



Virginia Stevenson Elementary

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Welcome Kindergarten Students!

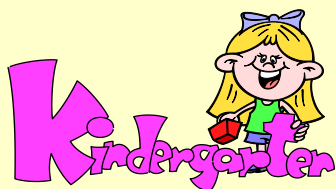
Welcome

Welcome to your new school at Stevenson Elementary! With all the planning and preparation we have done this summer, I know it is going to be a terrific year! I am looking forward to meeting all our new kindergarten students as they begin their school adventure.

First Day of School

Kindergarten students start school on a staggered schedule so that teachers have small numbers while they acquaint the children with the school and each other. The schedule is as follows:

- ☞ **Tues., Sept. 5th**—Only Kindergarten students with last names A-L attend school.
- ☞ **Wed., Sept. 6th**—Only Kindergarten students with last names M-Z attend school.
- ☞ **Thurs., Sept. 7th**—All Kindergarten students attend school.



Our Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Tara Bishop
Ms. Mandy Guilmain
Mrs. Amanda Jones

Open House

The start of the school year is such a special time, filled with anticipation and hopes of what the new school year will bring. I am sure you have many questions about how your child's classroom will be run and what will be expected of your child. On **Thurs., August 31, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, you will have the perfect opportunity to find answers to your questions and to begin a relationship with our kindergarten teachers and school.

Class Assignments

Tentative class assignments will be posted in the school at the Open House.

School Supplies

Please bring your child's school supplies, labeled with your child's first and last name, on your child's assessment day.

I have enclosed a copy of the supply list. You can also find this list on our website.

Kindergarten Assessment

On **Tuesday, August 29th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** student assessments have been scheduled. Your child's appointment will take approximately 1 ½ hours. **Please check your day and time on the enclosed letter.**

The Ohio Legislature requires that each child entering kindergarten take the state kindergarten assessment. This kindergarten readiness assessment is used as a tool to gather information about students' pre-reading skills as they enter kindergarten.

It is extremely important that your kindergarten child attend on their assigned day and time.



Our Mission & Goals

At the entrance 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 every day*
- ☞ *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.

Bus Information



The transportation department is arranging all bus schedules and determining rider eligibility for the upcoming school year. Below is directions on how to get your child's bus information. Questions concerning student bus transportation can be addressed by calling the transportation office at 937-237-4280.

How it works:

Go to madriverschools.org and click on the Transportation link. Click on Bus Route Finder and select Mad River Local School District. Type in street number and the street name and zip code. (Note it is not necessary to select a school or grade when you search.) Click the search button to get a list of bus routes associated with your address.

Please be advised that the bus stop times listed are approximate due to unforeseen traffic, weather, etc. Students are to be at the assigned stop at least 5 minutes before the posted times.

Parent Information and Support

Our staff is here to make sure that your child gets the best education that we can deliver and to keep them healthy. But we can't do it alone. Please help us in preparing your child for a great school year.

- ☞ Send your child to school every day, on time, ready to learn. (7:55-2:25)
- ☞ Provide a water bottle for them to use throughout the day.
- ☞ Continue to teach them good hygiene skills like washing their hands.
- ☞ Check their homework folder DAILY.
- ☞ Promise to help your child every night with homework and reading. Remember, this does not 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 Remind, phone, note or e-mail.**

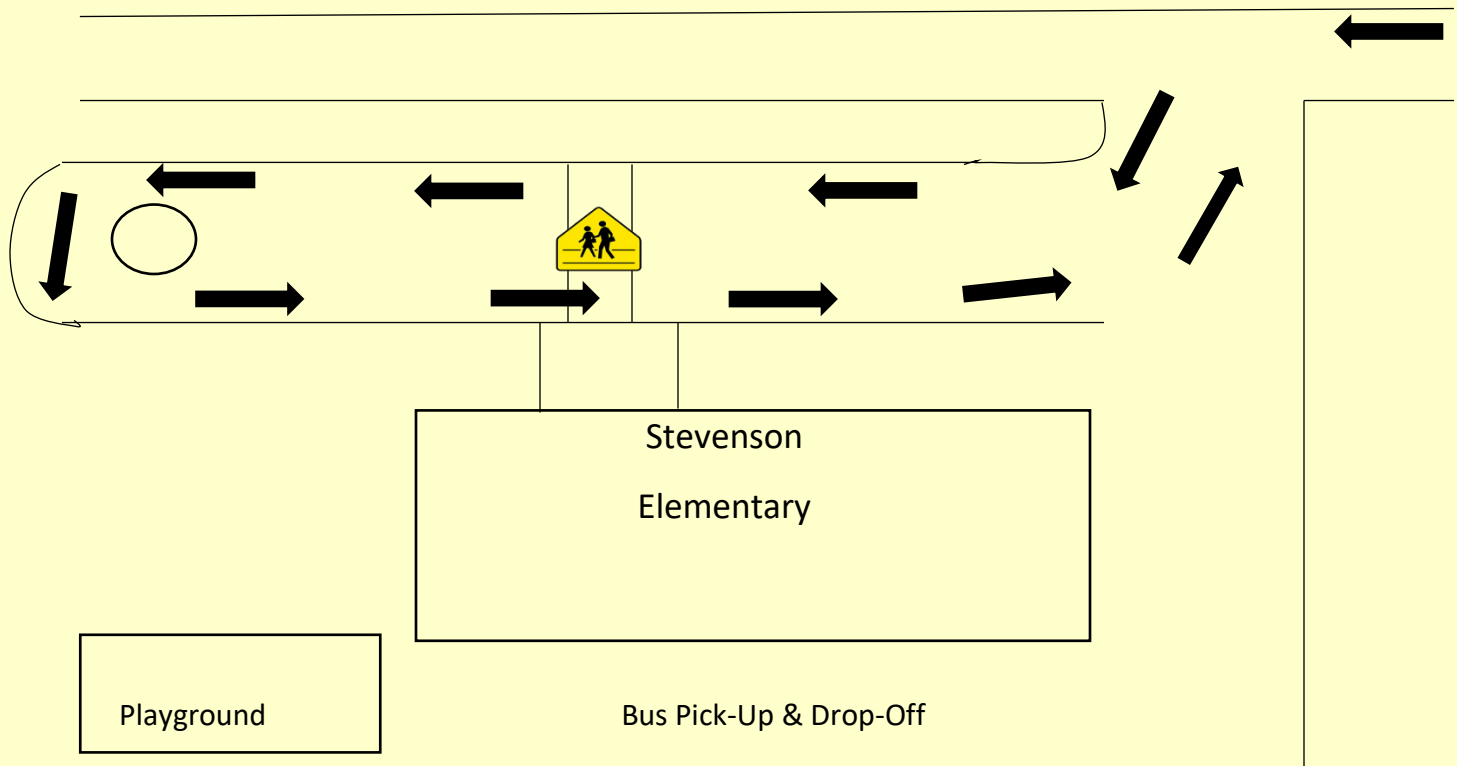
Car Riders



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

We understand that for kindergarten students, parents often wish to walk them into school on the first few days. **For the safety of our students PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WALK THEIR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL.** Staff will meet car riders at the front of the school and escort the students to the gym to meet their teacher.

Stevenson Elementary's Arrival and Dismissal Process



The map above represents the procedure for picking up and dropping students off at school. Any students walking to school will wait to cross the parking lot until the adult guard crosses them.

Any students arriving or departing school by car should come to the front of the building as indicated in the map. Drivers are asked to pull around the circle and stop in front of the building for pick-up and drop-off.

Parents are to wait in their cars for students at the end of the day. DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR OR PARK ALONG THE BUILDING. Students will be lined up when they leave the building to wait for their parent to pull around. As soon as the driver pulls up to the door, the child(ren) will be called to get in the car. Then that driver will be waved on to pull away and the next car will pull up. This may take a little longer in the beginning as we get used to the process, however with practice time will improve. The important thing to remember is that this is for the safety of your child.

Students should not be at school before 7:40 a.m. as there is not supervision. Please do not drop students off prior to staff unloading students. We cannot have unsupervised students out in front of the building prior to the doors opening. Dismissal is at 2:25 p.m. Please be prompt if your student is a car rider.

If you have a change in the transportation arrangements for the day, that request must be made in writing. For example, if your child typically rides the bus and you'll be picking them up that day, please write a note and send it to your child's teacher.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!



Mad River Local Schools and Ohio State have partnered this year under the Bright Fellowship Program. The Bright Fellowship is an innovative effort to train proven leaders from varied professions and give them some experience in a public school. The goal of the partnership is to take these leaders from different walks of life and prepare them to take on the challenge of interning alongside a veteran principal in a public school setting. We are happy to welcome Luke Feerer as our principal intern for the 23-24 school year. Here is a little about Luke.

Luke Feerer strives to be a tireless advocate and champion for his students, as well as a dependable pillar for parents through his professional and personal endeavors.

Luke obtained his B.A. in Communication Studies from Wright State University, and is currently a Fellow at The Ohio State University.

During his undergraduate years, Luke held a position as a marketing intern at the renowned Ervin J Nutter Center. During his tenure, he gained invaluable experience in event planning, project development, and marketing, and he intends to embed these skills into his work as a K-12 administrator. Luke also served as a test proctor, note taker, and academic assistant/tutor through the Wright State University Office of Disability Services, where he had the opportunity to provide academic assistance to students in need. Through this work, he developed a unique understanding of the challenges that students with disabilities face and the importance of excellent educators in their lives.

Luke brings with him much prior experience as a business owner. More recently, he has served students as a Phonics Instructor. He also volunteers his time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center.

Luke is eager to further develop his skills and knowledge at Mad River Local Schools with a mission to create brighter futures for all students. His unwavering dedication to supporting the community has earned him recognition as a 'Daytonian of the Week' by Dayton.com.

In his personal time, Luke enjoys spending time with his family. He also likes watching college sports, listening to live music, volunteering and helping out wherever he can make an impact.

Stevenson Families,

We are excited about the start of a new school year! Please take note of the following:

- **All Back to School forms on OneView need to be completed ASAP.** (Kindergarten parents should have already completed this during the online registration process.) Your student will not be able to participate in school functions and activities like field trips until they are completed. <https://madriverschools.org/oneview/>
- **In order to qualify for a free or reduced lunch, you must fill out the lunch application.** The application can be submitted on line (link provided) or can be turned in to the school. The cost of a school lunch is \$2.25. Breakfast will continue to be provided free of charge to all students. <https://www.lunchapplication.com/>
- **Elementary Student Fees for the 2023-2024 school year will be \$30.** You have the option of paying school fees in person or online. We can only take cash, check, or money orders if paid in person. If you choose to pay online, you can create an account at k12paymentcenter. <https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>. You will need your student's ID number to create an account. Please feel free to contact Ms. Cathy in the office if you need this information. You can also add money on your student's lunch account at this site as well.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us! Enjoy the rest of your summer!