



A World of Possibilities!

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School Vision

Reaching all students one student at a time.

Dates To Remember

September 2
No School

September 5
Progress Reports go home—
Parent-Teacher Conference
4:30-6:00 PM

September 6
ROAR Assembly wear white
shirt and blue bottom

September 9
Mandatory Title 1 Parent Meeting
9:00 AM & 5:00 PM
(Please attend one)

September 16th-20th
Homecoming—see next page
Payment for first grade field trip

September 23-27
Payment for Kindergarten field trip

Mission Statement

W. O. Parmer— a world of possibilities— where kids come first and we partner with families to develop enthusiastic learners.

W. O. Parmer News

September 2019

From the Principal's Desk!



Now that a little time has passed and we are all over the beginning of school jitters, I want to share with everyone all of the things happening here at W.O. Parmer. Because we have so much NEW information and wonderful programs going on, you will find this newsletter longer than on any other given month.

PARENT PARTNER CARDS

We are so excited to have a new program in place this year that will help build stronger school/parent relationships. This program is a collaboration between teachers, administration, parents, community members, and other stakeholders to build and sustain consistent parent and community involvement within our school. This goes back to the old adage “It takes a village to raise a child”; here at W.O.P. we want to become part of every child’s village.

Thursday, September 5th, students will bring home, in their yellow folder, a “Parent Partner Card” and a more detailed explanation of how the program will work. When parents or an adult parental representative when applicable (ex. Grandparents) volunteer or are involved in a school related activity, they will receive a signature on their Parent Partner Card. If ALL five signatures are collected during the quarter, (a new card will be issued each quarter and signatures can not be carried over) the parent is eligible for a quarterly incentive. For example: If you attend Open House on September the 5th and The Title One Parent Meeting on September 9th (Either at 9:00 AM or 5:30 PM) You will receive two signatures (One for each event).

Each quarter the school will host a “Parents Night Out” where parents receive two hours of free childcare. **ALTERNATIVE:** If a parent does not elect to receive the two hours of free childcare, they may get an out-of-uniform pass for their child or a voucher for our monthly pictures .

Please check your child’s yellow folders for the card and a more detailed explanation of this program. If you have any questions, please call me.

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School Bus Policy



The primary objective of the Butler County Schools' Transportation Department is to safely transport your children to and from school. It takes cooperation and responsible actions by each bus driver, student, parent, teacher, school administrator, and the Transportation Department to achieve this goal. We rely on all students (supported by their parents or guardians) to follow procedures that contribute to the safety of everyone on the bus. Most students do a great job contributing to the safety on their buses. The daily bus ride is part of our students' education in learning to be good citizens by taking responsibility for their own behavior, safety and the safety of the other students on the bus.

At the regular meeting of the Butler County Board of Education on Thursday, September 21, 2017, the following school bus disciplinary action procedures.

School Bus Disciplinary Action Procedures

Class I and Class II School Bus Offenses

1st Incident : Parent/driver conference (further administrative actions will not occur unless there is verifiable evidence that a parent/driver conference has occurred by phone or face-to-face)

2nd Incident: Referral to school administrator and 1 (one) week suspension from riding school bus

3rd Incident: Referral to administrator with 2 (two) weeks suspension from riding school bus

Subsequent referrals may result in the student being removed from the bus for remainder of the school year.

Class III and Class IV School Bus Offenses

Any infraction considered Class III or Class IV should be processed by the school administrator immediately as the Code of Student conduct directs. One Class III or Class IV violation of the Code of Conduct occurring on the school bus may result in the student being removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Please take a moment and review this policy with your child.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant



W. O. Parmer has been awarded a grant from the USDA to promote the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in the amount of \$24,004.15. This grant provides a variety of fresh produce to each student. The goals of the FFVP grant are to expose children to a variety of fresh produce, reinforce healthy eating habits, and fight childhood obesity through education. Each week your child will receive a fruit and a vegetable to sample. Our goal is to introduce your child to fruits and vegetables that he/she would not normally eat. Teachers introduce and discuss the fruits and vegetables with their students. We ask that each student keep an open mind and try the fruit and vegetables. If you have any suggestions for fruits or vegetables, please feel free to contact us. We would love to have your input.

Attendance Counts

Help Your Child Succeed in School:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early
School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- Checking in late or out early causes students to miss valuable instruction time and makes it difficult for students to keep up with their academic studies.

School education lays the vital foundation of a child's life. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. It is important that your child attends school for the whole day as being absent during the day could be detrimental to your child's progress.

If your child is absent from school for any unavoidable reason such as sickness, please

turn in the excuse within 3 days. Failure to turn in excuses will result in your child's absence being unexcused.

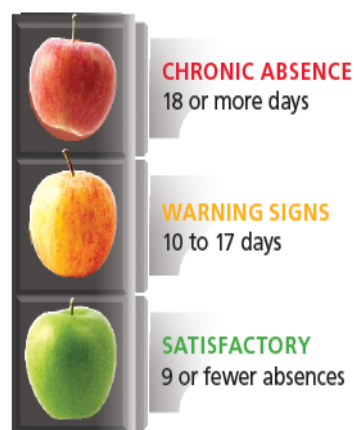
Check-ins and check outs are absences for whatever subject the student is missing. Your child has instruction and exams in different subjects throughout the day. Late check-ins and early check-outs can result in academic failure. Our students have seven subjects daily, if your child is absent or check-in or check-out on a regular basis he/or she will be unable to maintain the minimums 60% in all classes that is needed to be promoted. (Page 47 Butler County Handbook and Code of Conduct 2019-20)

Remember seven unexcused absences within a school year constitutes a student being truant for the purpose of filing a petition with the court. Furthermore, passing to the next grade may be withheld from truant students. (Page 9 Butler County Handbook and Code of Conduct 2019-20)

Please try to make your child's appointments after school hours. If you need to ask for time out of school due to exceptional circumstances, please contact me. Your request will be considered and if appropriate an authorized absence may be granted.

As parents, you have a responsibility to ensure your child is in school so that he or she will have the best possible opportunity to succeed academically, socially and emotionally. Improving attendance can help reduce achievement gaps your child may be experiencing compared to others in the class. If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me at 334-382-8720 or Jackie.thornton@butlerco.k12.al.us

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



School Safety



Our commitment to provide a safe environment for our students and staff remains a daily priority. Many of the current school tragedies underscore the importance of everyone staying connected with students to understand any possible emotional trauma they may be experiencing. We also want to provide students and families with as much support as possible. In this current climate of school violence, it has become necessary to speak to our children about what we can and cannot say in school and the items that we can and cannot bring to school.

I am asking for your assistance with this matter. Please speak to your child(ren) about the following:

Hand Gestures – pretending that your finger is a gun and pointing at teachers and/or students **IS** an implied threat that will have disciplinary consequences for all students (including kindergarten)

Written or Verbal Threats - All written or verbal threats will be taken seriously and will result in disciplinary action.

Bringing Knives, Guns (play, water, BB, etc), Sharp Objects- These are Class 4 offenses with very harsh disciplinary consequences.

We are mandated reporters and must report the above acts to the police as well as follow the Butler County Code of Conduct. I am certain that with your help we will be able to emphasize to our students that we are a caring school community and everyone has an important role in maintaining a safe school environment.

Parent Teacher Conferences



A Parent Teacher Conference will be held each nine weeks after progress reports are given out. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and engage in meaningful dialogue about his/her academic progress and/or you can schedule a more in-depth conference with the teacher. Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place from 4:30—6:00 PM on the following dates:

1st nine weeks-September 5, 2019

2nd nine weeks-November 7, 2019

3rd nine weeks- February 6, 2020

Title One Parent Meeting



The purpose of the *Title I* annual parent meeting is to provide information to parents about the *Title One* program and their right to be involved in their child's education.

Date: September 9, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM or 5:30 PM

Topics Include:

What is Title 1?

How does Title 1 affect my child?

What are my Title 1 rights as a parent?

Title 1 Budget



Homecoming Week Celebration

Monday 9/16—Disney Character
Dress as your favorite Disney Character
(**May be out of Uniform**)

Tuesday 9/17—Super Hero Day
Wear your favorite super hero tee-shirt
(**Must wear uniform bottom**)

Wednesday—9/18 -Battle of the Grades
K- Wear Red Uniform Shirt
1st—Wear White Uniform Shirt
2nd—Wear Blue Uniform Shirt
(**Must wear uniform bottom**)

Thursday 9/19— Sock it to the Rebels
Wear your wildest socks
(**Must wear uniform**)

Friday 9/20-Tiger Pride Day
Wear your tiger spirit shirt
(**Must wear uniform bottom**)