

# Edwin D. Smith elementary school



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**Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Edwin D. Smith!**

**We pride ourselves on our history, but plan for the future. We strive to produce intellectual, creative, and respectful members of our community.**

## Teacher Websites

Make sure you continue to check teachers' websites. Many use them to let parents know of projects and homework. You can access each teacher's website via our school web site at [www.oakwoodschoools.org](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org)

## Reporting Student Absence

Parents are reminded of the need to call the school whenever your child is going to be absent. The Absence Reporting System allows you to call the school (297-5346) and report the absence on a recording machine at any time. We ask that you report your child's absence by stating your name, the child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher.

Also include a brief description of the reason for the absence (ill, doctor's appointment, etc.). The machine beeps when a message is left, so it is constantly checked during the day. Please, remember to send in an

excuse note to the teacher upon your child's return to school. All families new to Smith will be receiving a magnet with the absence line number for easy access. Call any time and leave a message.

## Safety Reminders

One of the greatest opportunities for students in Oakwood is to be able to walk or ride a bike to school. Please work with us to instill the importance of a few things in order to protect our children each day:

- 3rd graders and up may ride bikes/skateboards/scooters to school, but must wear helmets.
- Bikes should be ridden on the street (not the sidewalk) and bikers MUST follow the rules of the road.

ALL walkers, bikers, etc. MUST use the crosswalks. This includes adults! We want to be good role models for our students and keep everyone safe during these high traffic times of day.

## September 2017

Monday, Sept. 4  
No School - Labor Day

Wednesdays, Sept. 6/13/20/27  
Gr. 1-6 - Cardio Club 8am

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Tuesday, Sept. 12  
PTO Meeting 5:45pm in library

Wednesday, Sept. 13  
Volunteer Training 5:30pm at Harman

Wednesday, Sept. 20  
Picture Day

Friday, Sept. 22  
Early Dismissal at 11:40am - no lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 4  
Walk to School Day

## From Mrs. Cowell

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! The start of the year has gone off without a hitch. Your children have quickly adapted to a schedule and routine again and are doing a beautiful job making good choices and following the school rules. The rules at Smith, as well as at Lange and Harman, are simple. We follow the 3 R's - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Build Relationships.

In addition, our focus for the school year is #KindnessRocks! Students will learn about empathy through our GRIT sessions (more information to come soon) and through their everyday lessons and experiences this year.

Our Rock Star weekly awards will focus on students who have shown kindness. Ask your child about the book, *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig and how they have shown kindness like the new boy, Justin, in the story. It's going to be a wonderful year at Smith Elementary School!

## From the Physical Education Dept.

We have begun Cardio Club. If you would like to walk/jog with us please arrive at 8:00 AM on the large playground. We walk for 15 minutes and then line up for school. It is a lot of fun and it is a great way to start the day. Cardio Club is for all ages and families.

International Walk/bike to school day is Wednesday Oct. 4th. The students are encouraged to walk/bike with their families and meet me on the front lawn for a snack and surprise.

I hope to see everyone at these two activities!

Questions? [Contact Sharon Liapis](#), PE teacher

## From the Art Department

Attention 6th-grade parents...

In art class, your children will be studying the art of Andy Goldsworthy ([http://www.morning-earth.org/ARTISTNATURALISTS/AN\\_Goldsworthy.html](http://www.morning-earth.org/ARTISTNATURALISTS/AN_Goldsworthy.html)) and will be going to Hills and Dales metro park on Thursday, October 19th from 12:45-2:45 to create works of art with nature.

Please click on the link below if you are able to volunteer for this trip. I will need people to drive and then stay and help chaperone a small group of 3-4 students. If you signed up at open house please fill out this online form so I can communicate with all my volunteers in the same format. Thank you, Mrs. Mullins

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4badac2ea7fc1-6thgrade>

## From the Library

### Lumberjack Reading Challenge

Smith Library has a new reading challenge for 4th, 5th and 6th graders called The Lumberjack Reading Challenge. This is an optional program designed to spark reading interest and encourage students to read titles that might be out of their comfort zone. If your child wants to participate, Mrs. Small will keep track of student reading in the library.

- Students who read at least six of this year's Lumberjack Reading List books will be invited to a voting party in May.
- Students who read all eleven books will get their photo posted on the "Wall of Fame."
- Lumberjack Reading List books can be checked out from Smith Library, found at other libraries or bookstores, or purchased as an eBook.
- Students are welcome to read the books on their own, listen to audio versions, or even have books read aloud to them. Feel free to read some of these titles together as a family!

### 2017-2018 Lumberjack Reading List

- All the Answers - by Kate Messner - Realistic Fiction
- Book Scavenger - by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman - Adventure/Mystery
- Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom - by Booki Vivat - Graphic Novel
- Kid Owner - by Tim Green - Sports
- A Million Ways Home - by Dianna Dorisi Winget - Realistic Fiction
- Raymie Nightingale - by Kate DiCamillo - Realistic Fiction
- Save Me a Seat - by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan - Realistic Fiction
- Space Case - by Stewart Gibbs - Science Fiction/Mystery
- War That Saved My Life - by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley - Historical Fiction
- Wild Robot - by Peter Brown - Fantasy/Science Fiction
- Worst Class Trip Ever - by Dave Barry - Humor



## **Title One - Parents' Right to Know**

Edwin D. Smith receives federal funds to support the Title 1 reading program. In accordance with the requirement of federal law, each school receiving Title 1 funds must make sure that all parents of students in that school are notified that they may request, and be provided, information about staff certification and student achievement.

All Smith School teachers completed undergraduate major requirements in their area of study and all hold certificates in their field of teaching. No staff member is teaching under any emergency provisional status. The staff at Edwin D. Smith Elementary meets the requirements to be given the Highly Qualified Teacher status.

All Smith long-term substitutes who will be in the same classroom for twenty or more days must also meet the Highly Qualified Teacher status. In each instance, parents will be notified about the status of the substitute.

If you need any more information about the qualifications of any staff member or any information on the level of achievement of your child(ren) on required state academic assessments (achievement testing), please contact Kimbe Lange (Director of Curriculum) or Lynn Cowell (Principal).

## **Parent & Information Resources**

Parents and parent organizations may want to access this resource: [www.ohiopirc.org](http://www.ohiopirc.org). The mission of the Ohio PIRC is "to empower all parents and families by providing information, resources, and training to support children's learning and enhance the environment to which they grow". This is a non-profit parent information and resource center funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement. Check it out!

## **Dress Code**

A friendly reminder regarding dress code - We are respectfully requesting that you help your children make appropriate clothing choices for school that are safe, as well as modest and not too revealing. The handbook states, "The school does not permit halter-tops, bare midriffs or any top, which does not appropriately cover the upper torso. Extremely short skirts or shorts are also prohibited." Thank you for helping us create an environment focused on learning.

## **Smith School Store**

Attention 5th graders... Do you want to be a part of the School Store? Application are currently available in Mrs. Knostman's room. School store hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:10-8:30 AM and 3:05 - 3:30 PM. Please see Mrs. Knostman for any questions.

## **Hurricane Harvey Aid**

Smith's 5K students are helping to spread the word and partnering with the OCC and the Foodbank of Dayton to collect cases of drinking water (8 oz. or 16.9 oz.) to send down to everyone affected by Hurricane Harvey. We are encouraging you to send full cases of water to the OCC during regular business hours between now and next Wednesday, September 6th.

The food bank will pick up the water and transport it to Houston. If you can't donate a case of water, please consider donating a dollar. Thank you!



The Fun Run is coming!

**Friday,  
October 13th**

More information on this event will be coming soon.



## **October Calendar Preview**

Weeks of October 2/19  
Fall Testing Weeks

Wednesday, October 4  
Walk to School Day

Friday, October 13  
Fun Run, Early Dismissal at 11:40  
1st Quarter Ends

Saturday, October 21  
Smith Fall Festival & Ghostwood

Week of October 23  
Parent - Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 27  
Halloween Parade and Parties

Monday, October 30  
No School

## From the Nurse

Welcome back to another school year! It was great to see all the students coming in to the building smiling and excited to be back. With the beginning of the school year, here are some important reminders for parents:

1. If your student has had a change in their health over the summer please let the nurse know. We want to make sure we are providing the healthiest and safest school environment for your student.

2. If your student will require medication to be administered during the school day, please make sure you have a Medication Administration Form completed for each medication by yourself and a licensed health care provider. Bring the medication to school in the original container with all the correct information on the bottle. This is required for all prescription and over-the-counter medications. (See page 12-13 in the Oakwood City Schools Handbook for Elementary Students and Parents 2016-2017)

3. With the return of students we also have an increased chance of a return of head lice. Please discuss with your student the importance of not sharing any clothing items, hair care items or anything material that comes in to contact with another student's head and shoulders with any other student. If your student should have head lice please notify the nurse and remember to also notify a teacher, coach, parent, etc. of any activity your student participates in outside of school. It is recommended that all parents check their student's hair once a week to decrease the chances of it becoming an issue for your student.

4. Make sure your student eats a healthy breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It helps student stay focused and perform better in school. Also, your student should be sleeping 7-9 hours a night so please make sure they are getting adequate sleep as well. It is recommended that screen time be turned off one hour prior to going to bed to help the brain begin to relax and prepare for bed as well.

5. Please review pages 9-10 in your Oakwood City Schools Handbook for Elementary Students and Parents 2016-2017 regarding when to keep your child home for illness.

If you have any questions or concerns please call, email or stop in to see the nurse in your student's building. Good luck to all our students this school year!

September is National Pediculosis Month. Pediculosis is the official name for head lice. I know this is a topic no one wants to talk or think about, but as school begins so do the cases of head lice. Here are some suggestions to help you try to keep your child lice free.

1. Educate your child that they DO NOT share any kind of hats, hair accessories, combs, brushes etc. with anyone.
2. Check your child's head weekly for head lice. Look for signs such as itching, live bugs, or nits (eggs) in the hair. Lice are small wingless insects about the size of a sesame seed, they can't jump or fly and are brownish in color. They are transmitted by direct head to head contact. Nits (eggs) are yellowish-white, teardrop shaped, about the size of the eye of a needle. They attach to the hair shaft and are difficult to remove, unlike dandruff or dirt. Nits are frequently found at the nape of the neck, behind the ears, and on the crown of the head.
3. If your daughter has long hair, keep it in a ponytail or bun. There are some studies that have shown using hair products, such as, hair gel, hair spray, certain shampoos and conditioners can offer extra protection.
4. Keep coats, scarves, backpacks, hair accessories, anything that comes into contact with your child's head and shoulders clean by washing and drying frequently.

Remember, ANYONE can get head lice, it has nothing to do with hygiene. If your child has head lice please let the school know so they can give you information on what to do, and take the proper steps to try to prevent it from infesting other students. If you ever have any questions please call the school nurse.

### Just a reminder

1. If your child has a fever of 100.0 or higher or vomiting they need to be out of school for a full 24 hours with no medication and no other vomiting before returning.
2. If your child is placed on antibiotics for an infection such as strep throat, pink eye, etc. They need to have had a full 24 hours of medication before returning to school.
3. If your child experiences 3 episodes of diarrhea within a 24 hour period they need to stay home until they have had no diarrhea for 24 hours with no medication.

These guidelines are from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. We follow these to protect the health and safety of all our Oakwood students.

[Mary Barnett](#)

**SMITH SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU**

Menu Subject to Change

Sept 2017

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Shop, Save & Earn for you and your PTO every time you use your key fob at DOROTHY LANE MARKET AND MEIJER! Available Every Day: PB&J on whole grain, or

"Smithable" (turkey, cheese, & crackers)

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
4	Labor Day No School	5	Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Baby Carrots Cinnamon Goldfish Pineapple Milk	6	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Blue Raspberry Apples Cup Milk	7	**NEW ITEM** Yummy Meatballs Buttered Noodles Corn Fresh Cucumbers Mandarin Oranges Milk	8	Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/CROUTONS Ranch, Diced Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Milk
11	Walking Beef Tacos Cheese Doritos Lettuce & Cheese Black Beans, Salsa Pears Milk	12	**NEW ITEM** Turkey Hot Shot (turkey on bread topped w/mashed potatoes, turkey gravy on side) Green Beans Raisins, Milk	13	French Toast Sticks Tater Tots Sausage Orange Juice Milk	14	**NEW ITEM** Jumbo Cheese Ravioli in Marinara Sauce Green Beans, Baby Carrots Pineapple Cookie Milk	15	Cheesy Breadsticks Marinara Dipping Sauce Romaine Salad w/CROUTONS Ranch, Applesauce Milk
18	Macaroni & Cheese Potato Smiles Baby Carrots Peaches Milk	19	Chicken Nuggets Sautéed Zucchini w/Onions and Parmesan Cheese Celery Sticks Goldfish Crackers, Pears Milk	20	Nachos (Scoops) with Meat & Cheese Corn, Salsa Mixed Fruit Vanilla Pudding Milk	21	**NEW ITEM** Beef Lasagna Romaine Salad w/CROUTONS Diced Tomatoes, Roll Blue Rasp Applesc Cup Milk	22	EARLY DISMISSAL NO SCHOOL
25	Mini Hot Dog on a Bun Cheese on the side Baked Beans Fresh Cucumber Slices Peaches, Milk	26	Strawberry Yogurt Hash Browns Homemade Granola Baby Carrots, Dried Fruit Milk	27	Spaghetti w/Meatsauce Garlic Bread Green Beans Pears, Milk	28	Mini Maple Pancakes Tater Tots Sausage Orange Juice Milk	29	Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/CROUTONS Ranch, Diced Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Milk

NOTE: We do not serve food with nuts in it. Some foods might have been packaged in a plant that may have processed tree nuts or peanuts.