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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students! With all the planning and preparation we have done for this year, I know it is going to be a terrific year also! I am looking forward to meeting all our new students as they begin their school adventure at Stevenson as well as see our wonderful returning students.

secretary, will be happy to assist you.

The sooner you register the better as it may affect the number of classrooms and teachers.

Our school office is open Monday - Friday from 7:30-3:30. If you need to register a child, please bring with you a birth certificate, 2 proofs of residency, shot record and custody papers if there has been a divorce or change of custody. If you have questions regarding registration, please call the school office at 259-6630. Mrs. Miller, our school

Class assignments will be posted on the front door of the school by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 13th. We have had many new families move in, therefore we're waiting until the last possible minute to finalize our class lists.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ August 13 3:30
Classlists posted on the front door
- ◆ August 16 - Back to School Meet & Greet – 5:30-6:30
- ◆ August 17 - Start of school for grades 1-4
- ◆ August 23 - First day for breakfast
- ◆ Sept. 13 School Pictures

Back to School Meet & Greet! August 16th 5:30-6:30

You and your child(ren) are invited to our “Back to School Meet & Greet” to meet your teacher(s) on **Monday, August 16th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Introductions & Important Information –Cafeteria 5:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 5:45-6:05

Grades 3 & 4 6:10-6:30

During this evening you will have an opportunity to:

- Meet your child’s teacher and see your classroom
- Drop off school supplies
- Pay School Fees
- Place Money on your child’s lunch account
- Register for the Before & After School Program
- Register online to receive school announcements and newsletters through email.
- Get PTO information
- Find out how you can volunteer at home or school!



See You There!
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Bus Information

During the week of August 2nd, Mad River students who are eligible for transportation will receive a postcard listing their bus stop information. Included, will be the student's bus number, stop location, and pickup and drop off times.

Postcards should be shown to the student's bus driver when boarding the bus on the first day of school. If you do not receive bus stop

information, please check the district's website, or contact Transportation at 237-4280.

Students should:

- arrive five to ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive;
- ride only their assigned route to and from school;
- comply with their driver's instructions.

Please read over the enclosed "Fact Sheet" for important information.

Car Riders



Please review the information on picking up and dropping off students that is included in this newsletter.

There is a diagram that is especially important at dismissal time.

We understand that parents of new students may wish to walk their child into school on the first few days. This is fine, but after the third day we ask that you drop them off and we will see that they get to class. We have many staff who are able to assist students. This

allows students to develop independence.

We also request that after the first week of school, parents wanting to speak to a teacher do so **after school** as there is no time in the morning for teachers to talk with parents without interrupting beginning of the day routines for the other students. You may also call the school and can be sent to your child's teacher's voice mail at any time during the day (259-6630).

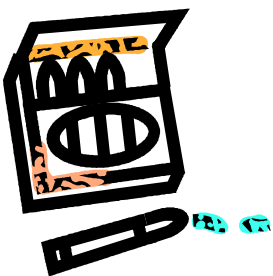
School Supplies

Copies of school supply lists are available on the front door of the school.

You can also check our website. Go to Madriverschools.org; click on "Schools" then click on "Stevenson". Click on the picture of the boys with the backpack in the lower left for **Back To**

School information. This also includes the supply lists.

If you have any questions about school supplies, call the office.



Before & After School Program (BAS)

If you wish to register your child for the **Before and After School (BAS)** program, please contact the office at 259-6630 as soon as possible to register as **space is limited.**

There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each family. Fees are listed here. Each additional child in the family is 2/3 the fee for the first child. Fees are due the first day of each week.

The Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services can assist some families with child-care payments. To be eligible for Child Care, you must have a minor child and be employed, in school, in training, or OWF Work Activity. Child Care fees are based on

monthly income (earned and unearned) and your family size. Check with our BAS Program Personnel for further information.

Fees are as follows:

Before & After School (Extended Hours Up To 27.5 hours weekly) \$ 80.00 1st child; \$53.25 each additional child

After School hours Only (Up To 20 hours weekly 2:10-6:00p.m.) \$ 60.00 1st child; \$40.00 each additional child

Morning Care Only (Up To 7.5 hours weekly 6:30-8:00a.m.) \$ 20.00 1st child; \$13.22 each additional child

Hours are 6:30-8:00a.m.; 2:10-6:00p.m.



Your Help



Our staff is here to make sure that your child gets the best education that we can deliver. But we can't do it alone. This school belongs to all of us, the community. We need your help. Here is how you can help:

- ☞ Send your child to school every day, on time, ready to learn. (8:00 a.m.-2:10 p.m.)
- ☞ Check their homework notebook **DAILY.**

- ☞ Promise to help your child every night with homework and reading. Remember, this doesn't mean you do it for him or her.
- ☞ Read to or with your child every night, if only for ten to fifteen minutes.
- ☞ **Communicate** with your child's teacher, whether by phone, note or e-mail.



Great Web Site!
<http://school.familyeducation.com>

Register online for school news to be sent to your email.

Go to: http://www.maddriverschools.org/virginiastevensonelementary_home.aspx

Click on "One Call Now", enter your last name and phone number to access your account. Once there you can check to see if your phone number is correct and also add your email address. We will then send you our school newsletter via email!



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Building Changes

- Due to a shift in enrollment, we have moved Mrs. Mandy Guilmain from first grade to Title I Math. This position change will allow to provide more interventions to students who need extra assistance with their math skills. to third grade.
- Mrs. Mandy Polen has moved to Spinning Hills Middle School to teach Language Arts to 5th graders. I'm sure she will have some of our fourth graders from this last year. We wish her well in her new teaching assignment.
- Ms. Amy White, our grade 3 & 4 Intervention Specialist is moving to Mad River Middle School. We wish her the very best on this new experience. Our new Intervention Specialist will be Mrs. Danielle Wyen, coming to us from Mad River Middle School. Mrs. Wyen has also been an Intervention Specialist at Beverly Gardens Elementary and we welcome her to Stevenson!
- Mrs. Rhonda Pearson, our BAS (Before & After School) leader is leaving to take a clerical position at Stebbins High School Our new BAS leader will be Andrea' Ramey. She comes to us from the Spinning Hills Middle School BAS Program. Welcome also to Ms. Ramey!

We're on the Web!
Madriverschools.org

We are very pleased with our staff for the 2010-2011 school year. Our entire staff will continue to provide an excellent education for your children.

Our Mission & Goals

As you come in the front door at Stevenson you will notice our school mission posted on the wall. You will hear staff and students refer to our mission and goals throughout the school year.

Our mission is to learn and be prepared for the next grade.

To accomplish this we will:

- ☞ *be at school everyday*
- ☞ *do our very best*
- ☞ *listen and follow directions*
- ☞ *respect others*
- ☞ *work together as a team*

Our goals are:

Every Stevenson student will demonstrate proficiency in **reading at or above grade level by the end of the school year.**

Every Stevenson student will demonstrate proficiency at or above grade level in **math by the end of the school year.**

Every Stevenson student will demonstrate proficiency at or above grade level in **writing by the end of the school year.**

You will hear regular reports on our progress toward our goals throughout the school year. You will also receive "*A Standards Guide for Families*" telling you what is expected for your child in their specific grade. This is also available at the Ohio Department of Education's Web site at :

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

Click on families at the bottom of the page, then click on *Standards Guides for families* toward the bottom of the page

Stevenson Star Behaviors

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our **Stevenson Star Behavior Plan**. This plan is designed to create an environment where each student can achieve their personal best in and outside the classroom. We have developed four positive behaviors that are the core of our behavior program. They are:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Caring**
- **Be a Problem Solver.**

Please read about this important program.