12-week intervals on November 24, March 7 and May 30.
- The longer marking period allows for more complete assessments of student learning as aligned to State Curriculum Standards.

Kindergarten through Sixth Grade parents can expect a formal progress report at each of the three trimester periods in all subject areas. Related Arts teachers (art, music and physical education) will report on student progress at the conclusion of the FIRST and THIRD trimesters, only.

Along with Parent-Teacher Conferences and other informal classroom methods of reporting student growth and progress, we continue to see our formal progress report as another tool to keep you informed about your

student's progress and success in school, as well as to encourage two-way communication between home and school.

Should you have any questions about progress reporting, please contact your child's teacher, or myself.

#### **Dates set for 2016-17 Community Coffees with Superintendent**

Superintendent Trent Bowers will meet with community members through a series of Community Coffees over the 2016-17 school year. Anyone from the area is invited to stop and talk about issues that affect our schools. The coffees will be held at multiple locations on Fridays during the school year. Dr. Bowers will be available at these locations from **8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**(Click on the restaurant name for directions & map)

<http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=3612&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=8428&PageID=1>

#### **Veterans Day Celebration Friday, Novemebr 11, 2016 - 9:00 am**

Friday, November 11, 2016. If you know of any military veterans who might be interested in speaking at our assembly please contact me at [dgirard@wscloud.org](mailto:dgirard@wscloud.org)

#### **Calendar of Important Events**

Family Fun Night	Friday, October 14	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
NO SCHOOL	Friday, October 21	All Day
Classroom Parties	Monday, October 31	1:30 pm - 2:25 pm