

# Stevenson Elem. Back To School Issue

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ August 12<sup>th</sup> 3:30  
Classlists posted on the front door
- ◆ August 15<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Meet & Greet – 5:30-6:30
- ◆ August 16<sup>th</sup> - Start of school for grades 1-4
- ◆ August 19<sup>th</sup> - First day for breakfast
- ◆ August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Entertainment book sale begins
- ◆ Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day No School
- ◆ Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Entertainment book sale ends
- ◆ Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> School Pictures

## Welcome Back to School!

### We have a new principal this year.

Dear Stevenson Families

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share my excitement about my appointment as the new principal at Virginia Stevenson Elementary School.

Stevenson has an excellent reputation and I feel fortunate to be joining a school culture focused on student learning, a commitment to high expectations, innovation and collaboration. It is my intent to continue to carry out these important traditions and practices.

I would like to share some information about my educational background and professional experience. After graduating from the University of Findlay with my bachelor's degree in education, I worked for Findlay City Schools and part-time for the University of Findlay. While working in Findlay City Schools, I started on my master's degree. After receiving my master's degree in Administration, I moved with my wife to Dayton. I taught for 5 years at Spinning Hills Middle School before becoming their Assistant Principal. I spent two years as the Assistant Principal at Spinning Hills. I'm very excited to be a building administrator at the elementary level and look forward to working with you and your child this school year. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Cory Miller  
Principal

## Back to School Meet & Greet! August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**



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
- Get PTO information
- Find out how you can volunteer at home or school!

See You There!  
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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 secretary, will be happy to assist you.

Class assignments will be posted on the front door of the school by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 12th. We have had many new families move in, therefore we're waiting until the last possible minute to finalize our class lists.



## Bus Information

During the week of August 1st, 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).

## 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>



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## 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.



We're on the Web!  
[Madriverschools.org](http://Madriverschools.org)

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

**Go to:** [http://www.madriverschools.org/virginiastevensonelementary\\_home.aspx](http://www.madriverschools.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!

## 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.