



Wooster City School District

Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

October 1, 2024

Melrose Elementary Family Newsletter

Principal's Message

OCTOBER – NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. On **October 16th** join us for **Unity Day** by wearing ORANGE to show our unity against bullying. Ms. Shaniuk, our school counselor, will spend time during classroom guidance lessons throughout October focusing on bullying awareness and prevention with students. Tune in for different events throughout the month of October to bring awareness and join us as a Melrose community in standing up against bullying!

MELROSE TRUNK OR TREAT

Please join us for our first Melrose Title Engagement Activity of the school year. Come dressed as a book character, decorate your trunk to match your family's book and enjoy a fun filled literacy evening at Melrose! If you are unable to assist with a trunk, please bring your family and enjoy the evening. **This event is on Thursday October 17th, from 6-7pm located in the playground blacktop area.** To make this a successful event we will need help from our staff, families, and Melrose PTO.

Upcoming Events

October 2

Domino's Dine to Donate

October 7

3rd Grade Fire Safety w/ WCFD - 9:30 am

October 8

Melrose PTO- 6:30 pm

October 9

Melrose 4th Grade Ramseyer Trip

October 14

4th Grade Breakfast Buddies- 9:15 am

October 16

Wear Orange to Show Unity Against Bullying

October 17

Melrose Trunk or Treat - 6 - 7 pm

October 18

No School- Teacher Inservice Day

October 22

Melrose Fall Picture Retakes

October 22 and 24

Grade 3 OST ELA Testing

October 25

Book Character Dress up (School Appropriate)
Fall Party - 2:45 - 3:15 pm

WELCOME to our new school Medical Assistant, **Kamri Higdon**. She will be replacing **Rayaenne Webb** in our Melrose Clinic.

HOLIDAYS FOR STUDENTS

Student holidays are allowed during the school year. Whenever a proposed vacation absence is requested, parents should discuss it with the principal. The length of the absence should be clear along with the educational experience the vacation will provide the student. All vacation requests must be submitted two weeks prior to the absence. For more information about vacation requests, please see the Parent and Student Handbook.

LETTERS OF ABSENCE/TARDINESS

The time a child spends in school is valuable and should ensure that all aspects of their well-being are addressed, including physical, social, emotional and intellectual aspects. Ensuring our students are in school every day is a crucial first step. Please note that to comply with Ohio law we must send letters to students who meet the thresholds specified with the state. Call if you have any questions when you receive a letter.

PTO MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Buchholz-Udell's room. Childcare will be available.

PTO NEWS

Book Fair- We need volunteers during the school day to help students on viewing/wish list days as well as shopping days. Contact the school or the **Melrose PTO** at ptomelrose@gmail.com

FALL CELEBRATION AND BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Fall celebrations in the classrooms will be on Friday, October 25 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character! **All costumes must be school appropriate!**

SCHOOL CONCERTS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

4th Grade- December 2, 2024- Wooster High School Performing Arts Center-6PM

2nd and 3rd- December 16, 2024- Wooster High School Performing Arts Center-6:00PM

K and 1st- March 17, 2025- Wooster High School Performing Arts Center- 6:00PM

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are *Monday, November 11th and Wednesday, November 13th* from **4:30-7:30 pm**. More information regarding appointment times will be sent home.

NO SCHOOL

October 18th – Staff Professional Development
November 15th – PTC Release Day

December 2nd - 4th Grade School Concert

Book Fair

The Melrose Book Fair will be available *November 11th through 14th*.

FALL PICTURE RETAKE

Retakes will be taken October 22nd. In order to have your student's picture retaken you will need to send your original pictures with the student. We have extra picture forms in the office.

BOOK RECYCLE – NEW BOOKS FOR MELROSE!

Did you know that you can recycle your children's gently used books for our school library? Just bring them to school and any books that we cannot use will be taken to Books In Stock, Wooster's used book store. The credit will go toward the Melrose account at the store. We can then purchase books from the store for our library. Books can also be taken directly to the store, just ask them to put your credit on the Melrose account!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER W/ MRS. SHANIUK

Hi, my name is Mrs. Shaniuk, I am the School Counselor for all Melrose students grades K-4. Every month, I have all the classes for a short lesson. In October, we focus on bullying prevention and promote students to be upstanders, who show kindness and are a friend to others. **October 16th** is **Unity Day**, we ask all students and staff to wear orange to support unity and inclusion in our school and community. We will be working on Habit #2, **Begin with the End in Mind**, for the month of October.

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If your student or family is in need of any case management services, please contact our new counselor, Ms. Paige Sprang. sprangp@anazaocommunitypartners.org to have paperwork sent home with your child.