



Rhoades Elementary
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Aretha Britton, Principal
Matthew Dodson, Assistant Principal

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From the Desk of: Aretha Britton

Dear Rhoades Families:

Thanks for all of your support during this first grading period. Now, the end of the first semester is quickly approaching! Thanks to all of you that attended parent/teacher conferences! We appreciate you taking time to meet with the teachers. We had a wonderful turnout this year! As always our goal is to have 100% participation. Please continue to work with your child's teacher throughout the year to help identify activities that can be completed at home to help support learning. You can monitor your child's progress in the Skyward system. All classroom teachers are posting weekly grades and making sure you are as up-to-date as possible with your child's progress.

Skyward Access: Parents/Guardians are able to log into Skyward Family Access and view student information for their children. Family Access provides a view of student grades, school calendar, upcoming assignments, messages from teachers, class schedules, attendance records, copies of report cards, and more! Parents/Guardians now have the option to update information (e.g. emergency contacts, phone numbers, and email addresses). There is also an option to request an address change. If the address change is for the parent/guardian with which the student lives, you will need to provide the school with a new proof of residency document. Once residency proof has been satisfied, the office staff will approve the requested address change. If you have any questions regarding grades, attendance, or if you need assistance in finding your username and password, please contact your child's teacher and we will assist you.

ParentSquare: The updated information in Skyward will be used for our ParentSquare school-wide and classroom communication.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mr. Dodson and I would like to thank our parents for all you do. We will kick off the holiday season with our Holiday Extravaganza on Thursday, December 5. Stay tuned for more information. Remember, we will have three full weeks of school in December. Winter Break will begin at the end of the day, Friday December 20. Students will return on Tuesday January 7, 2020. We couldn't do what we do without you, so thank you again for allowing us to work with your child each and every day.

Thank You,
Aretha Britton & Matthew Dodson

Office-988-6700
Fax- 243-5718
Attendance Line -
988-6755
Nurse- 988-6786
TRANSPORTATION -
988-6375



Parent's please call the attendance line before 9am, if your child is going to be absent.

Dates to Remember:

- November 5-Staff Development (No Student)
- November 7-Family Night (Grades 3-6)
- November 13-Picture Retake Day
- November 18-Spell Bowl at Chapel Hill Center @ 5pm
- November 19-Red for Ed Action Day (No school)
- November 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
- December 5-Holiday Extravaganza from 5-7pm
- December 20-End of First Semester
- December 23-January 3- Winter Recess (No School)
- Looking Ahead:
January 6-Staff Returns from Winter Recess (Building Staff Development) No Students
- January 7- Second Semester Begin All Students Return from Winter Break

Holiday Extravaganza Sponsored by the PTO

Come learn how and why math homework has change. Do you often wonder how to help you student with their math homework? Our Wayne Township math guru, John Ulbright will be coming to talk with parents about math. The next PTO meeting for families will be Tuesday, November 12 from 6-7 pm in the Rhoades Elementary Media Center. The first 30 minutes will be information and planning for our upcoming Extravaganza, and the last 30 minutes will be a parent information session with Mr. Ulbright.

Connect 2 Help



Did you know that Connect 2 Help's 2-1-1 referral line received over 9,000 calls for energy assistance last year? Call 211 if you need assistance with food, clothing, or shelter.

Lost & Found Items



Can't find your son's favorite sweat-shirt? Wonder what happened to your daughter's new hoodie? Maybe they're in Rhoades' Lost and Found. The Lost and Found area is located in the atrium between the Gym and the Library, and is filled with all sorts of clothing and miscellaneous items. All unclaimed items are donated to local charities throughout the school year.

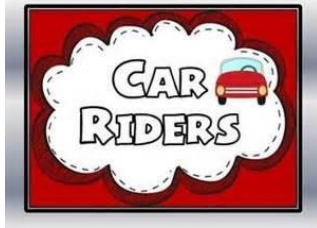
NO CELL PHONES

Parents, this is a friendly reminder that students are not allowed to have cell phones at Rhoades. Cell phones will be taken to the Principal. Parents will have to speak with the Principal or Asst. Principal to retrieve the phone. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Morning Arrival:

Thanks to all of you for following are new arrival procedures. I know this was not easy, but you have done amazing.



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE NURSE

The Rhoades Clinic is in need of the following donations:



Boys and Girls Pants - Sizes 6-14
Please consider donating a box of tissues to the clinic.

Flu season is here! Please keep your child home if he/she has a fever, vomiting or has diarrhea. Student must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.

What is the number one way to help prevent the spread of germs? **HANDWASHING!**

Can Food Drive

It is that time of the year again. We will be having a Can Food Drive run from 10/28-11/15. The winning class will earn a pizza party.



Family Night Grades 3-6

Attention all 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and their families: Would you like to learn more about stars, space, and telescopes? Come on out to our intermediate family night Thursday Nov. 7th from 5:30-7:30pm. Come learn how to use telescopes, go on a google 3D expedition, visit the star lab, and much more! Free books, light refreshments, and plenty of fun! UPaint Pottery will be here in the café to paint stars and other pottery pieces for \$10 a piece. We hope to see you there.

Please Help keep your kids safe at School

Rescue Medications: If your child has Asthma, Severe Allergies, Seizures or another medical condition that requires a rescue medication. (Inhaler, Epi-Pen, Diastat), please make sure the nurse has that life-saving medication and current Action Plan on file.

On Site YMCA After School Care!!!

We are pleased to have a YMCA after school program available for our Rhoades Families until 6:00pm. The West Side YMCA program is held here at Rhoades Elementary with several options available to families.



The YMCA also provides care when school is not in session at one of the Wayne Township schools. If you are interested in after school care, please contact the YMCA in advance at 484-9622 to learn more about this program. The YMCA accepts CCDF vouchers and also has scholarship available based upon income.

Medications: Any prescription medicine brought to school must be in the original container with the prescription on the bottle/box and the appropriate paperwork completed with the nurse. This includes Asthma inhalers. As a reminder, students may NOT carry any medication with them without paperwork completed by the doctor and on file with the nurse. New consents are required for every needed equipment (spacers/ chambers etc.).

Textbook/Lunch

The district provides breakfast/lunch at no charge through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). But families must apply for textbook assistance each year. If you still have not yet filled out a textbook application, just remember that there is a charge for textbook. Below you will find the fee amount for each grade. If you need help completing the application please contact Mrs. Pratcher @ 317-988-6782 to schedule an appointment.

- Community Preschool - \$75.00
- Full Day Kindergarten - \$102.85
- 1st Grade - \$100.85
- 2nd Grade - \$97.68
- 3rd Grade - \$141.30
- 4th Grade - \$149.29
- 5th Grades - \$141.30
- 6th Grade - \$161.48
- Life skills full day KD - \$75.00
- Life skills 1th-6th - \$75.00



Holiday Extravaganza

Save the Date Thursday, December 5, 2019. From 5:30-7:30pm PTO will sponsor our annual Holiday Extravaganza. Come to Rhoades Elementary to play games, have snacks, participate in raffles, win free books, paint pottery, take pictures with Santa and much more! Per-sale tickets will be sold the week before the event for 5 for \$1.00. Tickets Prices at the door will be 4 for \$1.00. Some food and activities will require cash and not accept tickets. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help before, during, and after the event! Please contact Mrs. Rubin at 317-988-6744 for more information.